



Association for Asian Studies



**National Seminar
on
Region, Identities
and
Citizenship Claims**

18th and 19th March 2024

**Organized by
Department of Sociology
Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar, Burla, Odisha**

Call for Abstracts for Poster Presentation from Ph.D. Scholars in Social Sciences

We are pleased to invite Ph.D. scholars to present their research at the national seminar on **Region, Identities and Citizenship Claims**, to be held on March 18th and 19th, 2024, at the Department of Sociology, Sambalpur University.

Sub Themes:

- Interrogating development
- Contentions over citizenship
- Struggles for rights and recognition
- Identity issues
- Social movements
- Gender and Citizenship

Ph.D. Scholars who are working on the above mentioned areas are invited to submit an abstract by **March 6th, 2024**

Abstract Requirements

- Abstract should be written in English
- Maximum 250 words
- Provide your full name, name of University and Department
- Send your Abstracts to Dr. Madhumita Biswal madhumita25@gmail.com and Dr. Mary Ann Chacko maryann.chacko@ahduni.edu.in

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Intimation of selected abstracts by 10th March, 2024.
- No registration fee is required for the Ph.D. Scholars whose abstracts are selected for poster presentation.
- Second class sleeper train fare and accommodation during the duration of the seminar will be provided to the selected poster presenters.

Concept Note for the Seminar

Citizenship studies scholars highlight the allure of citizenship despite the diverse and unequal experiences of citizens. This intimate seminar will bring together scholars from diverse fields who study the creative ways in which marginalized communities stake claims over citizenship and belonging through the language of rights and recognition. For groups and communities engaged in such claims making, these struggles for citizenship emerge as sites for resisting normative discourses about their place within the nation-state and for re-defining their identities and relationship to the state. Hence citizenship studies are ripe with the possibility of

rethinking the political subjects at the heart of these struggles such as the urban poor, indigenous communities, women, religious, linguistic, and sexual minorities and even dominant groups. That said, it is important to recognize that identities as well as which identities we chose to identify with politically are not static. Identities, including marginal identities, emerge through practice over time within particular socio-political and historical contexts.

This workshop aspires to move away from the nation-state as the primary referent of questions of citizenship to engage with multi-scalar citizenship. Multi-scalar citizenship acknowledges how citizenship is experienced and practiced through memberships in communities at different spatial scales. This framework enables serious consideration of the highly politicized nature of sub-state spaces with their economic and cultural relevance. The material space of regions are cognitively constituted through shared historical experiences and practices. These experiences are a product of power relations. Regions, like identities, thus are also constituted through temporal processes. The development projects such as construction of dams, mining projects, industrialization, city branding exercises, and slum rehabilitation schemes have led to the construction of internal borders and walls within regional landscapes and cityscapes protecting some while repressing others. Inhabitants of these regions have responded to these statist practices through varied forms of democratic politics which often become crucial events for a socialization into citizenship. The workshop will, to that effect, engage with the imbrication of regional politics and regional and urban citizenship and the ways in which they shape how our identities as citizens are claimed and performed.

Keynote speaker

Prof. N. Purendra Prasad, University of Hyderabad

Invited Speakers

Dr. Meena Gopal, Pondicherry University, Puducherry

Dr. Natasha Raheja, Cornell University, USA

Dr. Ghazala Jamil, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Dr. Shiju Sam Varughese, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar

Dr. Anuradha Sen Mookerjee, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Dr. Anasua Chatterjee, RKSMVV, Kolkata

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