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Alliance Française de Delhi in association with  
Jindal Global University and Apne Aap presents

*Conference*

# Simone de BEAUVOIR

*From Existentialism  
to Feminism*

**PROGRAM**

26.10.2018 | 10am-6pm

M.L. Bhartia Auditorium  
72, Lodi Estate, N.D. 03



## Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of “The Second Sex”

9:30-10:00 AM: **Welcome Address**

**Jean-Francois Ramon**, Director, Alliance Francaise  
**Tinku Khanna**, Director, ApneAap Women Worldwide  
**Ramin Jahanbegloo**, Director, Mahatma Gandhi Centre  
for Peace- Jindal Global University

10:00-10:30 AM: **Keynote Speech by Urvashi Butalia**

“The Legacy of Simone de Beauvoir: How to be a Feminist in a Man’s World?”

10:30-11:45 AM: **First Panel**

**SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR: WRITER AND PHILOSOPHER**

**Moderator: Dr. Pallavi Kishore**

(Associate Professor- Jindal School of Law)

**Panelists:**

**Galina Rousseva-Sokolova**

(Assistant Professor- Jindal Global University)

“Simone de Beauvoir’s Experiments with Truth”

**Savita Singh**

(Professor- Indira Gandhi National Open University, IGNOU)

“Between Essentialism and Feminism: Understanding Simone de Beauvoir Today”

**Ramin Jahanbegloo**

(Professor- Vice Dean - Jindal Global University)

“Beauvoir’s existentialism and ethics of ambiguity”

11:45-12:00 PM: **Tea Break**

12:00-1:30 PM: **Second Panel**

**BECOMING A WOMAN: SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR AND FEMINISM**

**Moderator: Geetanjali Krishna**

(Journalist- Business Standard)

**Panelists:**

**Prof. Anup Dhar**

(Associate Professor- Ambedkar University Delhi)

“Simone De Beauvoir: Philosopher... in her own right”

**Prof. Dev N. Pathak**

(Associate Professor- South Asian University)

“Reading Primary Sex in Lazzat Un Nisa: A Re-turn to The Second Sex”

**Dr. Priyasha Kaul**

(Assistant Professor- Ambedkar University)

“Becoming a Woman: Simone de Beauvoir and Feminism”

1:30-2:30 PM: Break

2:30-3:45 PM: Third Panel

INTERPRETATIONS OF SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR:  
READING THE SECOND SEX IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

**Moderator: Sachin Dhawan**  
(Assistant Professor- Jindal Global University)

**Panelists:**

**Kathleen Modorowski**  
(Dean of the Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities)  
"Simone de Beauvoir, an american interpretation"

**Shama Banoo Abbasi**  
(Assistant Professor- Jindal Global University)  
"Simone and the Shari'a"

**Prof. Krishna Swamy Dara**  
(Assistant Professor, Jamia Millia Islamia)  
"Ethical Subjectivism and Overlapping Consensus:  
An Exploration of Beauvoir's Politics of Dealing with the Other"

3:45- 4:00 PM: Tea Break

4:00-5:45 PM: Fourth Panel

THE LEGACY OF SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR:  
HOW TO LIVE AS A WOMAN IN A MAN'S WORLD?

**Moderator: Prof Dev N. Pathak**  
(Associate Professor- South Asian University)

**Panelists:**

**Ratika Gaur**  
(Department of Political Science, University of Delhi)  
"The second sex and Fashioning Masculinity"

**Minakshi Buragohain**  
(Assistant Professor, University of Delhi)  
"Body as a site of contestation: Exploring existential views of Beauvoir"

**Azeemah Saleem**  
(Center for West Asian Studies, School of International Studies, JNU)  
"Understanding Beauvoir's Feminine Destiny in Contemporary Indian middle- class society"

5:45- 6:15 PM: **Closing Address: Ashis Nandy**  
(sociologist and clinical psychologist, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies)

6:15- 6:30 pm: **Vote of Thanks: Shama Banoo Abbasi**  
(Assistant Director- Mahatma Gandhi Centre for Peace)



## SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR

### From Existentialism to Feminism

Written in 1949, *The Second Sex* of Simone de Beauvoir is undoubtedly one of the most theoretically and politically influential books of the last century. As such, for many Simone de Beauvoir is more than an iconic figure of contemporary feminism. She is also as a place in the pantheon of great thinkers of 20th century. Surely an assessment of Simone de Beauvoir's life and thought in the intellectual panorama of twentieth-century and its impact on the social and political ideas and movements is a worthy topic for academic consideration. A woman philosopher. This was the very essence of Simone de Beauvoir, as in the act of thinking, writing and struggling as a woman she found her identity and scope in life. And her writings provide a key to understanding her life and commitment and to evaluating her legacy today, nearly 33 years after her death. This one-day conference aims to provide a better perception of Simone de Beauvoir with participants and panelists from a variety of disciplines that range from literature to gender studies, from philosophy to social sciences, offering a multidisciplinary and multi-dimensional overview on the life and the works of Simone de Beauvoir.

