



**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES  
PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY**

**Presents**

**An Interactive Session on**

**CROSSING CULTURES: POSTCOLONIALISM, GENDER,  
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC POLICY**

**Panellists:**

**Dr. Miriam Cooke, Duke University, USA**

**Dr. Bruce B. Lawrence, Duke University, USA**

**Dr. Helen. F. Ladd, Duke University, USA**

**Mr. Edward B. Fiske, Journalist, USA**

**About The Panellists:**

- Miriam Cooke is Braxton Craven Distinguished Professor of Arab Cultures at Duke University. She has been a visiting professor in Tunisia, Romania, Indonesia, Qatar and Istanbul. She serves on several national and international advisory boards, including academic journals and institutions. She is editor of the *Journal for Middle East Women's Studies*. Her writings have focused on the intersection of gender and war in modern Arabic literature and on Arab women writers' constructions of Islamic feminism.
- Bruce B. Lawrence is Marcus Family Professor of Religion and an Emeritus Professor at Duke University and adjunct Professor at Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakf University, Istanbul. His research interests include Religious Ideology; South Asian Sufism; and Islamic Cosmopolitanism.
- Helen F. Ladd is the Susan B. King Professor Emerita of Public Policy and Economics at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy. She has published many books and articles on school finance and accountability, teacher labor markets, school choice, and early childhood programs, both in the U.S. and in other countries. She has a postgraduate degree in economics from the London School of Economics and the doctoral degree in economics from Harvard University.
- Edward B. (Ted) Fiske is a journalist who has written widely on education issues ranging from education in developing countries to school reform in the United States. He began his journalistic career as Religion Editor of the New York Times and since leaving the Times he has written frequently on global education issues for UNESCO, the World Bank, U.S. AID and other international organizations.

**Venue: SEMINAR HALL 1, School of Humanities**

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*All Are Welcome*