

Young Sociologists Workshop

December 8-9, 2011, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Theme: Doing research, doing ethnography

We are happy to inform you that the Indian Sociological Society is organising a Young Sociologists Workshop prior to the XXXVII All India Sociological Conference. The workshop will be held at IIT Delhi on 8th -9th December 2011. Prof. Ravinder Kaur, Professor, Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences has kindly agreed to coordinate the workshop.

FOCUS

The workshop will focus on how research, especially doctoral research should be carried out. The idea is to demonstrate the link between problems of research, theory and fieldwork. How does one formulate problems of research? What are the sociological problems and concepts that these raise and the hypotheses they imply? How does one bring theoretical frameworks to bear on one's questions? How does one translate the research problems and theoretical frameworks into fieldwork questions and methods?

A large focus will be on the methodologies of gathering data – through surveys, oral and life histories, and ethnographic research. The writing of ethnography, fielding issues of objectivity and generalization, the use of narratives, using single case studies, and other such issues will also be the focus of discussion. New challenges such as multi-sited fieldwork, web-based ethnographies and carrying out research across geographies are other dimensions that will be explored.

MODE

Resource persons will illustrate the above issues through their own research or research issues taken up by other scholars. The more important thing they will do is to give concrete feedback on participants' proposed research or research in progress. They will also address different themes like – new questions in writing ethnography, studying rural social change over time in the same location (qualitative time series), sociologies of emotion, intimacy and gender and use of software to analyse qualitative data.

TARGET GROUP

Since the workshop is mainly focusing on doctoral research, Young Sociologists **under the age of thirty five** who are **presently engaged in doctoral research** are eligible to attend the workshop.

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Sociologists pursuing their doctoral work who are under the age of 35 as on 1st December 2011 AND have registered for the XXXVII All India Sociological Conference to be held at JNU, New Delhi are eligible to participate in the workshop. The eligible applicants must send a write-up (maximum 800 words) on their research-in-progress with their application to ysw.iss2011@gmail.com with a copy to jjkattakayam@yahoo.com.

The write-up should describe the research problem, theoretical framework and methodology. If the research is in progress, applicants should focus on how they are going about the research and outline problems they would like to discuss with resource persons. On selection they will be asked to send in a more elaborate proposal (2500 words).

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF SYNOPSIS

Follow the mentioned order when typing manuscript: Title, Authors, Affiliation, Abstract, Keywords, Main text and References.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of write up : 15th October 2011

Conformation of Acceptance : 30th October 2011

Submission of longer proposal: 15th November 2011

TRAVEL SUPPORT

Selected candidates will be given reimbursement of registration fees and travel costs subject to availability of funds. Travel reimbursement will be limited to 2nd Sleeper.

LOCAL HOSPITALITY

Boarding and lodging facilities from 7th night to 9th night will be made available and lodging will be on shared basis. Local hospitality of all the delegates who have registered for the JNU conference will be taken care of by the conference organizers from 10th night to 13th night.

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