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Sociology, Development And Democracy

22 - 24 December, 2024

BML Munjal University, Gurugram



INVITATION

It gives us great pleasure to extend an invitation to you for the 49th All India Sociological Conference (AISC) of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS). The conference will be hosted by BML Munjal University (BMU), Haryana on the theme "Sociology, Development, and Democracy" from 22nd to 24th December, 2024. The conference invites delegates including renowned sociologists, professors, early career scholars, practitioners, and research scholars and students. We hope this conference will enrich our collective understanding of contemporary sociological issues. This brochure provides the required information to participate in the conference. We look forward to welcoming you.

CONFERENCE THEME

SOCIOLOGY, DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOCRACY

Sociology, development and democracy are historically and conceptually linked. It was in a fast changing world where industrial capitalism transformed everyday lives that the sociological perspective emerged. As the nature of work and homes changed, the sacred questioned, established authorities and divinely ordained knowledge interrogated that the social sciences and sociology arose as new forms of disciplinary inquiry. New methods of investigation of the social arose that sought evidence-based knowledge that relied on explicitly stated theories, critical methodologies, and robust techniques of empirical observation. This knowledge was used to understand structural issues such as inequalities, and experiences such as alienation and estrangement. As we reach the end of the first quarter of the 21st century, societies face a whole new set of challenges, which yet again affect our homes and work while questioning the very efficacy and legitimacy of sociological knowledge.

The first crisis relates to the devastation caused by unprecedented events such as global warming, wars, pandemics and violence. The second to a breakdown in

societies of a broad consensus from the middle of the 20th century that peace, development, democracy and social justice are desirable goals; and that social sciences such as sociology play an important role in this agenda of transformation. The third relates to an idea that knowledge is decided by diktat rather than methodological rules. Even if we do not enter debates about Post Truth times, as students, teachers and researchers we are confronted with a mediatized social, a pervasive presence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and a digital social that compels us to rethink core sociological categories such as selfhoods and communities, constraint and choice.

There is today therefore an imperative need to revisit the relationship between Sociology, development and democracy. This becomes even more urgent as we witness the rise of a general view that sociology is not relevant as evidenced in increasing instances of closing down of sociology departments.





The foundational pillars of Indian sociology were once anchored in rural and agrarian research. Economic globalization and liberalization led to a separation of agriculture from its earlier entwinement with rural existence. The growing complexity within rural society and agrarian structures, has reshaped traditional linkages along the axes of caste, communities, class and gender. Village society is not what it used to be. Likewise, the urban has seen dramatic transformation. Events around us have alerted us to the consequences of a rapacious model of development such as global warming and growing social inequalities. These, in turn, have impacted the nature of democracy.

One has also witnessed that democracy has been questioned by the rise of neoliberalism and authoritarianism. One line of argument that has accompanied the rise of neoliberalism is that of economic efficiency wherein democracy is perceived as time-consuming and an obstacle to economic growth. The other is a celebration of individual entrepreneurship and success wherein the poor are seen as having failed because of their individual inadequacies. The idea of an unfettered individual violates the fundamental premise of Sociology where

the individual is always located in a social context. Sociology as a discipline is a productive site to debunk taken for granted knowledge and ask questions such as “why state welfare to the poor is seen as waste while wasteful consumption is seen as productive”. Unfortunately, too often social sciences have operated with dominant ideas in circulation blurring distinctions between common sense and sociological knowledge. The sociologist ideally should be driven time and again, by the very logic of their discipline, to debunk the social systems one is studying. The roots of the debunking motif in sociology are however not psychological but methodological.

This conference hopes to initiate important conversations and scholarship in this direction. We look forward to both core theoretical papers well as rich empirical ones. We encourage papers on the themes listed below (but are not limited to these): Some of the themes that we wish to explore include:

- **Democracy and knowledge**
- **Role of social sciences in the contemporary context**
- **Development: the rural and urban**
- **Development, democracy and religiosity**
- **Development, and technology**
- **Family and gender**
- **Migration and displacements**
- **Development, climate, and democracy**
- **Social movements, development, and the youth**
- **Childhood and global development**

PLENARY SESSIONS

The 49th AISC will have three plenary sessions on:

Conversations on Democracy

Debating Development

Sociology of the Region (NCR)

MEMORIAL LECTURES

Three Memorial Lectures in the names of Professor M. N. Srinivas, Professor Radhakamal Mukerjee and Professor Yogendra Singh will be organised during the 49th AISC.

Paper Presentation And Membership of ISS

Research papers are invited in the technical sessions of 29 Research Committees (RCs) and 5 Ad Hoc Groups of the Indian Sociological Society. The papers must be prepared in consonance with the main theme of the conference.

Membership of the ISS & the respective RC is mandatory for paper presentations. Membership can be obtained through the ISS web portal. Please visit the website <https://insoso.org/membership> and <https://insoso.glueup.com/org/indiansociologicalsociety/memberships/> for membership login. Members of the Indian Sociological Society are eligible for RC Membership.

For any queries regarding ISS Membership registration, please contact: ISS office: 011-26132510; Email: societyinsoso@gmail.com

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- Title, brief introduction, objectives, significance/relevance
- Methodology
- Major findings/thesis/argument
- Between 200-250 words
- For English- Times New Roman, 12 pt., PDF format
- For Hindi- Kruti Dev, 10 pt
- The specifications for the font and format should be strictly adhered to, otherwise it will not be considered.
- **Last Date for Submission - 30th September, 2024**

FULL PAPER SUBMISSION

- The last date of submission of the full paper is 20 November 2024.
- Full paper must follow APA style formatting and no longer than 2,500 to 3,000 words.

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You can also view them here: <https://insoso.org/research-committees>

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

- To register for the conference, one has to be a member of the ISS. For ISS membership please visit: <https://insoso.org/membership>
- Registration fee should be paid through the online portal of the 49th All India Sociological Conference: <https://www.bmu.edu.in/iss-conference/index.html>, through Internet banking/UPI/Credit or Debit card.
- Registration fee includes the conference kit and meals from 21 December dinner to 24 December lunch.
- Accommodation will be provided to only those delegates who come under the category "Registration with accommodation" It will be for 3 nights (21, 22, 23 December 2024)
- Accommodation will be available from 21 December 2024 from 5 pm onwards.
- Those who require accommodation after 24 December 2024 or before 21 December evening should arrange it personally. Accommodation will be moderate and on a shared/dormitory basis inside the campus premises.
- For queries regarding the conference logistics, please contact aisc49.helpdesk@bmu.edu.in
- If a participant has more than one accompanying person with them, please write to aisc49.helpdesk@bmu.edu.in after completing the registration process. Please note that the registration portal allows only one accompanying person with the participant at the time of registration.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Period	Delegates		Students		Accompanying Person	Foreign Participants		
	With Accommodation	Without Accommodation	With Accommodation	Without Accommodation		Delegates	Students	Accompanying Person
Till 7th Oct. 2024	INR 5000/-	INR 3500/-	INR 3500/-	INR 2000/-	INR 5500/-	USD 200	USD 100	USD 250
8th Oct. - 31st Oct	INR 5500/-	INR 4000/-	INR 4000/-	INR 2500/-	INR 6000/-	INR 250	INR 125	INR 300
1st Nov. - 30th Nov	INR 6000/-	INR 4500/-	INR 4500/-	INR 3000/-	INR 6500/-	INR 300	INR 150	INR 350
Spot Registration	INR 6500/-	INR 5000/-	INR 5000/-	INR 3500/-	INR 7000/-	INR 350	INR 200	INR 400

* All the above payments are inclusive of 18% GST.

REGISTRATION FEE PAYMENT PROCESS

Registering and payment for the conference can be done online through the following link <https://www.bmu.edu.in/iss-conference/index.html>



ABOUT THE DELHI-NCR REGION

The National Capital Region (NCR) that surrounds Delhi includes the capital city alongside the several districts from the states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan. The ever-expanding NCR was created in 1985 to facilitate a more systematised land use policy and better infrastructural development. The NCR is primarily a rural, peri-urban and urban area that contains ecologically sensitive spots like the Aravalli ridge, forests, wildlife and bird sanctuaries. The Nehar Wildlife sanctuary in Rewari is close to the BMU Campus. The Surajpur Bird Sanctuary and Biodiversity park near Gurgaon is a birdwatchers' delight and the wetlands attract several migratory birds during the winter season. Other notable attractions, apart from the historical sites of Delhi include exploring the different regional and global cuisines that dot the cities of Gurgaon and Noida.

Over the years, the NCR has evolved rapidly following the political, socio-economic and cultural changes brought about by the New Economic Policies of 1991. The NCR is a fertile area of study with respect to the politics and sociologies of consumption, land rights, urbanisation, social identities, masculinities, aspirations and changing caste dynamics, amongst others. Furthermore, the cities of the NCR and particularly, Haryana have also become a major player in higher education given the number of private universities that have emerged in the last decade.



ABOUT BMU

BMU is a private university located in Gurugram and has collaborations with several academic institutions and industries in the Delhi-NCR space. BMU has an easily accessible, beautiful and compact campus with substantial green cover. The School of Liberal Studies, which would be the chief coordinator of the AISC aims for excellence in teaching and research in the field of social sciences and humanities and also exploring synergies with sciences and arts. The university boasts of a world-class faculty and an excellent supporting infrastructure in the form of an auditorium, a multipurpose hall, spacious classrooms, and seminar rooms that support a hybrid mode of presentation and secretarial and logistical facilities that would facilitate the smooth functioning of the AISC.



ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES

The School of Liberal Studies (SoLS) aims to produce and disseminate new knowledge and perspectives and engage in discourses on contemporary and future human and planetary challenges. SoLS seeks to build an ecosystem of knowledge and advocacy through research and teaching at the frontiers of disciplinary and interdisciplinary fields to influence public discourses. The School aims to create synergies between social sciences, natural sciences, arts, humanities, and law in collaboration with other schools in the University. The School promotes a space for academic freedom and the opportunity to experiment with ideas and practices for creation of collective knowledge. The School aims to impart knowledge and skills to students through innovative pedagogies like collective and reflective engagement in classrooms, immersive and experiential exposure that expand the learning space beyond classroom. With exemplary honesty, rigour and commitment, students are expected to contribute to a wide range of spheres: public service, corporate organisations, development sector, research and policy, media and journalism, entrepreneurship, taking on multi-dimensional challenges and working on solutions that are embedded within the complexities of society and nature. The faculty and students in the School collaborate with leading institutions with the objective of providing thought-leadership.



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Nearest Train station: Rewari Junction

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- After confirmation of your abstract acceptance, you must register for the conference via the BMU conference website: <https://www.bmu.edu.in/iss-conference/index.html>

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Early bird registration: 7 October, 2024

Full paper submission: 20 November 2024

Conference dates: 22 - 24 December 2024

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