



अप्रमत्तेन वेदव्यम्

# Gender Equity and Inclusion: Transformative Pathways in Higher Education

A Workshop

March 12-14, 2019

Guwahati

**Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace**

*an initiative of the*

**Foundation for Universal Responsibility**

*in collaboration with*

**Cotton University, Guwahati**

*Supported by*

**Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi**



To mark the launch of the  
**HAMSA: Campus Equity Initiative**  
*First-of-its-kind program on Gender Audits of  
higher education campuses in the North East*

**Women in Security, Conflict Management & Peace**  
&  
**Cotton University, Guwahati**  
*cordially invite you to*

## ***Gendered Bodies and Matters of Faith***

A Public Lecture by  
**Prof. Yudit Greenberg**  
Fulbright-Nehru Scholar

Date: 11 March 2019 (Monday)

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Venue: Sudmersen Hall, Cotton University,  
Panbazaar, Guwahati

Supported by  
Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi

RSVP: [wiscompat20@gmail.com](mailto:wiscompat20@gmail.com)

*Please join us for tea after the lecture.*

The subject of gender equity and inclusion in higher education is paramount globally. Our premise is that the university ought to and can be a transformative space for an egalitarian society given its commitment to free inquiry. An important question in this context is, what are the sources of social and gender inequality? In her talk, Prof. Greenberg will illuminate the integral role of religions in the social construction of the body, sexuality, and gender roles. From creation myths, notions and practices related to purity and impurity; modesty and dress codes; and taboos pertaining to sexual and gender conduct and identity, religious teachings in conjunction with political powers and cultures have represented, disciplined, modified, and defined our bodies. She will draw on several traditions to illustrate these historical connections and provide contemporary examples of approaches that address these issues and offer possibilities for transformative change.

The lecture is part of *Gender Equity and Inclusion: Transformative Pathways in Higher Education* a four-day workshop for faculty, administrators and students at colleges and universities in the North East of India.



**Yudit Greenberg** is the George D. and Harriet W. Cornell Endowed Chair of Religion and founding director of the Jewish studies program at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. Dr. Greenberg is the author of *Better than Wine: Love, Poetry and Prayer in the Thought of Franz Rosenzweig* and the two-volume *Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions*, and editor of *From Spinoza to Levinas: Hermeneutical, Ethical, and Political Issues in Modern and Contemporary Jewish Philosophy*. She has written numerous articles and essays on modern and contemporary Jewish thought and on comparative Hindu and Jewish philosophy and religion. Her recent books include *The Body in Religion: Crosscultural Perspectives* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2017) and *Dharma and Halacha: Comparative Studies in Hindu-Jewish Philosophy and Religion* (Lexington Books, 2018).

Dr. Greenberg lectures on philosophical topics related to love, body, and gender. Dr. Greenberg is a recipient of numerous awards including two Fulbright scholar awards, Cornell Distinguished Faculty Award, Arthur Vining Davis Award, Presidential Award for the Promotion of Diversity and Inclusion from Rollins College, Templeton Course Prize in Science and Religion, and Harvard University Pluralism Project Grant.