



Engendering Policy through Evaluation: Uncovering Exclusion, Challenging Inequities

Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST), New Delhi

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Small Grants for Research Papers on Feminist Evaluation: Call for Proposals

Context:

Persistent gender gaps and inequalities are a feature of the economy and society in India. Despite substantial progress over the years, gender gaps continue to persist in education, health, work participation, and decision making. ISST has undertaken a project on evaluation, motivated by the conviction that a feminist and equity lens in programme and project evaluation can help reduce gender gaps and inequalities stemming from caste/ location/ occupation, by generating the evidence required for more appropriate programme/ policy design. This project has the overall objective of strengthening the understanding of the gendered implications of policies and programmes, and hence enabling formulation of gender sensitive approaches, in evaluating selected key issues relating to education, health, governance and livelihood. For more on the project, please visit www.feministevaluation.org

Call for proposals:

Feminist approaches to evaluation seek to unpack the nature of gender and social inequalities and further see evaluation as a political activity, itself part of a change process. There is relatively little literature on feminist evaluation, and our objective is to help build the field by supporting research on Design, Methods, Process, and Use. Please note that funds are not available to conduct an evaluation but rather are for 'evaluation research' which can be applied or theoretical.

We invite proposals for research on evaluation with the following guidelines:

1. Proposals are invited around Design, Method, Process and Use of evaluation: limiting ourselves to gendered/ feminist evaluation. A concept note of 2-3 pages should state clearly the objectives of the paper/ study, and the data on which it would be based:(evaluations you have conducted? Evaluation reports available in the public domain?.. For example, if you have conducted several evaluations in a particular area, you might wish to reflect across these and see what have been the key learnings on design, method, process or use of evaluation; or you might wish to explore a particular method of evaluation and assess its applicability in different situations/domains; you might wish to examine certain assumptions that are often made in policy or programme design regarding women's roles and explore what the implications of this are; you might wish to propose a particular approach to evaluation that hasn't been sufficiently tested or used; and so on.) We would expect you to explore and draw upon evaluation research and writing.
2. The expected timeline for the paper/ study must be within 6 months. Please indicate clearly if any additional fieldwork or data collection is involved. The budget will be commensurate with the proposed work and could be up to Rs 2.5 lakhs.
3. The call for proposal is only open to individuals in India or organisations in India with an FCRA.



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4. Concept notes should be submitted to shiny.isst@gmail.com.

All proposals will be acknowledged. Following a review by an Advisory Committee, those whose proposals are short listed will be informed.

Once complete, papers will be presented at one of the project workshops and we might be able to support participation at an evaluation conference, should any of the papers be accepted for presentation and if the budget allows. We expect to publish high quality papers as a part of the project.