

Brief Note on CDG Talk by Dr Lauren Houghton

A Talk on “**Gendered Interpretation of the Causes of Cancer**” was delivered by Dr Lauren Houghton; an epidemiologist from Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University on 11th August 2023 at IIPS, Mumbai. The session was Chaired by Prof. S.K. Singh, Director (Additional Charge), International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. He welcomed the speaker on behalf of the institute and shared the word of appreciation to the Centre of Demography of Gender for the initiatives of conducting the talk. Prof. Chattopadhyay, Associate Head of the Centre of Demography of Gender, welcomed and introduced the speaker Dr Lauren Houghton who is having diverse experiences in Epidemiological Studies. Houghton has extensively explored the international variations in sex steroids and other biomarkers in her study on Cancer.

Dr Houghton talked on life course approach to understanding the intersection of environmental and hormonal factors in cancer carcinogenesis, focusing primarily on exposures during puberty. She explained how media representation on disease care is gendered, how culture gets beneath the skin, specifically in relation to women's reproductive lives from puberty to child rearing to menopause. She talked about her studies on migrants of Bangladesh in the UK in context of genetic and environmental risk factors among females migrating from low to high-risk geographic areas.

The session was very informative and interesting as the researchers and faculty members asked questions on environmental risk factors and limitations of such research. Dr Suresh Jungari gave the vote of thank.

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