

CONCEPT NOTE-POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY(RC-21)

RC-21 is a lively forum for researchers, academics, and scholars focused on the sociological aspects of politics. RC 21 critically examines global frameworks such as populism, clientelism, authoritarian resilience, and post-secular politics. It reinterprets these ideas through South Asian perspectives that highlight caste, class, gender, religion, ethnicity, and media. The forum recognizes that digital platforms and identity-based movements are changing how people mobilize politically and how governance works in new ways. It emphasizes using real-world data, intersectional methods, and reflective analysis. The committee examines how social identities can legitimize power and serve as tools for resistance and collective action.

RC 21 pays attention to both global issues and South Asian specifics. It scrutinizes concepts from Euro-American scholarship such as state-society relations, populism, clientelism, secularization, political culture, and authoritarianism. The committee aims to adjust these concepts to fit different contexts. It uses intersectional analysis to show how various identities affect political participation, mobilization, and dissent. In this way, the committee explores how digital platforms, identity-based movements, populist messages, and new forms of citizenship are transforming political landscapes in India and beyond.

Through thematic workshops, regional panels, joint critiques, and collaborative publications, RC 21 encourages new methods, supports reflection, and enhances the real-world relevance of political sociology. Its goals include spotting emerging debates, revising current theoretical frameworks, and creating new research paths. The committee invites scholars who study electoral politics, digital governance, social movements, political economy, and identity-based mobilization to join this growing and dynamic intellectual community.

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