



Inequalities of Access

Intersectional barriers to higher education in the Indian and the International context

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Outline



- **Introduction**
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Higher Education: Around the World and in India

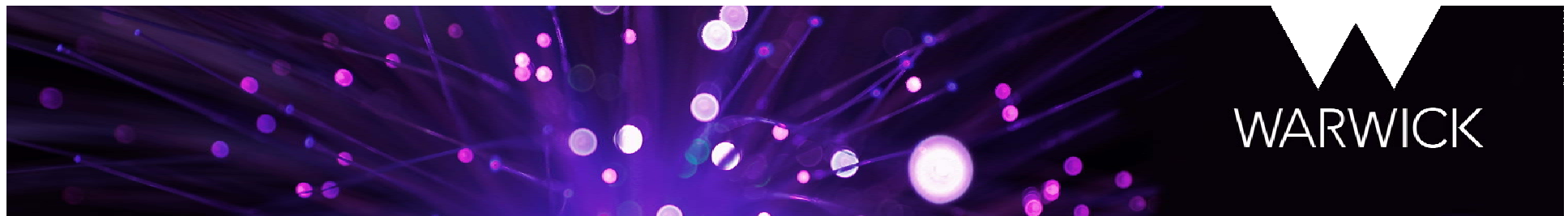
- Around the world, Social Class, Gender and Ethnicity and Race are the predominant factors affecting students' access to Higher Education.
- Can we match factors like caste (with race)[Pazich and Teranishi 2014, Pandey 2013 Visvanathan 2001] , class and gender in the Indian and international perspective?

Social Class Background

- **Income Inequalities, costs and access to Higher Education**
 - Chien C., Mountjourides P and Van Der Pol H. (2017), Global
 - Gilchrist R., Phillips D. and Ross A. (2003), UK
 - Brazil Alvaro Alberto Ferreira Mendes Junior et al (2016) Brazil
 - Wangenge-Ouma G. (2012), South Africa
- **Social and Cultural Capitals**
 - Engberg M.E. and Wolniak G.C. (2010),
 - Lehmann W. (2016),
 - Noble J. and Davies P. (2009),
- **Choices**
 - Troiano and Elias (2013) choices and Risk in Spain
 - Reay, David and Ball (2005) Degrees of Choice

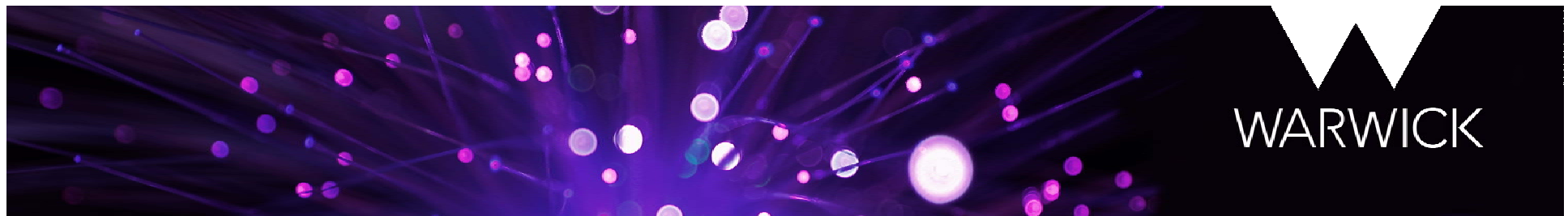
Social Class Background: an Indian Perspective

- **Privatisation and Income Inequalities and access to opportunities**
 - Padma Velaskar (2018) and Rajan Gurukkal (2018) - Privatization and expansion of higher education along with rising inequalities and quality of education
 - Tierney and Sabharwal (2016) -private higher education is exponentially more expensive than the different central and state funded public education.
 - Thorat and Khan (2018) – caste -based inequalities and massification and privatization of Higher education.
- **Social and Cultural Capitals**
 - replication and reproduction of a system of inequalities and discrimination, in processes and in outcomes (Velaskar 2005 and 2018, Majumdar and Muij 2012, Krishna 2012)



Gender

- **Feminization**
 - Bradley K. (2000), Leathwood C and Read B. (2009), Smith D. G. (2017)
- **Women in the University**
 - Morley L. (2013), The rules of the game: women and the leaderist turn in higher education
 - David M.E. (2015), Women and Gender Equality in Higher Education?
- **Choices**
 - Legewie J. and DiPrete T. A. (2014)
 - Mullen (2009, 2014) Gender, social class and choices
- **Masculinities and non-heteronormative Identities**
 - Burke (2007, 2011) Migrant and refugee men accessing higher education



Gendered Access in India

- **Presence in STEM, Choices and issues of safety**
 - Chanana (2000 and 2007), Verma (2014), Gautam (2015), Borkar (2017), Sudarshan (2018)
- **Colonial History and Nationalist narratives**
 - Post colonial and Nationalist negotiation of 'respectability' and honour embodied in the body of the woman.
 - Chanana (1990), Chakarvarti (2012), Krishna Kumar and Latika Gupta (2008),
 - Verma (2014), Gautam (2014)

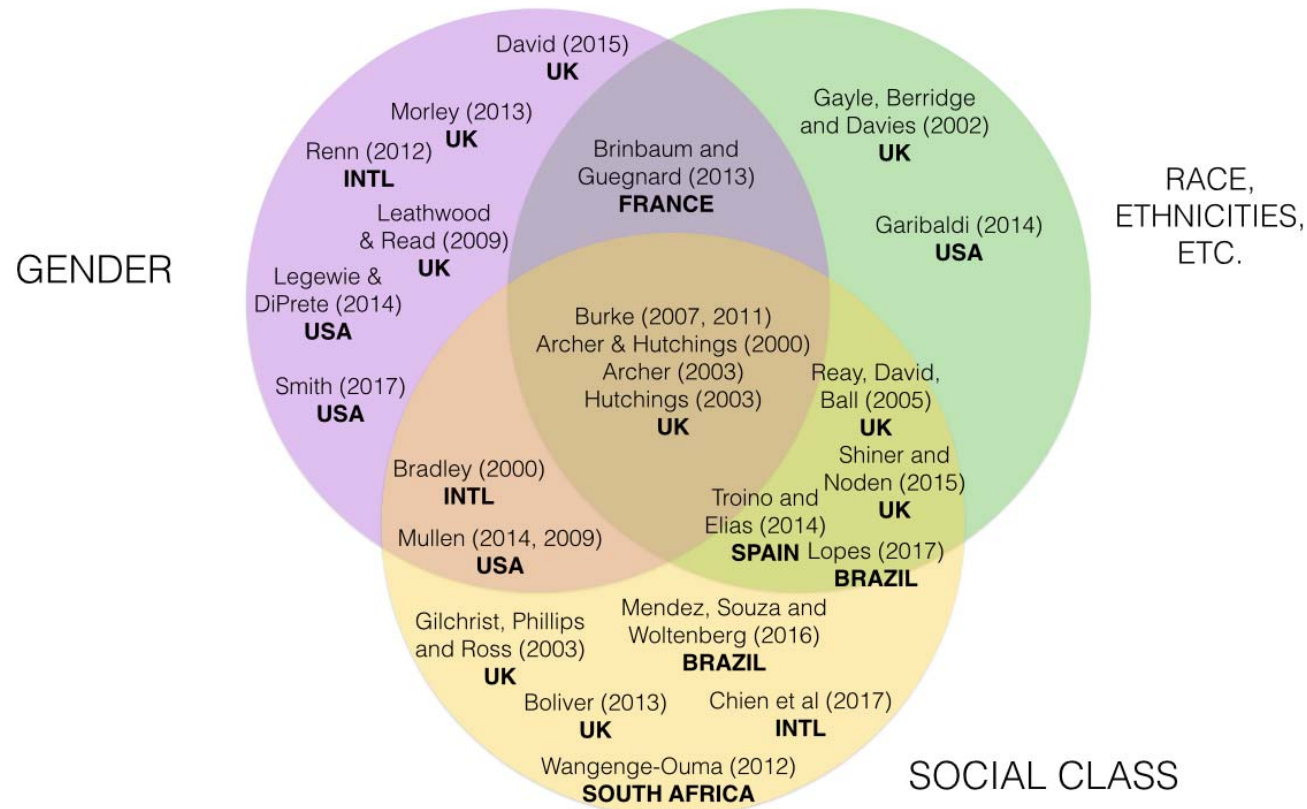
Race, Ethnicities and other Minority communities

- **Migrants and Refugee Communities**
 - Burke (2007, 2011)
 - Brinbaum Y. and Guegnard C. (2013)
- **Choices and Self Exclusion**
 - Archer L. and Hutchings M. (2000)
 - Shiner M. and Noden P. (2015)
 - Reay David and Ball (2005)
- **Low participation.**
 - Alice Dias Lopes (2017) Affirmative action in Brazil: how students' field of study choice reproduces social inequalities
 - Garibaldi (2014) The Expanding Gender and Racial Gap in American Higher Education

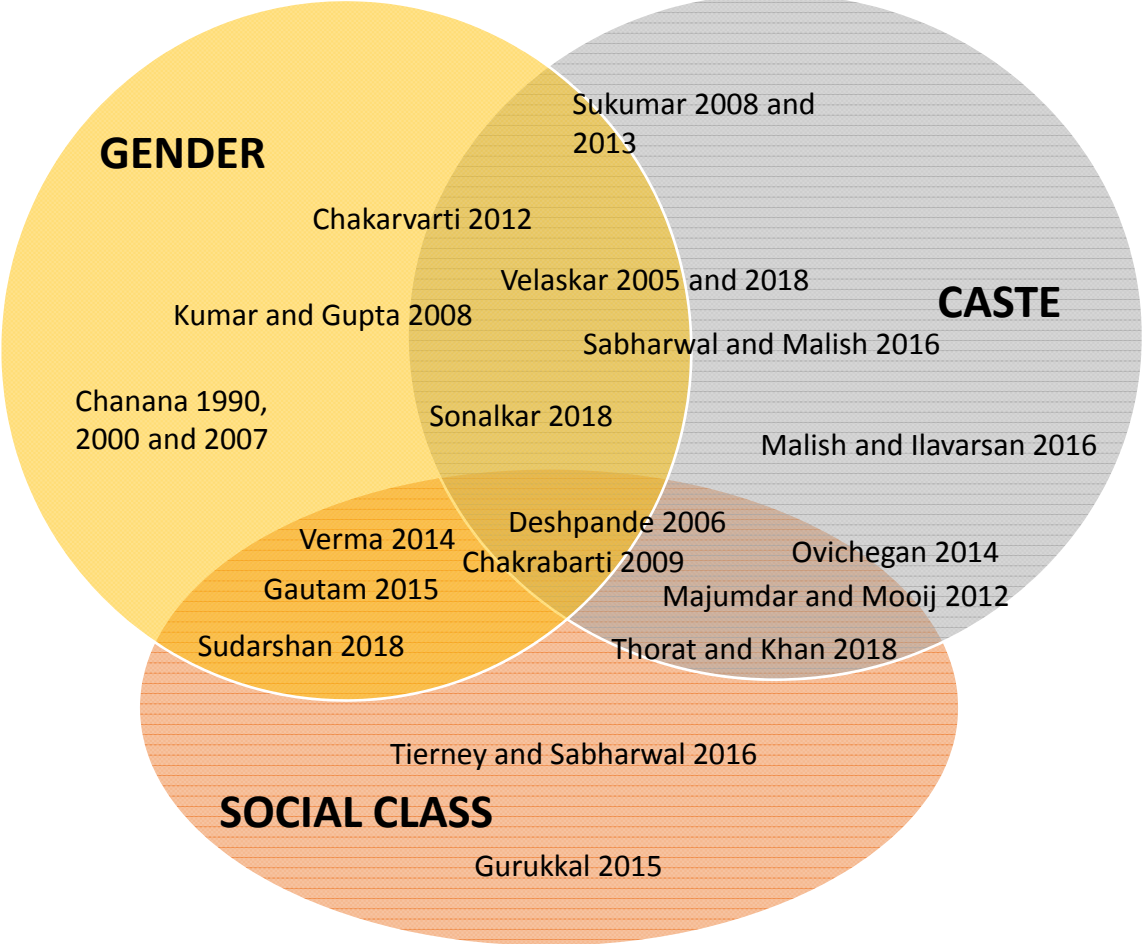
Caste, Ethnicity and Religion

- Caste
- Affirmative Action and Low participation.
 - **Article 15 of the Constitution of India**
 - **Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989**
 - Persistent Inequalities in Higher Education Institutions (Thorat and Khan 2018, Deshpande 2006)
- **Experiences of discrimination and Dalit suicides**
 - Sonalkar 2018, Sabharwal and **Malish 2016**, Malish and Ilavarasan 2016, Ovichegan 2014, Singh 2013, Sukumar 2008 and 2013, Senthilkumar Solidarity Committee 2008, The Thorat Committee Report 2007, Anweshi Law Committee 2002 etc.

Intersectionalities



Intersectionalities in accessing Higher Education in India



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