

Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune

Department of Sociology

And

RC 17 Social Movements Indian Sociological Society

Organizes a Two-Day Mid-Term Training Workshop cum Conference on

**Social Movements: Theories, Concepts, and Methodologies**

## Concept Note

Social movements are an important aspect of contemporary social lives in India and world over.

Since the inception of Sociology, social movements have been an important force behind social change, and the resultant changes have always been analysed by Sociologists.

In India, we observe a particularly troubled relationship between Indian Sociology and social movements as modernity entered through British colonialism and so did Sociology in India. Today, on the one hand we find hundreds of campaigns, agitations, and movements emerging in India. This shows a couple of things including-deprived masses finding the spaces to collectively argue for their demands, new forms of socio-economic vulnerabilities, and socio-political exclusions triggering social movements. There is a scope to bring new concepts, methods and theories of social movements emerging from the Indian context. And yet we find that Sociology of social movements is no longer a popular specialization among budding sociologists in India. We need to analyse this trend.

While the future of democracy is also associated with strong democratic movements and new collective subjectivities emerging, there is more research on subjectivity and identity than its collective orientation. Indian democratic institutions are challenged more than before in recent times. Populist majoritarian political trends are observed across India. These new contexts and empirical cases also need scholarly attention.

We, therefore, ask the following questions-

1. How do we assess the role of social movements in our contemporary lives?
2. Can we apply the criteria spelled out by early writings on social movements by scholars like Smelser today?
3. Can we find a new way to define social movements?
4. The theories and methodologies of social movements of the west should be continued or new theories and methodologies emerged from the global south?

This RC 17(Social Movements) mid-term Training Workshop cum Conference aims to address the theme titled, 'Sociology of Social Movements: Issues and directions in Contemporary India'.

The sub-themes for paper presentation are as follows:

1. Theories, concepts and methods of social movements
2. Case studies of various social movements
3. Relevance of social movements today
4. State, market and social movements
5. Open session-any other theme related to social movements

Workshop Design - This Training Workshop cum Conference is divided into two parts-

1. Training on Social movements- theories, concepts, and methodologies, relevance.
2. Presentation of Research papers on social movements with discussants.

**Duration and Venue:**

Duration: 2 Days

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Venue: Department of Sociology, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhavan, SPPU, Pune

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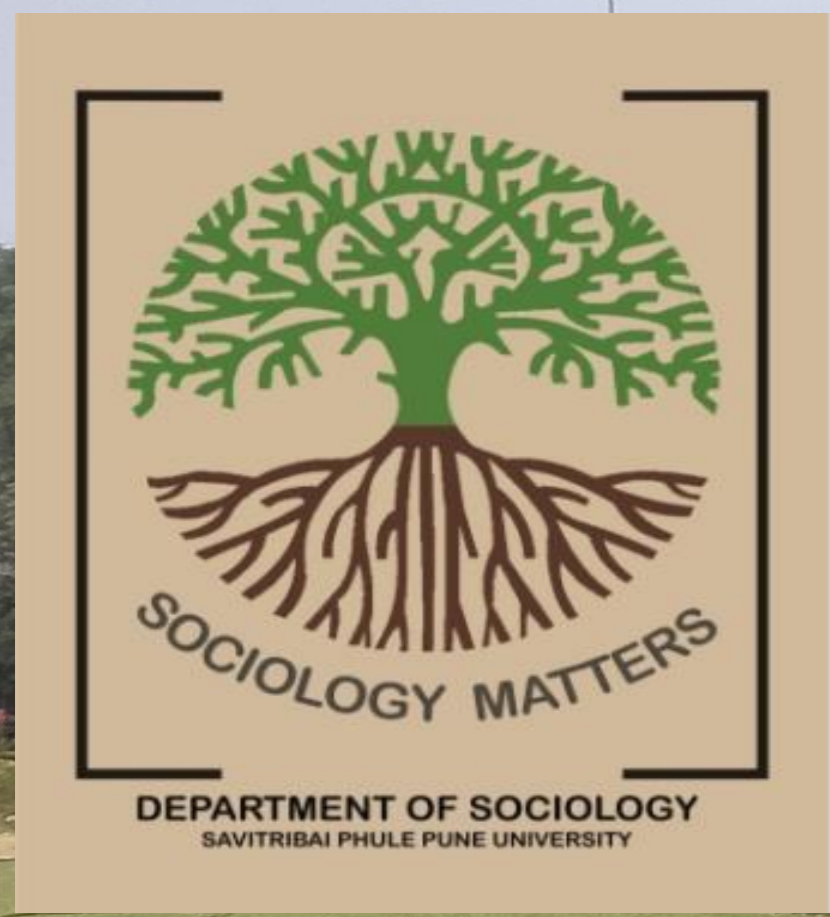
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### Submission of Abstracts and Papers

Well researched papers are invited to be presented in the National Workshop by Professors and Research Scholars. The delegates are requested to send the abstract of their papers on the main theme and sub-themes of the workshop along with the duly filled registration form. Each abstract, not exceeding 300 words should reach the coordinator as soon as possible and latest by 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and the full research paper will be submitted by 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The research paper should contain the major theme of the paper, theories or concepts used for the study, Methodology, and a description of the case from a critical point of view.

#### Abstract Submission

File format: .dox  
Word limit: 300 Max  
Font: Times New Roman  
Font Size: 12  
Line Space: 1.5  
Paper Size: A4

Last date of Abstract  
Submission: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Last Date of Paper  
Submission: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### Registration Details

- College and University  
Teachers Rs. 2500/- with accommodation,
- College and University  
Teachers Rs. 1500/- without accommodation
- Research Scholar with  
Fellowship: Rs. 2000/- with accommodation
- Research Scholars without  
fellowship: Rs: 750/- with accommodation

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