



Major: International Studies
Minor: Women's and Gender
Studies

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SIT Delhi, India

Health and Human Rights

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Research Project:

"Sexual Education: A Cardinal Component of Empowering Tibetan Women in Exile"

This independent study project conducted in Dharamsala, India centers on how sexual education is viewed and approached in Tibetan refugees' lives. The study utilizes gender disparity as the foundation for the argument of women's need for empowerment and reproductive rights, contextualized within the Indian and Tibetan traditions and perceptions. Sexual education is vital information to provide communities that have profound lack of access to resources. Through sex education communities have the opportunity to learn preventative measures to halt the spread of deadly diseases, unwanted pregnancies, and gender inequality. Reproductive health is evaluated through the infringement of Tibetan refugees' reproductive rights in Occupied

Tibet. Their experience highlights negative consequences of policies imposed on citizens by the state. The topic of identity is discussed to portray the significance it has under the circumstance of claiming refugee status. It connects to the identity that is created through imposed gender roles and their adverse effects.

