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## CCMG INVITED LECTURE ON

### Where are the Women? A study of climate change reporting in the Indian English-language dailies

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#### Abstract:

Despite the fact that UN Women (2010), the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (2016) and World Health Organization (2016), among other key groups, state that women will be among those hit hardest by climate change's consequences, due to inequality, with the epicentre of this impact lying in developing nations, neither academics who are focused on Indian climate journalism, like Max Boychoff (2010) and Simon Billet (2009), nor the major Indian English-language daily papers, which largely inform India's English-speaking, educated - and influential - readers, draw significant connections between these topics. Nicolette came to India to find out who is talking about climate change AND its impact on women in India's mainstream media. Her findings suggest that pressures of time, budgeting, the desire to sustain their "top 2%" (class-wise) audience's readership, and inequality have impacted the major dailies' ability to discuss climate change and women in a significant way. Internet penetration and the advent of professional blogging is allowing for a new kind of coverage, however, that is exploratory in ways the print dailies cannot be, and that existing academic studies, which have been largely limited to examinations of the English-speaking print dailies to date, have not yet had occasion to discuss.

#### Bio

**Nicolette Little** is a PhD student in York University's Communication and Culture program. She also teaches literary studies and communications at Sheridan College, in Ontario, Canada and works as a writer, editor and speechwriter. Nicolette was awarded a United Way (2014) award for her advocacy to end violence against women and girls. Her current research interests include the "advocacy art" of Leah Parsons (Rehtaeh Parsons' mother), and ways Muslim-Canadian women voiced their concern about federal attempts to ban the head veil in Canadian citizenship ceremonies. Nicolette was recently awarded the Mitacs Globalink Research Award to examine the inclusion of marginalized voices in environmental journalism in India.

#### EVENT DETAILS

**Venue:** CCMG Network Governance Lab

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