

IDEAS Periodical is the monthly newsletter series that bring you updates on the repertoire of research, news & activities undertaken by each IDEAS constellation and lists all the important 'Save the Date' announcements. Here, we share details of our published scholarly work while featuring In the News & In the Limelight sections for exhibiting the best of what IDEAS Fellows have to offer.

We have provided QR codes for an easy way to participate in our online events and discussions with the leading minds of the field. Click on the headings and texts to read more about our team's contributions in op-eds research articles, op-eds, media engagements, conferences, and of course, their upcoming projects! Visit our [website](#) for more information on our current and future work, and to engage with IDEAS.

Events Guide

April 2024



Symposium on History of Indian Economic Thought

13 April 2024, Saturday
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Online Event | No Registration Fee
Register here: <https://forms.gle/8eHm4Ygp1u1CUKA9>

About IDEAS
IDEAS serves as a university-wide incubator for interdisciplinary research and pedagogy across social sciences. Through sustained engagement with scholars interested in working beyond the narrow contours of their own disciplines, IDEAS facilitates collaborations across JGU Schools and Institutes to create a novel research ecosystem and thought architecture within each multidisciplinary research constellation.

About ISHET
ISHET is an educational society aimed at improving the study of the history of economic thought across India. It was established in 2023. Its objectives include providing training for HET teachers; facilitating workshops on the writing of HET papers; organising an annual research conference in HET, and; supporting initiatives encouraging teaching and research in HET.

Speakers

 Keynote Address Alex M. Thomas Azim Premji University	 Convener Sharmin Khodajji O. P. Jindal Global University
 Ruchira Sen O.P. Jindal Global University	 Maria Bach University of Lausanne
 Iman Mitra Shiv Nadar University	 Shahna Poothaniyil University of Hyderabad
 Ishan Anand Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	 Saket Moon Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

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10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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organized in collaboration with Indian Society for the History of Economic Thought (ISHET)

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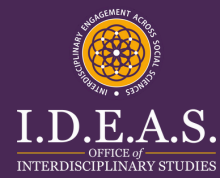
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10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Roundtable Discussion on Understanding Lok Sabha Elections 2024

Panel 1: How May India Vote?

(organized by Constellation 'Politics, Society & History')

Panelists:

Sravasti Dasgupta (The Wire)

Saptarshi Basak (The Quint)

Arun Kaushik (JGU)

Moderator:

Smita Sharma

(Independent Journalist & Visiting Faculty, Kautaliya School of Public Policy)



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

on

UNDERSTANDING LOK SABHA ELECTIONS 2024

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HOW MAY INDIA VOTE?

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PANELISTS



SRAVASTI DASGUPTA

Journalist, The Wire



SAPTARSHI BASAK

Reporter & Assistant Editor, The Quint



DR. ARUN KUMAR KAUSHIK

Professor of Economics, Jindal School of Humanities & Liberal Arts, O. P. Jindal Global University

MODERATOR



SMITA SHARMA

Independent Journalist
Visiting Faculty, Kautaliya School of Public Policy

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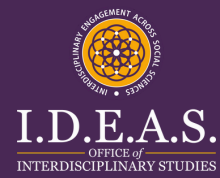
10:00 - 11:00 AM

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Panel 2: State of the Indian Economy

(organized by Constellation 'Understanding Indian Economy')

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Sujatha Rao (Former Union Secretary, MHFW, GoI)

Surajit Majumdar (CESP, JNU)

Santosh Mehrotra (CED, University of Bath)

Moderator:

Avanindra Nath Thakur

(Jindal School of Government and Public Policy)

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M. K. VENU

Founding Editor, The Wire



SUJATHA RAO

Former Union Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.



SURAJIT MAJUMDAR

Professor of Economics, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University



SANTOSH MEHROTRA

Research Fellow, IZA Institute of Labour Economics, Bonn, Germany; Visiting Professor, Centre for Economic Development, University of Bath, UK

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MODERATOR



AVANINDRA NATH THAKUR
Professor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy

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11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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20th April, 2024 (Saturday)

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Nazariya (*Critical Dialogue Series*)

This series of IDEAS events is a showcase of multidisciplinary perspectives as IDEAS Fellows have a conversation with experts from around the globe on key issues of the current world. The first conversation in this series is organized by Constellation 'Politics, Society & History'.



NAZARIYA

Critical Dialogue Series

Caste and Islam in South Asia: A Genealogy of Contemporary Debates



Dr. Julien Levesque
University of Zurich,
Post-doc Researcher at Centre
de Sciences Humaines, Delhi

in conversation with

Dr. Gagan Kumar
Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS
(Constellation Politics, Society & History)
Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School



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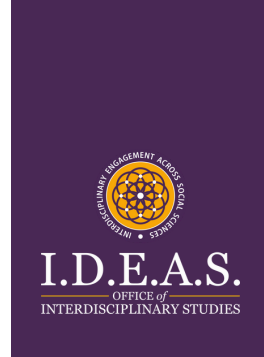
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Fellows in the News



Space is becoming a global geopolitical theatre

Gunjan Singh

How much time do Indian women spend on self care?

Ruchira Sen, T.S. Kavita Rajeshwari

India's Indian Ocean Quagmire: The Growing Warmth Between China and the Maldives

Gunjan Singh



India's suboptimal use of its labour power

Maitreesh Ghatak, Mrinalini Jha

The economy continues to engage a majority in low quality work, which has larger macroeconomic growth repercussions. A vast majority of Indians earn the entirety of their incomes through labour as opposed to ownership of capital or land. Further, about 90% of the working Indian population earns its livelihood through informal employment that is characterised by little or no job security, no employment benefits, no social protection, and lower earnings. The informally employed are primarily concentrated among casual labourers and the self-employed, but exist even in some segments of those who are classified as regular wage or salaried workers.

Beijing is aware of the bumpy ride ahead

Gunjan Singh

तैवानशी वाढत्या जवळिकीने भारताला काय मिळेल?

Gunjan Singh

Podcast: China's Space Programme (Takshashila Institution)

Gunjan Singh

Fellows in the Limelight



IDEAS Research Fellow, **Dr. Ruchira Sen**, Associate Professor at Jindal School of Journalism and Communications presented her work on self care (co-authored with T.S. Kavita Rajeshwari) at the **Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford** during the **'Gender in an Age of Global Care Crisis' conference** (21-22 March 2024) organized by the **Hub on Global Experiences of Gender in an Age of Care Crises and Transformation**.

IDEAS at the 64th Indian School of Labour Economics (ISLE) Annual Conference, University of Hyderabad



IDEAS Senior Research Fellow, **Dr. Avanindra Thakur**, Professor at Jindal School of Government & Public Policy presented two papers "The Interplay of Output, Employment and COVID-19 in India: A Gendered Perspective" (coauthored with IDEAS JRF Priyanshi Choudhary) and "Does Mother's Education Matter for Childcare? Comparative Study of Nuclear and Multigenerational Households in India" (co-authored with Dr. Indrani Sengupta, SNU and T.S. Kavita Rajeshwari). IDEAS Research Fellow and Assistant Director, **Dr. Mrinalini Jha**, was a part of a panel organised by SOAS, University of London titled "Labour market dynamics: Employment Transitions, Life Cycle Effects, and Skill Premia".



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Fresh off the Press

Book review: Erich Schwartzel, *Red Carpet: Hollywood, China and the Global Battle for Cultural Supremacy*

Gunjan Singh

Erich Schwartzel's book is a detailed analysis of the evolution of Hollywood's relations with China. Hollywood wanted the money, while China wanted to get its hands on the technology and the capacity for storytelling and for learning how to package propaganda as not bland and boring (p37). The lure of the profits to be made from China has been too potent for Hollywood to ignore.

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1st Edition

Development with Justice The Bihar Experience

Edited By Sankar Kumar Bhaumik

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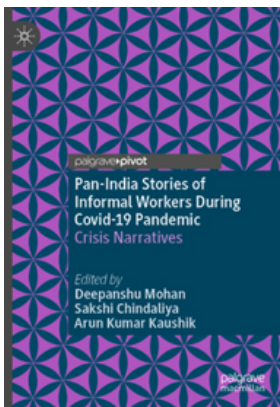
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17. Access to Institutional Credit and Socio-economic Inequality: Implications for Social Justice in Rural Bihar

Avanindra Nath Thakur

Avanindra Thakur, focuses on exploring access to institutional credit as one of the main economic parameters for the analysis of the existence and perpetuation of social injustice, particularly in the agriculture domain in Bihar. Addressing inequality through an economic lens, he argue in favour of higher provision of institutional credit in the agriculture sector focused on targeted groups and also suggest strengthening decentralised credit delivery mechanisms in order to make institutional credit more accessible for farmers in Bihar.

Forthcoming Book Publications



Pan-India Stories of Informal Workers During Covid-19 Pandemic: Crisis Narratives

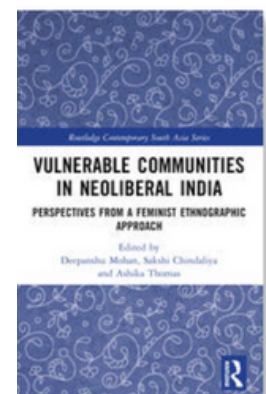
Edited by Deepanshu Mohan, Sakshi Chindaliya, Arun Kumar Kaushik

This book delves into the application of feminist ethnography by engaging with the lived experiences of vulnerable workers, factory workers, artisans, small scale entertainment providers and others, who occupy India's informal workforce across its deeply stratified labour-market landscape. Set up in a post pandemic context, the book studies and critically reflects on the vulnerable state of India's workforce, capturing the daily emergencies, livelihood of marginalized communities.

Vulnerable Communities in Neoliberal India Perspectives from a Feminist Ethnographic Approach

Edited by Deepanshu Mohan, Sakshi Chindaliya, Ashika Thomas

This book offer an ethnographic critique of modern, neoliberal India from the perspective of studying the daily lives-livelihoods of marginalised, unsecured, informal vulnerable communities residing in the urban, peri-urban spaces across the nation, including case studies from : pastoralists, fisher-folk, and handicraft workers of Kashmir, weavers of Kutch, and the factory workers and artisans of the Delhi capital.





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Work in Progress

Ongoing projects and working papers

Delhi Evictions: Reshaping Space, Displacing Lives



Namesh Killemssetty

This study explores the complex interplay between urban development, forced displacement, and global economic forces driving these. This analysis will map demographic shifts in Delhi areas most affected. By engaging with communities displaced or facing imminent eviction, the project aims to capture their narratives and understand the long-term repercussions of evictions on their lives. This study will shed light on the spatial dimensions of urban inequality in Delhi, revealing how evictions not only displace people but also reshape the city's social and economic landscape.

Sidestepping Aarogya Setu: Exploring Non-Adoption in India's Covid-19 Tech Landscape



Vidya Subramanian

This project intends to investigate how digital interventions for health play out in an urban space, by studying the nature of non-adoption of Aarogya Setu. As the Covid-19 pandemic raged on in India, and the use of the app became mandatory in several settings (air travel, entry into some offices, etc), several people did not use the app for reasons of privacy and quality of the app, several others did not use or have cellphones and therefore could not use the app, and yet others simply did not need to use it. The use of this app in a tightly controlled situation such as the Covid-19 lockdown can provide useful insights into the public attitudes in India to the politics of technologies.

Claiming Care, Claiming Equality



Preethi Krishnan

This project examines the Anganwadi as a social reproduction site where inequalities of gender, caste, and class are both reinforced and challenged. The project addresses the question: How does gender, caste and class structures influence how women claim entitlements of care from the state? Ethnographic fieldwork for this project was conducted in Anganwadis in Tamil Nadu. Primary data for this study includes (1) ethnographic notes and observations at the Anganwadis, official meetings, and rallies (2) semi-structured interviews with Anganwadi workers, mothers, Anganwadi union leaders, and state representatives. (3) archival data, including policy documents, training manuals, newsletters, government orders, and documents from the Anganwadi workers union.



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Policing Women's Opinions on Social Justice



Poulomi Bhadra

This project explores cyber harassment as a phenomenon at the intersection of (perceived) age, gender, religious, cultural and political identities. The study will be conducted on social media influencers and public figures, activists/advocacy leaders in the digital space who opine on issues of social justice in India. The primary focus of the project will be to study the online experience of women (she/her) SM users particularly to understand the impact on victimization on female victims. (degree of risk perception, access to justice, job opportunities, higher education etc., impact on awareness and usage of legal recourse, attitude and behaviour changes).

Labour Market Inequalities: Undercurrents beneath the Overall Trends



Mrinalini Jha

As part of the project, we are trying to unpack the broad trends in the Indian labour market at the all-India level. Even as the overall, all-India levels and trends are important in themselves, the numbers often tend to hide more than they reveal. We focus on different dimensions of household and individual identities to gauge the long-term patterns emerging over time - both in employment and earnings, to elicit data that will help us understand the current labour dynamics.

Colonial Penal Regime and Surveillance of Women's Sexuality



Gagan Kumar

In the year 2018, the Supreme Court of India struck down section 497 of the Indian Penal Code which punished adulterous men for having intercourse with another man's wife. This remarkable judgment shed light on some of the early debates on the formulation of laws on adultery in colonial India and their continuation in the modern period. However, this document doesn't tell us anything about how the laws on adultery were practiced in the frontier regions of India. The project will attempt to show how the colonial discourse on questions of adultery and elopement was different in the northwest frontier region of India from the so-called mainland region. Notably, in Punjab, Sindh, and Baluchistan where Frontier Crimes Regulations were imposed by the British to govern the 'ungovernable', women were considered partners in crime and thus punished for adultery. This paper will examine why this was the case.

Meet our Partners



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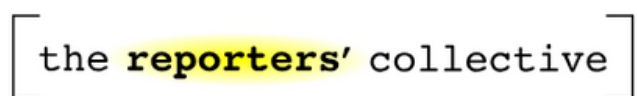
Navjyoti aims to develop the underprivileged segments of the society affected by crimes by gradually transcending them to an environment that is encouraging. They work towards facilitating each child and citizen with access to quality education, facilitate equal rights and dignity of all segments with an endeavour to make them employable. NIF fosters scientific programs and policies as platforms for enabling better health and nutrition to communities and aid communities to adopt better standards and envision a better life for the future generations.



Youth for Social Development (YSD) is a development organisation working with the duty bearers and rights holders to enhance the quality of life for both urban and rural underprivileged populations in the state of Odisha, India. YSD India prioritizes the well-being of resource-poor and marginalised communities, with a special emphasis on Dalit and Adivasi populations, as well as children, youth, and women, who form the cornerstone of our initiatives. Working together to avail basic services, empowering the communities on the margin and nudging the local governments and elected representatives – through research, advocacy and training – constitute the core of their approach.



Ideosync Media works towards integrating icommunication methodologies into development and social change programs, and to equip communities and NGOs with techniques and technology to support communities with access to information and communication skills & tools. They also work on developing communication strategies, training development workers and informing media policy to support multi-sectoral developmental initiatives by government agencies, NGOs, bilateral aid agencies and UN agencies.



The Reporters' Collective collaboratively produces investigative journalism in many languages and mediums. RC aims to report truthfully and bring out facts that the powerful prefer to keep hidden from citizens. Primarily their objective is to report on stories that put the spotlight on those in power and to shed light on how India's political economy and governance functions. The Reporters' Collective work closely with other news organisations to produce their work in different mediums and in multiple languages.

Welcome to the Team

Junior Research Fellows

IDEAS in collaboration with the Office of Doctoral Studies has nominated the following PhD scholars as Junior Research Fellows to join the ongoing research at our Constellations.

1. Tushar Sharma (JGLS)
2. Simanta Ghosh (JSBF)
3. Priyanshi Choudhary (JSGP)
4. Seerat Arora (JSIA)
5. Nikita Vats (JSIA)
6. Aarash Pirzada (JSIA)
7. Mohit Vasisth (JSIA)
8. Simran (JIBS)
9. Shalika Rajesh (JGBS)

Member Associates



IDEAS is keen on providing a platform to foster interdisciplinary collaborations between IDEAS Fellows and the diverse range of experience and expertise available within our faculty body at JGU. We are honoured to announce that the following faculty have joined us as Member Associates to collaborate on various projects of mutual interests.

MEMBER ASSOCIATES at IDEAS

Experimental Research Design and Pedagogy (Methods Lab)

Dr. A. Sadananda Reddy, Assistant Professor, Jindal School of Psychology & Counselling
Dr. Soumya T. Verghese, Assistant Professor, Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences
Dr. Ashish Aman Sinha, Assistant Professor, Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences

Justice, Urban Systems and Technology

Dr. Angel Selvaraj, Assistant Professor, Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences
Dr. Shambhavi Agarwal, Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School
Dr. Soumya T. Verghese, Assistant Professor, Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences
Mohammed Aquil, Lecturer, Jindal Global Law School

Politics, History and Society

Dr. Samiparna Samanta, Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School
Dr. Srabani Chakraborty, Centre For Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Understanding Indian Economy

Dr. Kranti Nanduri, Assistant Professor, Jindal School of Banking & Finance

Transitional Spaces, Culture and Media Studies

Dr. Smriti Singh, Assistant Professor, IIIT-Delhi
Suprita Acharya, Lecturer, Jindal Global Law School