

A lecture on “Feminist Theories” by Prof. Rambhau Badode on 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2022.

On the 25th of May 2022, students of the Department of English attended lecture on "Feminist Theories" delivered by the distinguished Prof. Rambhau Badode. With profound expertise and a nuanced understanding of gender dynamics, Prof. Badode delved into the multifaceted realm of feminist theories, unraveling the complexities of gender inequality and social justice. Throughout the lecture, Prof. Badode navigated through various strands of feminist thought, from first-wave to intersectional feminism, providing attendees with a comprehensive overview of the historical evolution and theoretical underpinnings of feminist discourse. Drawing from seminal works by pioneering feminists such as Simone de Beauvoir, bell hooks, and Judith Butler, Prof. Badode illuminated the diverse perspectives within feminist theory. The lecture explored key concepts central to feminist analysis, including patriarchy, gender performativity, intersectionality, and the politics of representation. Prof. Badode elucidated how feminist theories have challenged traditional power structures, exposing the systemic oppression and marginalization faced by women and other marginalized groups in society. Moreover, Prof. Badode examined the intersectionality of gender with other axes of identity, such as race, class, sexuality, and disability, highlighting the importance of recognizing and addressing the intersecting forms of discrimination experienced by individuals. By foregrounding the experiences of marginalized voices, the lecture underscored the imperative of centering inclusivity and diversity within feminist discourse.

