

The Research Centre for Women's Studies (RCWS), SNDT Women's University, Mumbai
organizes a talk by

Professor Alice Clark

on her book

Valued Daughters: First-Generation Career Women

12 January 2017 at 11:30 a.m.

Join us as we listen to Prof. Alice Clark speak about her book, *Valued Daughters: First Generation Career Women*, based on research conducted under RCWS auspices in 2013.

Speaker: Dr. Alice Clark, historian and scholar of gender and society in India, and former instructor, University of California-Berkeley Extension

About the Book: This book studies the growth of agency and self-identity in young women aspiring for a career. *Valued Daughters* traces the spread of ambition for lifetime careers among young women in urban India, who are stepping out of traditional roles to pursue higher education and jobs. Intersecting transitions—demographic, educational, economic, social, and cultural, -- form the context for this study. Using first-hand interviews with women and their families, the book illustrates a new sense of self among daughters whose mothers never had careers of their own. Their growing sense of self-identity is fueled by the development of an expanded professional imaginary.

About the Author: Alice W. Clark is a historian and scholar of gender and society in India, who has taught history and women's studies at universities around the San Francisco Bay Area, including Santa Clara University. She most recently was the instructor on *The Culture of India* for the University of California-Berkeley Extension Online. After completing her Ph.D. in Comparative World History from the University of Wisconsin, she pursued Indian women's issues under postdoctoral fellowships in demography, published numerous articles, and edited the influential collection *Gender and Political Economy: Explorations of South Asian Systems* (Oxford, 1993). She maintains a longstanding relationship with the Institute for South Asia Studies at the University of California-Berkeley. She has consulted on women's and diversity issues in several countries, given numerous invited lectures, and lived in India for lengthy periods. With valued professional daughters and grandchildren of her own, she is involved, along with her husband, in social reproduction from a personal perspective.