

“Workshop: Locating Caste in The Field”



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Day1: 1st May 2025

OFFLINE MODE

Welcome Note- Prof. Anuja Agarwal (HOD) - 1:45PM

1. Work- Caste- Gender (2 – 3:30PM)

Discussant: Prof. Sudha Vasan, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi)

- a. Pragya Dhiman- Department of English, University of Delhi
“The Politics of Touch: Analysing Caste Biases Within the Indian Household”
- b. Aarshi Jahan- School of Liberal Studies, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi
“Silencing Through Caste Purification Ritual: Foregrounding Caste in the Field”
- c. Sudatta Ghosh – South Asian University, New Delhi
“Performance as a Site of Caste Politics: An Ethnography of the Nachnis of Purulia, West Bengal”

- d. Anjori Mukherjee-(MA) South Asian University, New Delhi
“Gendered Caste Labour and Intersectional Resistance in the Matsyajeebi Community of Coastal West Bengal, India”

2. Everyday Life and Occupation (3:40-5:10PM)

Discussant: Nikhil Kaithwas, PhD Anthropology, University of Delhi

- a. Abhishek Kumar Ujjinwal - IISER, Bhopal
“Occupation, Migration and Politics: A Socio-Historical Analysis of the Valmiki Community of Delhi”
- b. Sudhanshu Shekhar- Department of Social Work, University of Delhi
“Working for the Dead: Cremation, Necro-Politics and the Nation”
- c. Rashmi Kumar- Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Delhi
“The Missing Narratives of Caste in Urban India: An Urban Ethnography on Dhusia Samaj in Delhi”
- d. Akshay Jagannath Bagale, (MA) Department of Political Sci, University of Delhi
“Local Vendors operating within the Indian Railway System”

HIGH-TEA

Day 2- 2ND May 2025

3. Religion, Cult and Sect (9:00-10:20AM)

Discussant: Nupurnima Yadav, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi

- a. Ameet Kumar – IIT (Roorkee)
“Prestige, Honour and Respect: Understanding Dalit Reception of Arya Samaj and Other Socio-cultural Movements in Jammu, India”
- b. Shubhanshu Singh –Ph.D. awarded, Centre for Political Studies, JNU
“Defining Humane Spirituality: Reflections of Ravidassia on Untouchable Saint”

- c. Aditya Lakshmi, Dr BR Ambedkar University Delhi
"The nexus of Brahmins and the British in the production of ecology of Northern Madras, in Tamil Nadu"

4. Criminalization/ Stigma (10:30-11:50)

Discussant: To be announced

- a. G Om Anirudh- Department of Sociology, University of Delhi
"Impact of Criminalisation on Community's social structure: Comparative Analysis of Caste and Race"
- b. Vishal Parashar – Department of History, University of Delhi
"Confinement After Freedom: DNTs, Delhi and the Bureaucratic Afterlife of Partition"
- c. Shubhangi Rawat- University of Warsaw, Poland **ONLINE**
"Being Child of a Devadasi: A life of Social Discrimination"

5. Social media and Literature (12:00-1:10PM)

Discussant: Prof. Janaki Abraham Department of Sociology, University of Delhi

- a. Madhulika – (MA) Department of Sociology, University of Delhi
"Locating Caste on Silver Screen: Revisiting of Caste in Indian Parallel Cinema"
- b. Shivam – (MA) Department of Sociology, Uni of Delhi
"Dalit Voices in Digital Shadows: Surveillance and Memes"
- c. Moon Sutradhar,
Co-Authors: Amrit Warwal, Ankana Dey, Charu Vatwani, Shipra Gautam, Suruchi Gupta Ghosh, (BA) Miranda House, University of Delhi
"The Brahminical Canon of Indian Sociology and The Erased Legacy of C. Parvatamma"

LUNCH-TIME
(1:10-2:00PM)

6. Caste in Urban & Rural Space (2:00- 3:40PM)

Discussant: Sumedha Priyadarshini, Assistant Professor, Miranda House

- a. Roshni Kadam- SSH, IIIT, Delhi
“Caste in Elite workspaces: Locating Caste in IT”
- b. Ritika Rathi – Department of Sociology, IGNOU
“Wired Hierarchies: Caste Beyond the Village”
- c. Jahnvi Dwivedi – Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi
“Intersecting Identities: Mapping Caste and Gender Relations in a City”
- d. Shiwangi Singh – Jawahar Lal Nehru University
“Locating the Caste in Field: Ethnographic Reflections from a Village in Mau, Uttar Pradesh”

7. Friendship and Social Relation (3:50-5:10 PM)

Discussant: G Om Anirudh- Ph.D, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi

- a. Ashka Raj – Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow
“Beyond Boundaries: The Role of Friendship in Challenging Caste Hierarchies”
- b. Vaibhav Kharat, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi
“Savarna Allyship: a performative progressivism in Anti-Caste Discourses”
- c. Mitushi – Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre of Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia
“Textual Analysis on Dalit-Owned and Non-Dalit Owned Websites: A comparative Study”

Vote of Thanks (5:15-5:30)

Day 3- 3rd May 2025ONLINE MODE(10:30 -12PM)

Discussant: Nishant Kharkwal, Ph.D. Department of Sociology, University of Delhi

- a. Athira. A – Center for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta
“A Call for Caste: The Dilemma in Marking Castes when it’s unanswered”
- b. Nabina Roy - (MA) University of Calcutta,
Co-Author - Ms. Sukanya Mitra, Research Associate, India House
“Reimagining Dalit Realities: Intersectionality, Social Media and Cinematic Representations in Contemporary India”
- c. S. Gopikarani - (MA) University of Hyderabad
“From Sacred to Spectacle: The Mainstreaming of Theyyam and The Theyyakaran”
- d. Subhrima Bandyopadhyay – (MA) Presidency University
“Bartering Identities: The Metropolitan Exchange of Dirt”

