

South Asia Workshop

The State of Sociology: Issues of Relevance and Rigour

February 23-25, 2005, Surajkund

Tentative Program

Feb. 22, 2005

Registration: 7.00-8.00 pm followed by Dinner

Feb. 23, 2005

8.30-9.00 am Registration

9.00 -9.30 Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop (President, Indian Sociological Society)

9.30 – 10.00 Opening Remarks by Chief Guest

10.00-10.30 Tea

Session 1

10.30am - 1.00pm

Theoretical models in sociological research in South Asia; scope for indigenous intervention

Chairperson: Prof. T.N. Madan (India)

Paper Presenters

1. Sasanka Perera (Sri Lanka)
2. Rowena Robinson (India)

Discussant: Rajni Palriwala (India)

Paper Presenters

3. Chaitanya Mishra (Nepal)
4. Satish Deshpande (India)

Discussant: Anupam Sen (Bangladesh)

1.00-2.00: Lunch

Session 2

2.00- 5.00pm

***Substantive problem areas of sociological research in South Asia;
neglected/priority areas of research***

Chairperson: Ram Bahadur Chhetri (Nepal)

Paper Presenters

1. Karma Ura (Bhutan)
2. Hetukar Jha (India)

Discussant: Monirul Islam Khan (Bangladesh)

3.30-4.00pm – Tea

Paper Presenters

3. Gulzar Shah (Pakistan)
4. Nunthara (India)

Discussant: N. Shanmugalingan (Sri Lanka)

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Session 3

9.00 am -1.00pm

Methodologies in sociological research in South Asia; scope for innovative research

Chairperson: Prof. P.N. Mukherji (India)

Paper Presenters

1. Haris Gazdar (Pakistan)
2. Roma Chatterjee (India)

Discussant: N. Jayaram (India)

10.30 -11.00 am - Tea

Paper Presenters

3. Pradeep Jeganathan (Sri Lanka)
4. Pradip Bose (India)

Discussant: J.P.S. Uberoi (India)

1.00-2.00 - Lunch

Session 4

2.00pm-5.30pm

Ideological orientations in sociological research: values and objectivity revisited

Chairperson: Inayatullah (Pakistan)

Paper Presenters

1. Darini Rajasingham (Sri Lanka)
2. Krishna Bhattachan (Nepal)

Discussant: S.M. Dahiwale (India)

3.00pm -3.30 pm - Tea

Paper Presenters

3. Mehbooba Nasreen (Bangladesh)
4. Vivek Kumar (India)

Discussant: Paramjit Judge (India)

7.00-8.00 pm Chairperson: Uttam Bhoite

Talk on Durban Congress by Tina Uys (South Africa)

“History of South African Sociology and the significance of the Durban Congress”

Feb. 25, 2005

Session 5

9.00 am – 1.00pm

Institutional Contexts and State Policy towards research and teaching

Chairperson: Rangalal Sen (Bangladesh)

Paper Presenters

1. Nadeem Omer Tarar (Pakistan)
2. Nasreen Fazalbhoy (India)

Discussant: Satish Saberwal (India)

(10.30 – 11.00 Tea)

Paper Presenters

3. Jani de Silva (Sri Lanka)
4. Ravinder Kaur (India)

Discussant: Arun Bali (India)

1.00-2.00pm Lunch

Session 6

2.00-4.00pm

Panel Discussion on “Peace, Conflict and Development: Sociological Perspectives”

Chairperson: T.K. Oommen (India)

Panelists: Siri Hettige (Sri Lanka), Santa Bahadur Gurung (Nepal), Sujata Patel (India), Muhammad Hafeez (Pakistan), Nazrul Islam (Bangladesh)

4.00-5.00pm Discussion on South Asia Sociology Association and other matters relating to publication and dissemination of workshop proceedings

5.00-5.30pm Summary of Proceedings and Vote of Thanks: J.J. Kattakayam (Secretary, Indian Sociological Society)

List of Participants in South Asia Workshop

February 23-25, 2005, Surajkund

Bangladesh

1. Prof. Anupam Sen (Chittagong University)
2. Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen (Dhaka University)
3. Prof. Nazrul Islam (Dhaka University)
4. Prof. Rangalal Sen (Ret. Prof. Dhaka University)
5. Prof. Monirul Islam Khan (Dhaka University)
6. Prof. A.I. Mahbub Uddin Ahmed (Dhaka University)

Bhutan

1. Karma Ura (Centre for Bhutan Studies)

India

1. Prof. T.N. Madan (Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi)
2. Prof. Partha Mukherji (Institute of Social Sciences, Delhi)
3. Prof. T.K. Oommen (Delhi)
4. Prof. Satish Saberwal (Retired Professor, JNU)
5. Prof. Sujata Patel (Pune University)
6. Prof. S.M. Dahiwale (Pune University)
7. Prof. J.J. Kattakayam (Kerala University)
8. Prof. Hetukar Jha (Patna University)
9. Prof. Nunthara (North Eastern Hill University)
10. Prof. Uttam Bhoite (Bharati Vidyapeeth Bhavan, Pune)
11. Prof. Satish Deshpande (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi)
12. Prof. Rajni Palriwala (Delhi University)
13. Dr. Roma Chatterji (Delhi University)
14. Dr. Vivek Kumar (JNU, Delhi)
15. Dr. Nasreen Fazalbhoy (University of Mumbai)
16. Dr. N. Jayaram (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai)
17. Dr. Rowena Robinson (Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay)
18. Dr. Paramjit Judge (Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar)
19. Dr. Ravinder Kaur (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi)
20. Dr. Pradip Bose (Centre for the Study of Social Sciences, Calcutta)
21. Dr. Arun Bali (Indian Council of Social Science Research, Delhi)
22. Prof. J.P.S. Uberoi (Delhi University)

Nepal

1. Prof. Chaitanya Mishra (Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu)
2. Prof. Krishna Bhattachan (Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu)
3. Prof. Ram Bahadur Chhetri (Tribhuvan University)
4. Prof. Santa Bahadur Gurung (Chairman, National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities, Kathmandu)

Pakistan

1. Prof. Inayatullah (Council of Social Sciences, Pakistan)
2. Prof. Muhammad Hafeez (University of Punjab, Lahore)
3. Dr. Gulzar Shah (Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore)
4. Dr. Nadeem Omer Tarar (National College of Arts, Lahore)
5. Mr. Haris Gazdar (Collective for Social Science Research, Karachi)

Sri Lanka

1. Prof. Siri Hettige (Colombo University)
2. Dr. Pradeep Jeganathan (International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Colombo)
3. Dr. Sasanka Perera (Colombo University)
4. Dr. Darini Rajasingham (Centre for Poverty Analysis, Colombo)
5. Dr. Jani de Silva (International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Colombo)
6. Prof. N. Shanmugalingan, (University of Jaffna)

NON-SOUTH ASIA PARTICIPANTS

1. Dr. Tina Uys, President of South African Sociological Association, Treasurer of organizing committee of Durban Congress, South Africa,
2. Prof. S. Lindberg (University of Lund, Sweden)

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