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Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Exploring Trajectories for the Future

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Invitation

It is our great pleasure to invite you all to the 47th All India Sociological Conference (47th AISC) of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS). The Conference will be hosted at the University of Science & Technology Meghalaya, on the theme “Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Exploring Trajectories for the Future” on 20, 21 & 22 December 2022.

Theme

Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Exploring Trajectories for the Future

Sociology in India has a history of more than a hundred years now and provides reasons to the scholars of the discipline to retrospect as well as look forward and explore it for the Future. Its genesis lies in the colonial period and can be traced to the works of British administrators, orientalist, missionaries, and Western scholars during the 18th and 19th centuries. Some of the important themes of their focus related to the study of local customs and traditions, the Hindu systems of caste and joint family, the economy and polity of villages and tribes, and ethnic communities. As a result, various monographs, ethnographic surveys, census documents, and gazetteers were prepared to provide relevant information to the Sociologists. Whereas this facilitated the British to rule and administer the country, it also produced the pioneers in Indian Sociology. They were largely associated with what came to be known as the two distinct traditions of Sociology: the Bombay School and the Lucknow School around 1919-21. Though representing diverse perspectives, theoretical formulations, and substantive concerns, the two Schools laid the foundation of Sociology and its subject matter in India, impacting profoundly its practice for a long time.

From the viewpoint of theory, methodology, and research interests, the development of Sociology in India was greatly impacted by the Western countries, initially the United Kingdom and Europe, and later on, the United States. Limited courses were taught focusing mainly on the Indian social institutions with Indological and philosophical emphasis, an idealized version of Indian culture, and concern for social problems and ethnological description. The tradition of scientific research had not emerged before independence and the interaction between theoretical formulations and empirical research remained at a preliminary stage. The main areas of teaching and research in Sociology were - family, kinship, marriage, caste, race, religion, tribe, rural and urban societies, and social stratification.

With the rise of nationalism and independence of India (1947), significant trends in the development of Sociology were witnessed as the society and polity were introduced to the new values of democracy, equality, and justice through the Constitution of India (1950) treating all citizens equally, but making special provisions for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. In the 1950s and 1960s, the pace of development of Sociology in India expanded. It got influenced by the



variants of functionalism, Marxism, and structuralism in the studies of caste, joint families, and village communities leading to the formulation of some important concepts in the study of Indian society like 'Sanskritization' and 'dominant caste'. The 'field-view' and methods such as participant observation and ethnography were emphasized for the in-depth study of tribe, village, or ethnic communities with the differences in Sociology and Social Anthropology remaining seemingly blurred.

Since then, Sociology in India has passed through phases of growth, expansion, and proliferation conditioned by the events and happenings in Indian society from the latter part of the 20th century to the 21st century. These included: the organization of professional bodies of Sociologists like the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) and other regional associations; an increase in the number of Universities, colleges, and institutes engaged in research and teaching of Sociology; diversification and specialization into various sub-fields; and interdisciplinary research. Within the discipline there was a development of various perspectives from structural-functional and conflict, to phenomenological, to subaltern and post-modernism; a critique of academic colonialism and the Western paradigm of study; debates regarding the need for indigenization and relevance of Indian Sociology; as well as a plea for its contextualization.

There was also a shift in the focus of study from the issues of development, poverty, nation-building, education, reservation, social movements, and rural and urban sociology to those of gender studies, Dalit and tribal assertions, ethnic identity, farmers' plight, queer studies, media and communication technology, globalization, environment, and climate change. The years 2020 and 2021 witnessed one of the most devastating and tragic health crises of the 21st century in the form of the Covid-19 Pandemic and propelled many Sociological questions.

These issues continued to be debated in the contexts of social policy and the role of Sociologists in bringing about the planned change and development. Till around 2020, with more than 900 Universities and 50,000 colleges in India, Sociology is taught in 1500 Universities and colleges. The Indian Sociological Society has more than 5000 Life Members. There are many logistic, substantive, and theoretical issues like syllabus and curriculum, pedagogy, teacher-student ratio, infrastructure and other facilities, state policies, language, financial and other aspects related to the discipline of Sociology in higher education. The objectives are to maintain the relevance and popularity of the subject, its conceptual and methodological vigour, and the quality of teaching and research. Though there are problems of unemployment and financial support for further studies, the varied topics covered by the discipline and its multidisciplinary areas of research have helped improve its scope with students of Sociology entering into a wide variety of fields in the Government departments, teaching and research institutes, NGOs, study centres, and administrative services.



These and many other problematic issues in the present, filtered from the past hundred years pose a challenge for the Future of Sociology in India. It is time that we appraise the trajectories of Indian Sociology after a century, and there cannot be a better occasion than the All India Sociological Conference for this. We look forward to meaningful and interactive sessions!

Plenary Sessions

The 47th AISC will discuss the conference theme in the following three plenary sessions:

- 1. A Century of Sociology in India: Teaching and Research**
- 2. Sociology and Social Policy Interface: The Roadmap for the Post-Covid World**
- 3. North East India in Sociological and Social Anthropological Studies: Emerging Issues and Challenges**

Memorial Lectures & Paper Presentations

Three Memorial Lectures in the names of Professor M. N. Srinivas, Professor Radhakamal Mukerjee and Professor Yogendra Singh will be organized during the 47th All India Sociological Conference.

Research papers are invited in English and Hindi to be presented during technical sessions of 28 Research Committees (RCs) of the Indian Sociological Society. The Papers are to be prepared in consonance with the main theme of the conference

Requirement for Paper Presentation & Membership of ISS

ISS and RC Membership is mandatory for paper presentations. The Membership can be obtained through the ISS web portal. Please visit <http://app.insoso.org/Pages/register.aspx>. Members of the Indian Sociological Society are eligible for RC membership.

- ❖ An ISS Member can avail membership in three RCs and so the maximum number of papers one can present in the conference is limited to three.
- ❖ Only those who have remitted/updated their RC Membership fee are eligible for paper presentations in the RC. For details, please visit: <http://insoso.org/images/FAQ30.pdf>.
- ❖ Payment towards ISS membership and RC Membership is to be made in the ISS account only.

ISS Account Details

Name of the Account : Indian Sociological Society Savings

Bank Account Number : 4114000100575176

Name of the Bank : Punjab National Bank

Branch : Vasant Kunj, New Delhi - 110070

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Abstract Submission

Abstract will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- ❖ Connection of the topic to the theme of the Conference
- ❖ Sociological relevance of the topic
- ❖ Conceptual clarity and methodological application

Abstract is to be sent in the following format:

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 -Kurti Dev, 10 pt.

The specifications for the font and format should be strictly adhered to, lest it will not be considered.

Abstract should be sent directly by email to the respective RC Conveners along with the Conference Registration Number, ISS Membership Number and RC Membership Number/ payment details. These details are mandatory and please ensure that you do mention them.

The last date of submission of the Abstracts is **31st October 2022**. Abstracts should be submitted within the deadline and abstracts received beyond this date cannot be published in the 'Book of Abstracts'.

The respective RC Conveners should be contacted for any enquiry regarding abstract submission and acceptance.



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Young Researchers' Workshop

The Young Researcher's Workshop will be organized by the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IIT-G) on 18th - 19th December 2022 on the theme "Use and Relevance of Mixed Methods in Sociological Research" at the IIT-G (Assam). The ISS will invite applications from the researchers and doctoral students through a separate Notification to participate in the Workshop.

Conference Registration

To register for the conference, one has to be a member of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS). For ISS membership please visit:

<http://app.inso.org/Pages/register.aspx>.

Registration fee should be paid directly to the Bank account of 47th All India Sociological Conference, through internet banking/RTGS/NET/Cheque/Cash.

Registration fee will cover Conference kit and food from dinner on December 19th to breakfast on 23rd December, 2022.

Accommodation will be provided to only those delegates who come under the category "Registration with Accommodation" from 19th December night to 23rd December morning (10.00 am). Those who require stay after 23rd morning will be required to arrange it personally. Accommodation will be moderate and on shared/dormitory basis.

NO accommodation will be provided for spot registration.

After remitting the registration fee, fill the online 'Application Conference Form' on the ISS Website portal by logging into your ISS account,

<http://app.inso.org/Pages/LogIn.aspx>

For any queries regarding registration, please contact: ISS Office:

011026132510, Mobile: 7217679262; Email: societyinso@gmail.com



Payment details for Conference Registration

Period	Delegates		Students		Accompanying Person	Foreign Delegates	
	With Accommodation	Without Accommodation	With Accommodation	Without Accommodation	INR	US\$	Accompanying Person
Upto Oct 10	4000	3000	3000	2000	5000	200	250
Oct 11 to Oct 31	4500	3500	3500	2500	5500	250	300
Nov 1 to Nov 30	5000	4000	4000	3000	6000	300	350
Spot Registration	Will be closed	5000	Will be closed	3500	6500	350	400

Registration Fee: Bank Account Details

Name of the Account : 47th AISC, USTM
 Bank & Branch : Punjab National Bank, Khanapara
 Bank AC/No. : 4652000100056368
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The Abode of Clouds (Meghalaya)

Meghalaya was established as a state on 21 January 1972. Presently it has 11 districts, 60 legislative seats, one Rajya Sabha and two Lok Sabha seats. The name Meghalaya means "the abode of clouds" in Sanskrit. The capital is Shillong, known as the "Scotland of the East". English is the



official language of Meghalaya and the other major languages spoken are Khasi, Pnar and Garo. It is the homeland mainly of the Khasis, Jaintias and Garos. Tribal people make up the majority of Meghalaya's population. They have a matrilineal society, where the descent is traced through the mother, but the father plays an important role in the material and mental life of the family. The youngest daughter inherits all wealth and she also takes care of her parents. However, such traditional practices are undergoing changes in the present-day context due to multiple of factors playing their roles. About 70% of the state is forested, which is notable for its biodiversity of mammals, birds, and plants. Meghalaya is basically an agricultural state with about 80% of its total population depending entirely on agriculture for their livelihood. Meghalaya is awesomely beautiful. The undulating mists in the valleys, the rising and falling hills, numerous lakes, waterfalls, caves, sacred forests, exotic flora and fauna, together with the unique and interesting destination.



University of Science & Technology Meghalaya

The University of Science & Technology Meghalaya (USTM) [<https://www.ustm.ac.in/>] is the first state private university of science and technology in the entire North East India. The USTM has been awarded the accreditation rating of “A Grade” in its first cycle of assessment by the National Assessment and Accreditation



Council in 2021. The university is only 10 years old and is sponsored by the ERD Foundation, Guwahati. It has been established in a picturesque landscape surrounded by tranquil greenery on the Assam-Meghalaya border at Baridua, 9th mile, opposite to the CRPF Group Centre, Ri-Bhoi District of Meghalaya. It is about 85 kms from Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya and 6 kms from Dispur, the capital of Assam. The university has been established under the provisions of the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya Act (No.6 of 2008) enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya and notified vide Gazette Notification No LL(B)87/2008/21, dated 02.12.2008 of Government of Meghalaya. USTM is empowered by the University Grants Commission, to award degrees as specified by the UGC under section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956. In the university there are ten Schools (Faculties) namely, the School of Applied Sciences, School of Biological Sciences, School of Social Sciences & Humanities, School of Engineering & Technology, School of Business Sciences, Prof Qoumrul Hoque School of Education, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Allied Medical Sciences, University School of Law & Research, and School of Language & Culture. USTM is running a total of 47 programmes of studies (including Diploma, UG, PG and Ph. D.) in 22 departments.

Department of Sociology

The Department of Sociology is one of the first few departments of the university started in 2011, under the leadership and guidance of eminent scholars from across the country. Initially it was a combined Department of Sociology & Social Work, running courses like BA (Sociology), MA (Sociology), BSW and MSW. In the year 2016 the two departments were separated. At present, the thrust areas of teaching and research in the department include sociology of North East India, gender, marginalized communities, health, environment, education, etc. From the upcoming academic session, the USTM will introduce a new curriculum as per NEP 2020 and the Department of Sociology will offer two new courses on i) Sociology of South Asia and ii) Diaspora & Migration Studies at the postgraduate level. At present, there are around 100 students



at the undergraduate level, 75 at the postgraduate level and 30 Ph.D. scholars enrolled. The students of the department represent a wide diversity of the whole of North East India and also from other parts of the country. The faculty strength includes three professors, one associate professor, and eight assistant professors. The department organizes seminars and workshops regularly and many prominent national and international academicians and researchers frequently deliver lectures, both online and offline.



Transportation Connectivity

The campus is well connected by Rail and Air which is only 15 kms away from Guwahati Railway Station and 30 kms from Guwahati International Airport. There are two major Railway Stations in Guwahati – Guwahati Railway Station (GHY) at the heart of the city, is about 15 kilometers from the Campus and Kamakhya Railway station (KYQ) in front of Kamakhya Temple, is about 20 kilometers from the campus. It takes about an hour to reach the Campus from any of these railway stations. For the route map, go to: <https://bit.ly/3AxxCnr>

Important points to be noted

1. ISS and RC Membership is mandatory for paper presentations. Payment towards ISS membership and RC Membership should be made to the ISS account only.
2. Registration fee for the Conference, including spot registration, should be paid directly to the conference account.
3. Abstracts should be submitted in the prescribed format before the deadline – **31st October 2022.**
4. Hindi abstracts should be sent in Kurti Dev 10 pt., Otherwise it cannot be included in the book of Abstracts.
5. Abstracts for paper/poster presentations should be sent directly to the respective RC Conveners with the details such as Conference Registration Number, ISS Membership Number and RC Membership Number/payment details.
6. Accommodation will be provided only for those who have registered in the category “Registration with Accommodation” from 19th December night to 22nd December night. Accommodation cannot be provided for ‘spot registration’.
7. After the submission of the online Registration Form in the ISS Website Portal, if you do not get a confirmation in three days, you may please contact the Organizing Secretariat in the email: 47aicustm@gmail.com





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