

Editorial

We are extremely honoured to publish this volume of *Meridian*, the multidisciplinary biannual journal for the academic community. Gender Stereotypes and roles have been the hotly contested topics in society for ages. Over time, less negative connotations have been attached to the concept of feminism. But it is high time to prioritise gender studies that go beyond feminism. At this juncture, the PG & Research Department of English MES Asmabi College, P Vemballur, Kodungallur in association with Women's Study Department, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore organized a one day National Seminar "Gender Studies Beyond Feminism" on Friday, 6th January 2023. Dr Zenetta Rosaline, Professor & Director, Department of Women Studies, Bharathiar University and Dr Aswathy Balachandran, Head of the department of English, Mar Athanasius college, Kothamangalam handled the technical sessions. 47 papers

were presented by research scholars, faculty members, and post graduate students. Papers were on stereotypes of gender in literature, socially imposed gender roles, the part gender plays in interactions on social media, effects of gender on globalisation, the 21st century's gender, gender-neutral education, groups for women and lot more. Paper presentations were conducted as a few parallel sessions. The twelve carefully chosen papers that make up this issue of *Meridian* are the result of discussions and decisions made in light of the National Seminar. The ideas proposed by the writers are their own and the editors do not endorse them.

We, the editors would like to express the sincere support and goodwill shown by the publisher in this regard. A word of acknowledgement for the moral support by the colleagues and the academic fraternity at large is also showered.

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