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**Feminist
Decoloniality**

*Is it
Needed?*

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- What is decolonising Feminist Methodologies?
- Is it needed in Doctoral Research?



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Prof Bijayalaxmi Nanda is an eminent academic, policy researcher, and advocate for gender justice. She has been associated with Miranda House, University of Delhi, for over three decades, serving in various capacities before assuming office as Principal. She is a Professor in the Department of Political Science and holds a Ph.D. from the Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Her research interests span gender, political theory, and human rights, with notable publications such as *Discourse on Rights in India: Debates and Dilemmas* (2018) and *Sex-Selective Abortion and the State* (2018). She is also the general editor of the Shakti Books series, which addresses gender issues. Prof Nanda has been a recipient of the ICSSR Doctoral fellowship and the Delhi University Vice Chancellor's Teacher's Excellence Award in 2017.

Her work extends beyond academia as she actively contributes to several government and non-government organizations focusing on gender, policy advocacy, and youth empowerment. She is involved with global campaigns like ***One Billion Rising*** against violence towards women and has provided expert consultation on gender issues to the UNFPA, UNDP, UNIFEM, and WHO. Her policy contributions include drafting policies for state governments and advising on issues like family planning and human trafficking. She has also held advisory roles with the National Commission for Women and the Ministry of Health, and Family Welfare. Prof Nanda has represented India internationally, attending prominent forums like the India-Brazil-South Africa Summit and the UN Commission on the Status of Women. She continues to be a key figure in advocating for women's rights, gender equality, and social justice.

