

National Seminar
on
**“Repositioning ‘Subalternity’ in globalized India:
The Dynamics of Social Inclusion”**
19 – 21 November 2009



Organized by:

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About the Seminar

Subalternity denotes a position of relative dependence towards another, a hegemonic position, describing difference in power, income, education, health among others. It stands for constraint in sense of freedom of expression, freedom of thought, freedom of movement, work and political participation which is over all power related. Academics has for long been caught in the dilemma of the issue of ‘subalternity’ and the ‘sublaterns’.

The question of whose perspective, experience, and history should be taken into consideration in educational institutions has shaped debates on curriculum across disciplines of arts and social sciences for decades. This conference will evaluate the potentials of overcoming the subaltern predicament of limited agency by interrogating issues of subalternity in globalized India.

The aim is to build partnerships within the academia on behalf of groups which identify or experience structural discrimination and marginalization so as to develop parameters of exclusion and models of social inclusion. It would also facilitate in uncovering the nuances of contemporary agenda’s of equality and how it has responded to the challenges of differentiation on grounds of disability, gender, age, race, sexual orientation, religion with the help of believe in implementation of state policies of social inclusivity.

The conference will provide platform for scholars, committed to knowledge exchange, across India to debate on issues of subalternity and analyze the ways in which various forms of power now operate, with a specific focus on spaces in which subaltern groups act to reassert their own perceived identities, cultures, and histories. It would not only help in promoting research and understanding of the subaltern as subjects and modes of inquiry but also facilitate models of social inclusion.

Call for Papers

We invite researchers and academicians to submit abstract latest by and full papers by on the following sub themes of the seminar.

1. Mapping subaltern studies in India : Hegemonic expressions of power in 21st century.
2. From servitude to assertion : Struggle for agency and search for identity.
3. Histrography from the edge – marginal voices
4. Gender, exclusion and empowerment – documenting feminist narratives.
5. Production of knowledge didactics and subalternity contemporary degates and future concerns.

Deadlines

Submission of Abstract (150 words only, with full address): 31st August 2009.

Full paper (5,000-8,000 words only, typed in Harvard style) : 15th Oct. 2009.

Travel allowance and Accommodation

Authors of the accepted papers will be provided II/ III tier AC fare, boarding and lodging facilities on the campus. Participants of the Seminar will be provided food and lodgings facilities.

Registration

A nominal fee of Rs. 1,000/- for teachers & Rs. 500/- for Students/Research scholars is to be paid in the form of demand draft along with the registration form. Demand Draft is to be drawn in favour of the **Coordinator, CSSEIP, BHU**. Full papers, along with Registration Fee should reach to the Coordinator on, or before 15th October 2009

Note: Subject to peer review, selected papers will be published in an edited volume through a reputed publisher or as a special issue of an academic journal. They should therefore not be under consideration for publication elsewhere.

For further information please contact the Convener of the Seminar:

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