

International Institute for Population Sciences

Prof. Asha A Bhende Memorial Lecture

You are cordially invited to the 12th Prof. Asha A Bhende Memorial lecture by
Professor Angel Foster, University of Ottawa, Canada.

on the topic

*Abortion, politics, and the pill that promised to change everything:
The global journey of mifepristone*

Dr. Angel M. Foster is a Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Ottawa. She holds a doctorate from the University of Oxford in Middle Eastern Studies, an MD from Harvard Medical School, and both master's and bachelor's degrees from Stanford University. Dr. Foster is a global abortion researcher and leads projects in 22 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and North America. She has authored more than 100 articles and co-edited three books; she also led the most recent revision of the Inter-Agency Field Manual on Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings. Dr. Foster serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Abortion Federation, Canada, the Co-Chair of the Safe Abortion Care Sub-Working Group of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises (IAWG) and the Editor-in-Chief of Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health. The recipient of numerous awards in honours, she received the Guttmacher Institute's 2017 Darroch Award for Excellence in Sexual and Reproductive Health Research and the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality's 2018 Public Service Award.



Date: 21st February 2023

Time: 04.00 PM

Venue: IIPS Library Building



Professor Asha A. Bhende (1928-2010) was an accomplished academician and a prolific writer. Her book "Principles of Population Studies" co-authored with the late Prof Tara Kanitkar of IIPS has had 20 editions over the years. She served as an advisor to several organizations such as UGC, NACO, TISS, and Family Planning Training and Research Center and was a Visiting Fellow at the Population Institute, Australian National University, Canberra and the East West Center, Hawaii. Prof. Bhende worked as a consultant to many international and national organizations including ILO, UNFPA, Rockefeller Foundation, World Vision, National Association for the Blind, and Organization for Educational Resources and Technical Training. She was a Board member of the Foundation for Research in Health Systems and National Association for the Blind, and a Chairperson of the Ashish Gram Rachana Trust, Indian Institute of Health Management, Pachod, Maharashtra. Her book on her life, titled "*Majhya Jagaat Mi*" (In my own world, am I) was published. Prof. Asha A. Bhende was also a highly accomplished actress, with training in music and dance. Prof. Bhende was a unique combination of artistic talent and academic brilliance, who is remembered with respect and affection.

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