

# Session 7: Gender and vulnerable groups

26 November, 2020; 5:30 - 7:30 AM UTC

This unit is designed to get participants familiar with special provisions that protect gender and vulnerable groups in the ICT spaces, how these provisions may be used to target their agency and to get participants to understand how a feminist and rights perspective could be used in the process of legal analysis. It will adopt a feminist lens to critique legal systems and jurisprudence that govern technology, while also discussing provisions that are designed to protect vulnerable groups from negative impact. The experiences of vulnerable groups as they adopt and resist technology and data systems will be highlighted. The session will also discuss the role of marginalised groups in policy making, including reimagining technology law and policy through feminist principles as they are mobilised to create alternative feminist realities.

## Reference Materials

*\* Tables are hyperlinked, please click on the text to access*

- **Table 3: Laws and regulations governing the ICT ecosystem**
- **Table 4: Resources/databases on ICT and jurisprudence**
- **Table 5: International human rights law landscape**
- **Table 2: Constitutional guarantees**

## Reading Materials

**Suggested readings:**

1. Association for Progressive Communications, *Feminist Principles of the Internet - Version 2.0* (August 2016)
2. Dr. Anja Kovacs, *Gendering Surveillance: An Introduction* (February 2017)
3. Point of View, Mumbai, *Guavas and Genitals: A research study in Section 67 of the Information Technology Act* (2018)

#### **Additional reading:**

1. Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on ways to bridge the gender digital divide from a human rights perspective
2. Deep Dives, *'If you see a binary, it usually hides a hierarchy': A conversation on data feminism* (July 2020)
3. Digital Rights Monitor, *Stolen Images and Violations of Privacy: How Women in Pakistan Navigate Digital Spaces* (August 2020)
4. Huffington Post, *'Revenge Porn' Is Not The Right Term To Describe Our Experiences, Say Victims* (August 2019)
5. Niles Christopher and Varsha Bansal, *Meet the rising stars of India's video apps* (May 2020)
6. Anja Kovacs (Deep Dives), *When our bodies become data, where does that leave us?* (May 2020)
7. [Video] Internet Democracy Project, *Episode 3: Access to Technology: The Skewed Sex Ratio* (September 2020)

## **Session Summary**

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