FAQ

ISS MEMBERSHIP & Website

1. Who can become a member of The Indian Sociological Society?
   A person holding a University Bachelor’s Degree in any of the social sciences may become a Life member/ Ordinary Member/Ordinary Student Member.

2. Where can I apply for ISS membership?
   First, you need to register yourself in the Society’s website http://app.insoso.org/Pages/register.aspx Once you register yourself in the Society’s web portal you can log into your account and apply for membership accordingly.

3. Is the ISS new app secure?
   The 'app.insoso.org' is hosted on the own servers (web and database server) of our web vendor IRIS Knowledge Foundation which have a secured firewall and anti-virus. They regularly do server audits, monitor the system logs and event logs. Also the system and security updates are applied as and when released. They also take application and database backup regularly.

4. But the newer browser versions have started showing the 'Not Secure' warning. Why is this so?
   Browser versions of all websites which do not have SSL certificate installed are now showing ‘Not Secure’ warning. This includes the insoso website. Because our website itself is not involved in direct payment procedures in which user needs to enter bank account passwords or debit/credit card pin/cvv etc. we do not have an SSL certificate. The website which has very sensitive data or provides online payment facility generally have SSL certificates installed and hence they work on 'https' and they are shown as secure.

5. I am a Life Member of the Society but I have not been able to register. Why is this so?
The Society does not have the correct email details of all the Society’s Life Members because some have changed their emails and others have not provided these to the Society. We have made entry of the members into database for whom updated data was available with us. For the existing members who do not find their names listed, need to contact us with their email and other membership details which will be updated to database and then they can login and access the website. This is one time activity till the system is updated with all the existing members’ details. After that, users have to just login with their credentials to access the online system. New members (applicants) do not go through this process as their entries directly goes to database once membership is approved.

6. **Will I have to contact the Society office every time I change my email or mailing address or institutional affiliation?**
   No. Once you register you can change your email and any other information on your own and once you do so it will be automatically communicated to the Society’s office.

7. **How do I pay for my ISS membership?**
   You can pay either by Net Banking / Bank Challan / Bank Deposit/NEFT/RTGS/IMPS to ISS.

   **Details of ISS bank Account:**
   **Name of the Account:** Indian Sociological Society
   **Savings Bank Account Number:** 4114000100575176
   **Name of Bank:** Punjab National Bank,
   **Branch:** Vasant Kunj, New Delhi 110070,
   **IFSC no:** PUNB0411400

   You have to make the payment before you fill the application form.

   **It is always wise to go through the Guidelines & Rules before you proceed for payment please click on the link for more info**
   [http://insoso.org/membershipform/membership-guidelines#payment](http://insoso.org/membershipform/membership-guidelines#payment)
8. **How long will it take for my membership to be approved?**
   A week will be the maximum time to process your membership. If you do not get your membership number within a week after your application, contact the office societyinsoso@gmail.com

**RC MEMBERSHIP**

9. **How do I become a member of an R.C?**
   To become a member of any RC group, one has to first become a member (Student/Ordinary/Life Member) of the Indian Sociological Society and then apply for RC membership accordingly.
   Application of RC membership can be seen inside your ISS profile.
   Please see the video Tutorial https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hpTl0w3KJM

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    You have to make the payment before you fill the application form.

11. **Can I be a member of two or more RC?**
    A Life Member/Ordinary Member/Student Member of the society may become a member of only **two** Research Committees of ISS at a time by paying requisite fees.
    In the RC form you will find options for only 1 RC. Apply twice for 2 RCs

12. **RC Membership Period**
    For a period of Five Calendar Year (Jan-Dec) - Rs.1000/
    For a period of 2 Calendar year (Jan-Dec) – Rs.500 only Student/Ordinary Members
Please click on the link for more information  
http://insoso.org/membershipform/membership-guidelines

13. How long does will it take for the society to confirm my R.C membership application?  
It will take at least 3-4 working days. However, in most of the cases your membership is approved within 48 working hours.

14. How long does it take for my membership details to be uploaded in the website?  
The list is uploaded on the website just for information of the members. It will take some time to be uploaded. However, one need not worry even if their names are not put up yet. Your RC membership is still valid. Your email confirmation, RC Number and RC payment receipt (Bank Challan/ Transaction details) is what counts. Your R.C number will be updated in the website insoso.org within 72 working hours of approval.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

15. How do I register for the conference?  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2jlFNSwASQ

16. What is the registration amount?  
Registration Fee: For Indian delegate Rs.500 and for Foreign delegate Rs.1,000 to be paid online in Indian Bank Account of the University of Mumbai for which details are provided below. Registration fee includes Online Participation, Certificate/s etc.

17. How can I make the payment?  
Net Banking or Bank Challan/ Bank Deposit/NEFT/RTGS/IMPS
You have to make the payment before you fill the application form.

Bank Account Details

Bank Name: Indian Bank, Branch: Mumbai Kalina, 400098.

Name of the Account: Finance and Accounts Officer

Account Number: 20059535315

Account Type: Current Account
IFSC Code: IDIB000K536

CBS code: 4186

Please click on the link for account information and fee structure

http://insoso.org/membershipform/membership-guidelines

18. What should I write in my Bank Challan?
   You may not write anything but it will help the office to track your transaction if you can write the TXN number provided by the bank and your name and purpose of the payment.

19. Can I do the registration first and then submit my abstracts later on?
   Yes, before the last date of abstract submission. Abstract have to be submitted to the concerned RC Convener along with registration number of the conference, ISS Membership number and RC number.

20. How long will it take for organizing committee of the Conference to confirm my registration? Whom should I contact in regard to my registration?
   The confirmation may take 2-3 working days. Please contact Conference secretariat

   Email: aisc46@sociology.mu.ac.in
   Mobile: 9969042538
21. What if I had made my payment for the conference toward ISS and not to the 46 AISC?

Please write to ISS. Your money will be refunded. However, you will need to do the payment again towards the 46 AISC for the Conference, since the refund period might take 2-3 weeks.

22. I have made my R.C membership payment towards the 46 AISC what do I do?

You will have to pay again towards ISS. As for the payment that you have made towards the Forty Fourth AISC will be refunded. Please write to the Conference Secretariat regarding it.

Please click on the link below for Video Tutorial and subscribe our YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3waxt4C7ThaZDSw7qkjkyg

For more videos

Registration in the ISS website
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aunQvh-5eVg

Membership & RC registration
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hpTl0w3KJM

AISC Registration
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2jIFNSwASQ