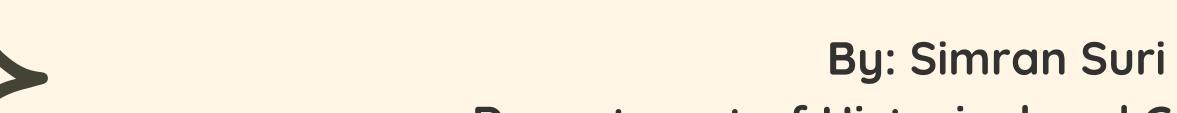
Beyond the Classroom: The Unique University Journeys of Racialized Women and Men in North America



Department of Historical and Cultural Studies WSTD03: Senior Seminar in Sex, Gender, and the Body

In what ways do university experiences in North America shape racialized women's and men's (aged 18-34) perceptions about gender identity?

Literature Review:

- Student Participation and Gender Diversity within the Classroom
- Biases towards Gender
- America's DE1 & Affirmative Action
 Policies

Data and Emerging Themes:

- Sample Demographics
 Primarily later on in their studies and from the South Asian diaspora
- Recruitment Procedures
 Purposeful sampling and didn't interview direct friends
- Data Analysis
 Frequency of themes: participation, pronouns,
 bathrooms, sex-gender binary, peer influence, equality

• Familial \

1. Pre-existing ideas of gender

Introduction:

- 2. Shifting ideas after entering university?
- 3. Deeplyrootedin institutional policies and practices

Findings and Discussion:

- Reinforcing the sex-gender binary Learnt about the binary in traditional ways
- Familial Influence
 Largely influenced by family not academia
- Limited Change
 Postsecondary did not sway youth's perspectives

Conclusion:

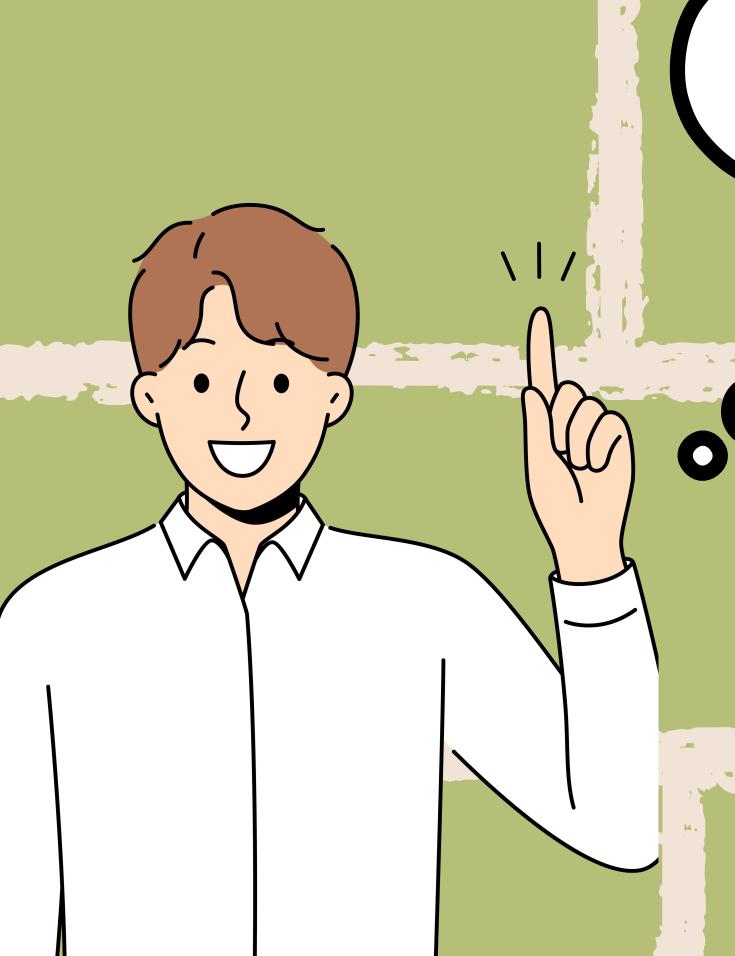
- Moderate correlation
- Bathroomswerealargeindicator of expressinggender
- Limitations: focusing on a particular racialized groups' experiences or increasing the sample size

"not a huge difference in interactions with male or female professors"

-Ray

"..but bringing up an idea is hard as a racialized woman"

-Cassie







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