
Where to go? : The Transgender Resistance to Discrimination

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Abstract (in French and/or English)

The Transgender community has been the survivor of intolerance and violence, and has also resisted inequalities and stereotypes that lead to such violence. One of the recent outcomes of these efforts of the LGBTQI groups is the Transgender (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2016 in India which promises to protect their rights and facilitate their acceptance in social spaces. The study documents the unconventional roles taken up by Transgender individuals and groups as resistance to the stereotypes in history and analyse the scope of their acceptance in the 'public owned' spaces in India. With this new possibility of acceptance for the Transgender community, there are new kinds of questions and problems emerging. Amongst many LGBTQI discourses lies a debate on acceptance and resistance of the spaces. Many transgender activists strongly believe that access to these spaces makes their community more vulnerable and therefore, such access is of no use. However, other activists and scholars are struggling to secure this access as a right to transgenders. The modern discourses are not just about restoring the rights of the transgender but about enabling the dominant communities to be inclusive and welcoming to others.

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