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June'25 NEWSLETTER

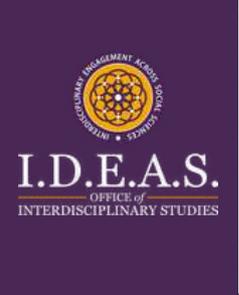
**I.D.E.A.S. Periodical** is a monthly newsletter that brings you the latest updates on research, news, and activities from across the I.D.E.A.S. constellations. It also features important ‘What’s Next: Mark Your Calendar!’ announcements for upcoming events. Our sections, “In Print: Voices of Our Scholars” showcase recently published scholarly work, highlighting the impactful contributions of our I.D.E.A.S. Fellows.

Here you will also find our team's contributions in knowledge generation endeavours such as op-eds, media engagements, conferences, and also learn more about their upcoming projects!

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# Welcoming New Members



## New International Members in I.D.E.A.S. Advisory Council



**Prof. Imre Bangha**

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Associate Professor of Hindi, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Wolfson College, University of Oxford

**Dr. Eric Schneider**

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Professor, Economic History Department, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)



**Dr. Tirthankar Roy**

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Professor, Economic History, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)



**Dr. Laura Montenegro Helfer**

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Postdoctoral Visiting Fellow at the Department of Economic History (2024-2026)  
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)





## **Dr. Sophia Price**

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Professor, Head of the School of Social Sciences, Birkbeck, University of London

## **Prof. Andrew Seltzer**

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Professor of Economics and Economic History at Royal Holloway, University of London.



## **Dr. Joshua Ramisch**

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Director & Full Professor, School of International Development & Global Studies at University of Ottawa, Canada

## **Dr. Yiagadeesen Samy**

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NPSIA Director and Professor of International Affairs, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada



## **Dr. Christopher Worswick**

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Department Chair, Full Professor, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada





Presented research paper on **“Folk Music, Commons, and Digital Spaces in India”** in a session on **Creative Labour**, and coordinated a session on **Gendered Labour in India** in the 4th Labour Transfer Summer School in Sardinia, Italy (8–13 June 2025)

Presented a co-authored paper titled **“India’s Road to a Green Transition: Challenges and Social Consequences”** at the 33rd GERPISA Annual Colloquium on the Transformation of the Automotive Industry, held at Tongji University, Shanghai (24–27 June 2025).

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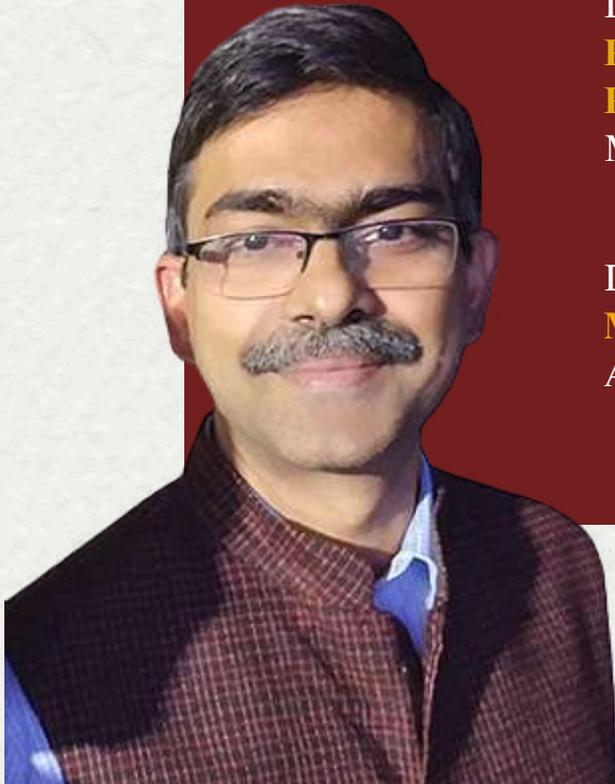
<https://www.gerpisa.org/node/8309>

## Dr. Nayanjyoti

Assistant Director and Lecturer,  
I.D.E.A.S.

### Glimpses from the Event





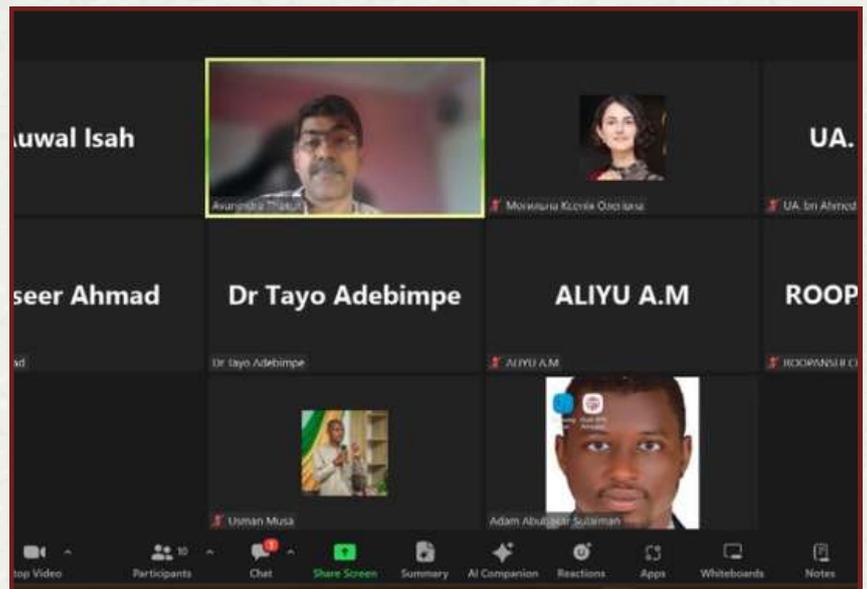
Delivered an invited online lecture on **"A Practical Approach to Linear Models with R Programming"** at the Joint Program for Virtual Mobility Econometrics, Kyiv, Ukraine.

Delivered a talk on **"Quantitative Research Methods"** in a workshop organized by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar College, University of Delhi.

## Dr. Avanindra Nath Thakur

Senior Research Fellow, I.D.E.A.S. &  
Professor, Jindal School of Government &  
Public Policy

### Glimpses from the Event





Attended a Workshop on **“Hostility by Design”**, hosted by Professor Sally Wyatt at Maastricht University between 11-13 June, 2025.

## **Dr. Vidya Subramanian**

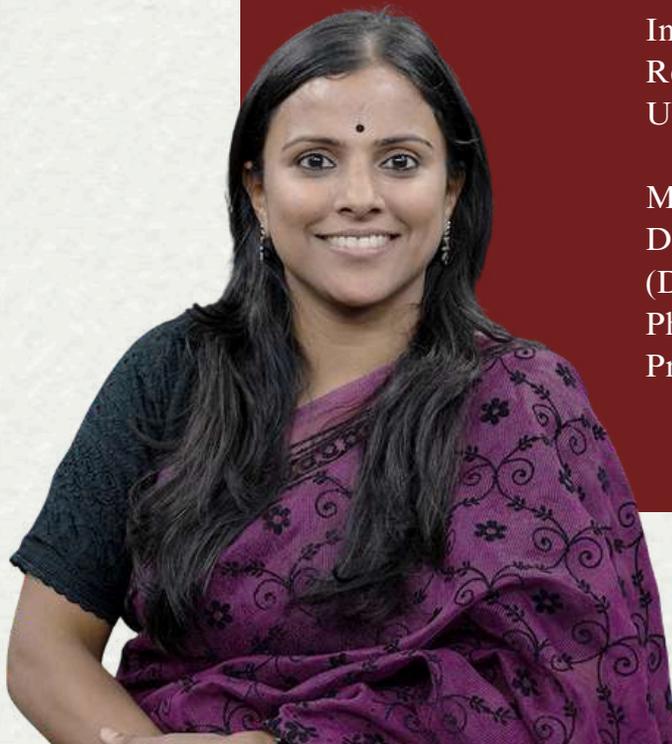
Constellation Co-Lead & Senior Research Fellow, I.D.E.A.S. & Associate Professor Jindal Global Law School

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Presented a paper titled "**Leaping forward: An Empirical Study of Youth Mobility in an Urban Resettled Community in Delhi**" at the Development Studies Association (DSA) Conference on Navigating Crisis: Dangers and Opportunities in Development, held in a hybrid format at the University of Bath from 25-27 June 2025.

Invited to present research at Warwick Interdisciplinary Research Centre for International Development (WICID), University of Warwick, United Kingdom

Met with Prof. (Dr.) Emily F. Henderson, Director of Doctoral Education and Academia Research Centre (DEAR), University of Warwick, who reviewed GAP's Phase 1 draft report and advised on next steps for Phase 2. Prof. Manika Bora also joined the meeting online.

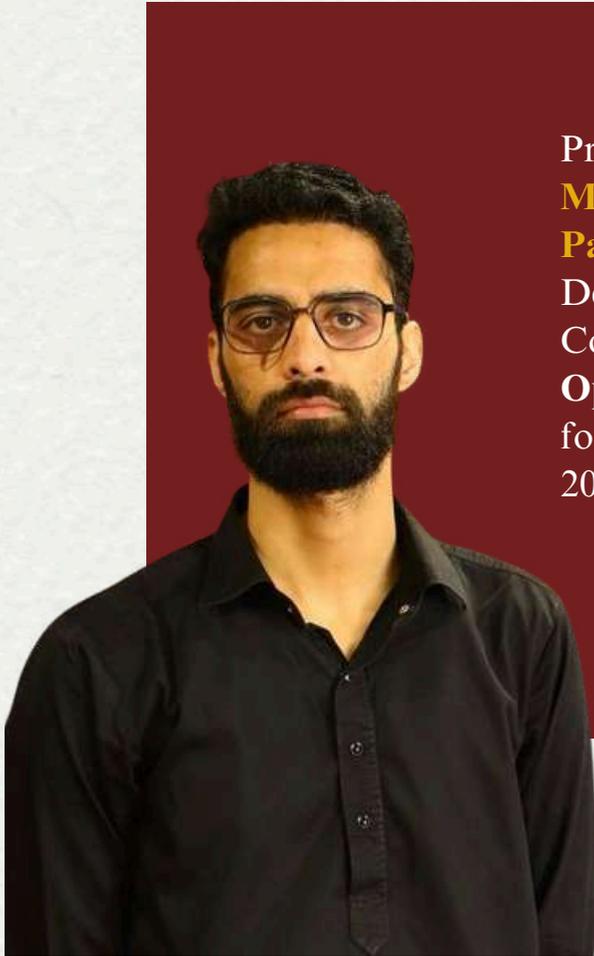


## Dr. Divya Gupta

Senior Research Fellow I.D.E.A.S. and  
Assistant Professor JGLS

### Glimpses from the Event



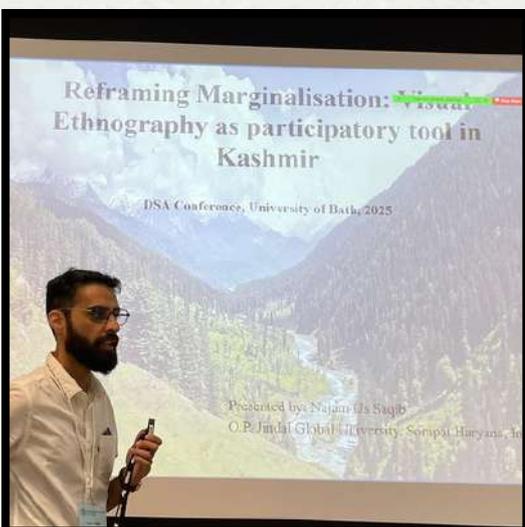


Presented a paper titled **“Reframing Marginalization: Visual Ethnography as a Participatory Tool in Kashmir”** at the Development Studies Association (DSA) Conference on **Navigating Crisis: Dangers and Opportunities in Development**, held in a hybrid format at the University of Bath from 25-27 June 2025.

## Najam Us Saqib

Senior Research Analyst, CNES and I.D.E.A.S. member

### Glimpses from the Event





A interview with DW\_(Deutsche Welle) on the troubling state of academic freedom in India on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.

Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdoBHNgEAi4>

Meet & Connect: Indian Student & Researchers in London from 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

## Prof Deepanshu Mohan

Dean, IDEAS Office of Interdisciplinary Studies,  
Director for Centre for New Economics Studies,  
Senior Research Fellow, IIHED  
Professor of Economics, Jindal School of Liberal Arts & Humanities

### Glimpses from the Event



**Meet & Connect:**  
**Indian Students & Researchers in London**

**An Interactive Meet-Up with**  
**Prof. Deepanshu Mohan**  
Professor of Economics and Dean, Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (IDEAS)  
Director, Centre for New Economics Studies  
Senior Research Fellow, International Institute for Higher Education Research  
O.P. Jindal Global University

Visiting Fellow (2025), Department of Economic History  
London School of Economic and Political Science (LSE)  
Houghton Street, London, WC2A 2AE, United Kingdom

This is an Opportunity to:

- Learn about the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (IDEAS) at O.P. Jindal Global University
- Explore research collaborations with IDEAS
- Share your academic interests and ideas
- Build valuable academic and professional networks

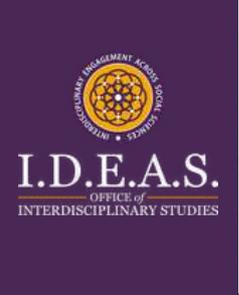

 LSE Marshall Building (Ground Floor)
 

- 9th June – 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- 10th June – 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- 11th June – 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

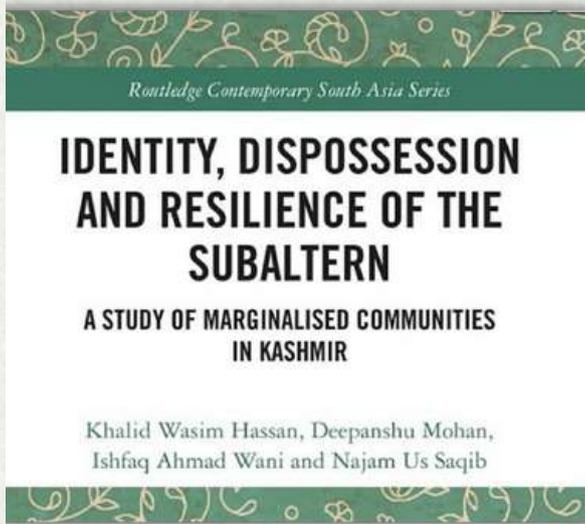
 Registration here 



# In Print: Voices of Our Scholars



## In the Publication



### Identity, Dispossession and Resilience of the Subaltern

*This book examines the processes of marginality and 'othering' which the subaltern groups in Kashmir face due to their attribution to a particular social caste, ethnicity, language or status of their citizenship.*

Co-authored by Our Dean, Prof. Deepanshu Mohan, Dr. Khalid Wasim, a scholar based in Central University of Kashmir along with two Phd students, Ishfaq Wani and Najam Us Saqib (I.D.E.A.S. member).

**Taylor & Francis, Routledge |  
New York and London, 2025**

### Employment Conditions, Structural Change, and Industrial Policy in Neoliberal India: An Enterprise-level Analysis of Employment Status, 2004–2024

*The authors analyze how India's economic reforms over two decades (2004–2024) have impacted employment patterns.*

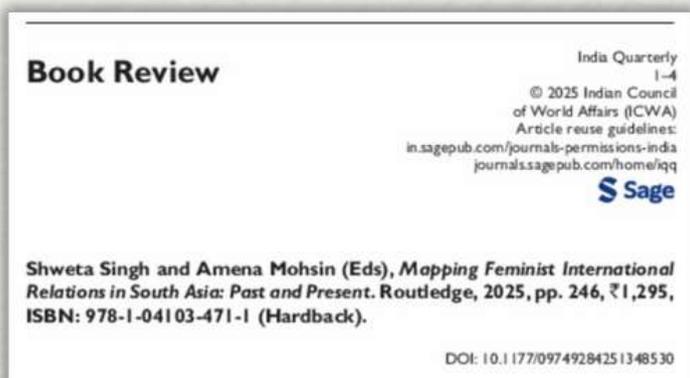
Co-authored by Dr. Avanindra Nath Thakur, Senior Research Fellow, I.D.E.A.S. & Professor, Jindal School of Government & Public Policy and Priyanshi Chaudhary

**Sage Journals | 08th June, 2025**

### Shweta Singh and Amena Mohsin (Eds), Mapping Feminist International Relations in South Asia: Past and Present

Book review by Ambreen Agha, Senior Research Fellow & Constellation Lead, I.D.E.A.S. & Associate Professor, Jindal School of International Affairs

**Sage Journals | 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2025**



# In the News



## Iran remembers: Intruders can't be liberators

*The article argues that military incursions often expand the ambitions of the victor rather than liberate the oppressed. It draws on historical lessons to caution against the misconception that military force can achieve genuine liberation*

Written by our Dean, Deepanshu Mohan and Najam Us Saqib, IDEAS member and senior research analyst, CNES

Deccan Herald, | 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2025



## What is behind the recent rise in women's workforce participation?

*This article delves into the reasons behind the rise in women's participation in workforce.*

Co-authored by Dr. Avanindra Nath Thakur, Senior Research Fellow, I.D.E.A.S. & Professor, Jindal School of Government & Public Policy and Priyanshi Chaudhary

Ideas for India | 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2025



## Internet was a city waiting to be explored. Now it's a prison cell

*This article reflects on how the internet has evolved from a dynamic, exploratory space—likened to a “city waiting to be explored”—into a restrictive environment that feels more like a “prison cell.”*

Dr. Vidya Subramanian, Constellation Co-Lead & Senior Research Fellow, I.D.E.A.S. & Associate Professor Jindal Global Law School

Deccan Herald | 21 June, 2025

# In the News

**Opinion**  
**വീട്ടുജോലിക്കാർക്കുമുണ്ട് അവകാശങ്ങൾ; ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുത്തലായി ഒരു ഗാർഹികത്തൊഴിലാളി ദിനം**



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Published on: 16 Jun 2025, 11:33 am

## Domestic workers also have rights; a reminder of a Domestic Workers' Day.

*The article highlights the urgent need for a national law to protect domestic workers' rights in India, ensuring fair wages, safety, and legal recognition of their labor.*

Dr. Gayatri Balu, Assistant Professor & Assistant Director, I.D.E.A.S.

The Cue | 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

**India's Worsening Gender Gap is Not Just a Statistical Concern, It's a Structural Crisis**

 Aditi Desai, Anania Singhal and Deepanshu Mohan  
26/06/2025 • 5 min read

India's performance across the four dimensions of the GGG Index economic participation: educational attainment, health and survival, and political empowerment, tell a story of stalled momentum.



## India's Worsening Gender Gap is Not Just a Statistical Concern, It's a Structural Crisis

*It argues that this disparity isn't merely a statistical issue but a deep-rooted structural crisis, defined by cultural norms, safety concerns, systemic barriers, and economic and political marginalization.*

Written by Team Swabhimaan of Centre for New Economics Studies including our Dean, Deepanshu Mohan

The Mint | 09 June, 2025

**Why Indian Rivers Should Be Granted the Rights They Deserve**

 Deepanshu Mohan  
23/06/2025 • 5 min read

In the courtroom, the general reverence towards rivers has not translated into responsibility. For Indian rivers today, personhood is poetry – but not yet law.



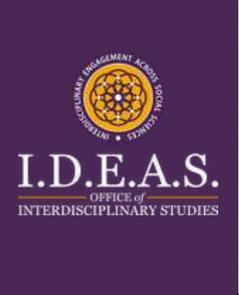
## Why Indian Rivers Should Be Granted the Rights They Deserve

*It emphasizes that recognizing rights for rivers isn't anthropomorphism but a step toward decolonizing our relationship with nature and addressing ecological crises beyond merely engineering fixes*

Written by our Dean Deepanshu Mohan with contribution from Geetaali Malhotra

The Wire | 23rd June, 2025

# 4. Events Recap



## Webinar | Translating Knowledge: Writing Beyond the Academy

**O.P. JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY**  
**I.D.E.A.S. OFFICE of INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**  
**DOING SOCIOLOGY**

### TRANSLATING KNOWLEDGE: WRITING BEYOND THE ACADEMY

Academic Blogging in India - Lessons from Doing Sociology

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Rituparna Patgiri**  
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati
- Dr. Deepali Aparajita Dungdung**  
Assistant Professor, University Department of Sociology, Ranchi University

27th June 2025 3 PM - 4 PM  
Register Now - Scan the QR Code

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As part of the MSc Development Practice programme, I.D.E.A.S. hosted a webinar on June 27, 2025 in collaboration with Doing Sociology, focusing on academic communication and writing for wider audiences. Our speakers were:

**Dr. Rituparna Patgiri**  
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati.

**Dr. Deepali Aparajita Dungdung**  
Assistant Professor, University Department of Sociology, Ranchi University. make it short description to put in newsletter

The talk explores the ongoing crisis in higher education, particularly within the social sciences, driven by global funding cuts. There has been a concerted effort to transform education from a public good into a capitalist commodity.

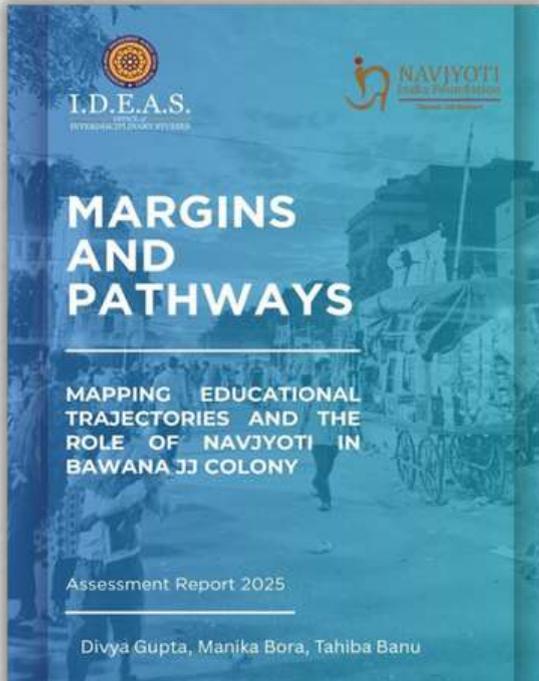
These challenges have necessitated innovation in pedagogy and the search for alternative approaches that can uphold academic freedom and critical thought. In this context, the digital space has emerged as a vital tool. Doing Sociology is one such pedagogical experiment—it offers a platform for young scholars to read, write, and engage critically. Through blogs and other online formats, it aims to make knowledge more accessible and inclusive.

Webinar Link -

[https://youtu.be/RzroScS6a0g?si=f\\_0G-2C4rpVztnNI](https://youtu.be/RzroScS6a0g?si=f_0G-2C4rpVztnNI)

# 5. Mission in Motion: Stories from Field

On 17th June 2025, the Grassroots Action Program (GAP) team launched their latest assessment report titled **“Margins and Pathways: Mapping Educational Trajectories and the Role of Navjyoti in Bawana JJ Colony.”**



In the presence of Navjyoti Foundation team members and beneficiaries, the GAP researchers — Dr. Manika Bora (Co-Lead, Grassroots Action Program & Research Fellow, I.D.E.A.S. & Assistant Professor, JGLS), Dr. Divya Gupta (Senior Research Fellow & Co-Lead at Grassroot Action Program, I.D.E.A.S. & Associate Professor JGLS), and Tahiba Banu (Lecturer, I.D.E.A.S.) — presented their findings and facilitated a thought-provoking interactive dialogue. The discussion was not just data-driven, but also deeply personal, as it included voices from the ground — the children and families whose lives are touched by the programs.



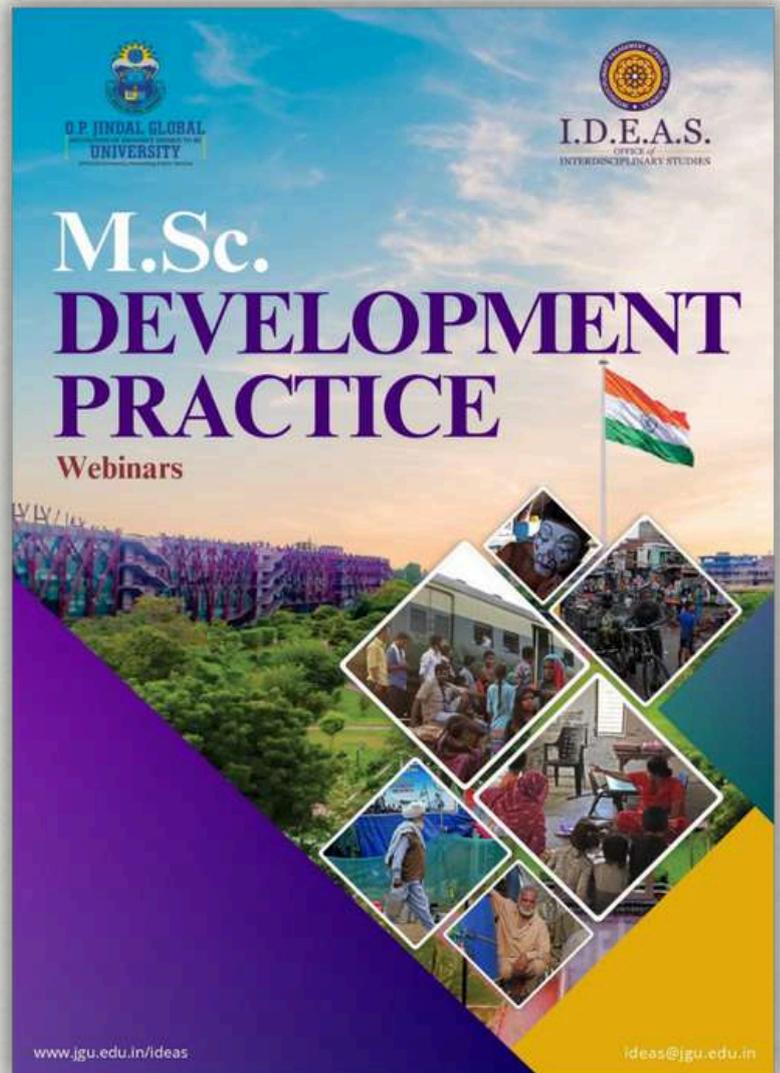
# 6. Programme Announcement

## Admissions Open 2025

We are excited to announce that our **M.Sc. in Development Practice** is a flagship program set to commence in the month of August 2025.

This programme is designed to critically engage with the complex and interlinked challenges facing the Global South, such as jobless growth, climate crises, and social inequality. The program emphasizes theoretical rigor, transdisciplinary inquiry, and intensive field engagement to prepare students for impactful careers in development research and practice.

Recently, we also launched the latest edition of M.Sc. Development Practice Webinar Newsletter



PDF Link -

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Visit our Official Website

<https://jgu.edu.in/ideas/admissions/msc-in-development-practice>

## **M.Sc. in Development Studies** Starting December 2025

The **M.Sc. in Development Studies** is a fully online, rigorous one-year programme designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and tools to address complex development challenges in a fast-evolving global context. The programme combines theoretical knowledge, applied research methods, and practical skills through a flexible and accessible online format, ideal for working professionals and recent graduates.

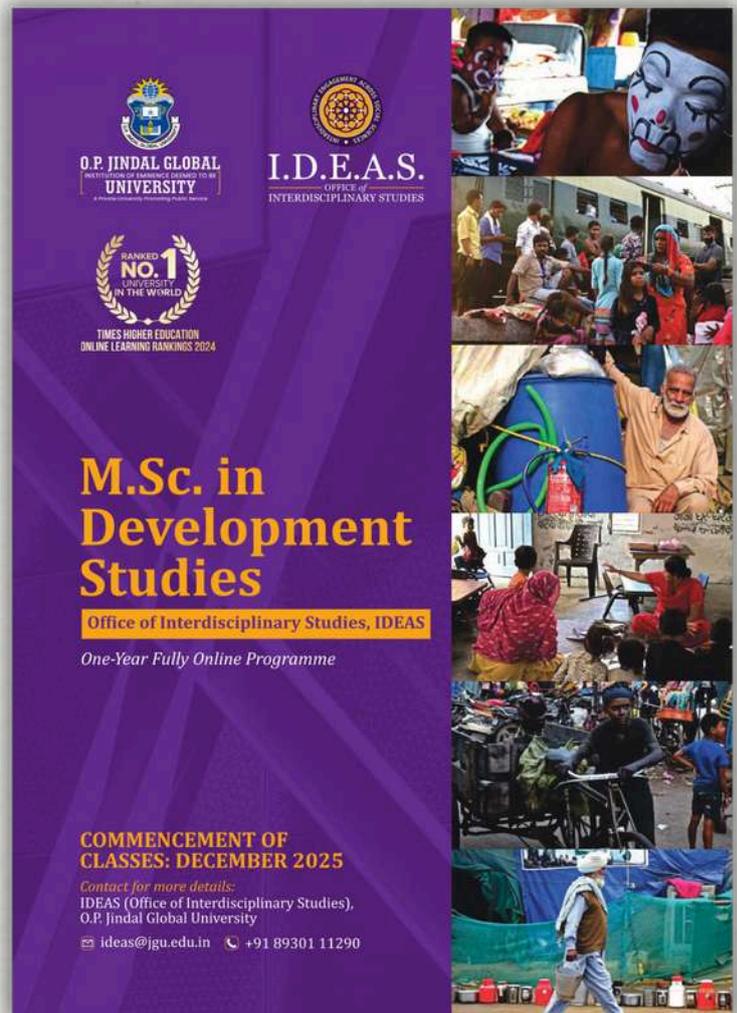
The online structure facilitates global participation, transcending geographical boundaries and offering a diverse, collaborative learning experience. The virtual classroom provides opportunities for interaction with renowned faculty, peers, and practitioners worldwide. The classes include recorded and some live sessions.

PDF Link -

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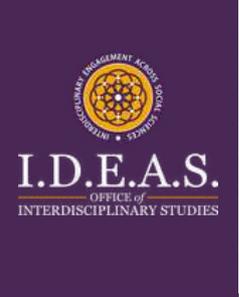
<https://jgu.edu.in/ideas/admissions/m-sc-in-development-studies>



The poster features a purple background with a collage of images on the right side showing various development-related activities: a person with a white mask, a group of people in a community setting, a man in a blue shirt, a woman in a red sari, and a person in a wheelchair. The text on the poster includes:

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# 7. What's Next: Mark Your Calendar!



## Online Workshop

# "Making Sense of the Economy: Demystifying Macroeconomic Data"

July 12, 2025. Ideasx workshop

This workshop is designed to help participants know and understand key macroeconomic indicators—such as GDP, inflation, employment, fiscal balances, and external sector metrics—and make sense of this data. It will also help the participants know the sources of the data and how they influence economic policy, business decisions, and everyday conversations about the economy.

Whether you are a student of economics, a researcher, a policymaker, or a curious observer, this workshop will equip you with the tools to critically read, interpret, and question economic data as it appears in the media, budgets, or research

### Our Instructors:

- Dr. Abhisek Sur, Associate Professor, JGLS
- Richa Singh, Doctoral Fellow, IIM Ranchi

### Session Timings:

- Session 1: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Session 2: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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conducted by

**Dr. Abhisek Sur**  
Associate Professor, JGU

**Ms. Richa Singh**  
Doctoral Fellow, IIM Ranchi

[Click here for details](#)  
**12th July, 2025**  
Session 1 : 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Session 2 : 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

To register, please visit:

<https://www.ideasx.in/courses/Making-Sense-of-the-Economy-Demystifying-Macroeconomic-Data-6846d08aa3843d12dcdf0d5>

## Two day Workshop

# “Researching the Contemporary: A Methods-Lab for Early Career Scholars”

13-14 October, 2025

This workshop will foster dialogue among participants around methodological challenges in social science and humanities research. Through peer learning, thematic panels, and feedback sessions, the workshop focuses on the “how” of research—fieldwork, archives, texts, memory, and encounters—rather than just the “what.”

### Important Dates:

Extended Abstract Deadline: 15 July 2025

Selection Notification: 30 July 2025

Full Paper Submission: 20 September 2025

### Organized by:

Moulding Methods at I.D.E.A.S.,  
Jindal Global University  
In collaboration with UNESCO  
Chair in Vulnerability Studies,  
Hyderabad University



**Call for Abstracts**

**Researching the Contemporary  
A Methods-Lab for Early Career Scholars**

**13-14 October 2025**  
O.P Jindal Global University, Sonapat

This two-day workshop in the form of a 'Methods Lab' invites PhD students, independent researchers, and young faculty for an exchange to reflect on their methodological journeys and dilemmas and centers attention on the process of research—the field, the literary text, the encounter, the archive, the method, the memory and the uncertain. We aim to create a peer-learning space where researchers share not just 'what they found', but also 'how they found it', and what transitions occur during the same, reflecting back on their research findings. It will feature thematic panels, peer feedback discussions, plenaries with senior researchers reflecting on methodological questions.

**Who can apply?**  
We invite abstracts from a range of social sciences/humanities disciplines - including but not limited to, anthropology, sociology, psychology, political science, economics, literary studies, and history - which reflect on their methodological challenges. We especially encourage submissions from scholars from marginalized backgrounds.

**Apply By:**  
Extended deadline for submission of abstracts: **15 July 2025**.  
Selected participants will be informed by **30 July 2025**.  
Date of submission of full papers: **20 September, 2025**.  
*\*No registration fees will be charged. Participants from outside Delhi will have to arrange their own travel.*

**Themes**

- Understanding Climate and the Sustainable Development Goals
- Labour, Migration, Care and Social Reproduction
- Social Exclusion and Vulnerability: Knowledge at the Margins

**Submission Guidelines**

\*We invite **Abstracts of 300-350 words**, that align with the three thematics, focusing on:

- A **methodological question, challenge or innovation encountered in your research**
- **The context of the research (discipline, theme, site, object)**
- A **brief reflection on how it shaped your knowledge practices and impinged on your object of research**

\***Submissions should include:** Title of the presentation, 5 keywords; Full name, institutional affiliation (if any), and email address.

\*Please send your abstract in .doc/.docx or PDF format with the subject line: **'Abstract Submission - Moulding Methods Workshop'**, to the faculty coordinators:  
Dr Bhavneet Kaur, Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School: [bkaur@jgu.edu.in](mailto:bkaur@jgu.edu.in)  
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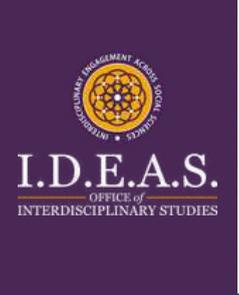
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### Submit to:

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