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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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1. Welcoming New Members in I.D.E.A.S. Advisory Council



Dr. Mayurakshi Chaudhuri

Associate Professor, FLAME University

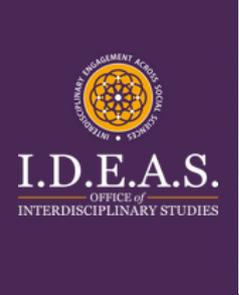
Dr. Mayurakshi Chaudhuri is Associate Professor of Sociology and Digital Humanities, FLAME School of Liberal Education at FLAME University, Pune. Prof. Chaudhuri's research areas include Migrations and Mobilities, Gender Studies, Historical Sociology, Technology and Society, Digital Humanities, and Qualitative Research Methods. Prof. Chaudhuri is the recipient of international and national fellowships including a Indo-Swiss Grant jointly funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), a GESIS-EUROLAB Fellowship from the Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (GESIS, Germany), a German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Fellowship, and the Government of India National Merit Scholarship. Her research has been published significantly with top tier journals such as *Sex Roles* (Springer), *Transfers* (Berghahn Books, Oxford), and *Applied Mobilities* (Taylor and Francis). She has completed two online teaching projects as part of the Government of India's Ministry of Human Resource Development's Direct To Home initiative (DTH Channel 16: NPTEL: Humanities, Social Sciences, and Management): (1) *Gender & Society* (2018-2019), and (2) *Images, Imaginations and Cultures* (2023). Her recent research projects focus on emerging areas of technology and mobility, digital healthcare, and images in digital cultures.

Prof. Chaudhuri is the founding faculty of Digital Humanities programs (M.Sc. and Ph.D) at IIT Jodhpur and currently serves as a member of the Board of Studies in Digital Humanities for Savitribai Phule Pune University, India.

For more details, please visit: <https://sites.google.com/flame.edu.in/mayurakshi-chaudhuri/home>.

She has authored articles on education and sustainable development that have been published in international journals and publications and has presented papers at prestigious international conferences like the biennial International Conference on Education and Development, UK, and the Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) annual conferences. She is also member of the **HDCA, an association that was established in 2004 by Prof. Amartya Sen and Prof. Martha Nussbaum.**

2. New Research Fellows on Board



Prof. (Dr.) Swetasree Ghosh Roy **Professor and Associate Dean, Institutional Promotion, Director-Jindal Policy Research Lab (JPRL), JSGP**

Dr. Swetasree Ghosh Roy is a Professor of Political Science at Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, India and was previously Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Zayed University, UAE. Born in India, Dr. Roy was educated at University of Calcutta, India and graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science. After completing master's degree in international relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, Dr. Roy joined Louisiana State University to pursue doctoral degree. She completed her graduate studies and was awarded Doctor of Philosophy in Politics and Government in 2009. Since then Dr. Roy has continued in academic career teaching undergraduate and post-graduate students. Dr. Roy's research interests include international and domestic conflict processes, international institutions, political economy and comparative politics..



Dr. Harleen Kaur **Assistant Professor, JSPC**

Dr. Harleen Kaur is currently an Assistant Professor at the Jindal School of Psychology and Counselling, O. P. Jindal Global University. A recipient of multiple prestigious international fellowships and awards, she brings rich interdisciplinary experience that includes research, teaching, training, policy advocacy, and cross-cultural psychological practice. Her scholarly and professional journey bridges academia, grassroots engagement, and global dialogues in psychology and human rights. She is serving as a co-chair for the 19th Annual Psychology Day at the United Nations. She was an Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) Doctoral Fellow by the Ministry of Education. She holds a Ph.D. in Psychology from Banaras Hindu University, where her research focused on the intersectionality and lived experiences of Indian transgender persons



Ms. Geetanjali **Lecturer & Assistant Director (CLC), JIBS**

Ms. Geetanjali brings diverse expertise spanning law, education, and social development.

Previously, her extensive collaboration with the Ministry of Law and Justice in India and the United Nations Development Program has focused on critical access to justice challenges, including:

- Addressing sustainable livelihood and natural resource management issues
- Tackling systemic problems of delayed justice
- Improving accessibility of legal systems for vulnerable populations, with special emphasis on women and children
- Developing legal infrastructure in underserved areas



Ms. Payal Kumari
Lecturer of German, Centre for Foreign Languages, JGU

Ms Payal Kumari is pursuing her PhD at the Centre of German Studies, JNU, New Delhi. Her research focuses on the portrayal of “Everyday Life” in the literature of 1920s Germany. In 2018, Ms. Kumari received the HSK scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and visited the University of Augsburg in Bavaria, Germany. In 2020, she was awarded the Junior Research Fellowship by UGC. Alongside her doctoral research, she has been actively exploring other domains, such as transnational components in contemporary German literature and theatrical pedagogy as a method for teaching German.



Prof. (Dr.) Priyatej Kotipalli
Associate Professor and Deputy Director, IDEATE Labs & Family Business Centre

Dr. Priyatej Kotipalli is an academic and ecosystem builder working at the intersections of family business, entrepreneurship, and cultural economics. He currently serves as Deputy Director of IDEATE Labs and Associate Professor at O.P. Jindal Global University, where he leads initiatives in entrepreneurship, startup incubation, and family business governance. His career spans India and Europe, including leadership roles in academic program design, research centers, and multi-country collaborations. He has worked extensively on building educational programs, accelerators, cross-institutional partnerships, and executive development offerings focused on next-generation business leadership.



Prof. Elizabeth Roche
Associate Professor of Practice, JSIA

Ms. Elizabeth Roche has worked as a journalist for almost three decades. She has contributed to two international news agencies – Reuters TV and the French news agency Agence France Presse, AFP. In AFP, as a South Asia correspondent for a decade – she contributed to AFP’s coverage of news events in India, besides reporting extensively on the Sri Lankan civil war and contributing articles on India’s relations with Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bhutan. She also covered parliament proceedings and Indian politics including state and national elections. Prof Roche then joined Mint, the financial paper of Hindustan Times Media Limited and as National Writer and then Editor-Foreign Affairs, she helmed coverage of Indian foreign and defence policy for more than a decade.



Prof. (Dr.) Ravinder Kumar Verma
Assistant Professor, JGBS

Ravinder Kumar Verma holds a Ph.D. in Information Systems from the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi) and an M.Phil. from the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay). His research interests lie at the intersection of technology and society, with a focus on Information Systems, digital platforms, Artificial Intelligence, and Information Technology for Development (ICT4D). His work critically examines the societal implications of digital technologies, exploring themes such as mobility platforms, platform ecosystems, digital policy, social media, and e-governance.



Prof. (Dr.) Oleksandr Svitych
Associate Professor, JSIA

Prof (Dr.) Oleksandr Svitych is an Associate Professor at O.P. Jindal Global University, School of International Affairs. His research interests lie at the intersection of international relations, political economy, and critical social theory. He is the author of the monograph on populism, “The Rise of the Capital-state and Neo-nationalism: A New Polanyian Moment,” published by Brill. His research also appeared in Millennium, Critical Policy Studies, Journal of Human Development and Capabilities, Review of International Political Economy, and Globalizations, among others.



Dr. Madhumita R Dhupar
Assistant Professor, JSPC

Dr. Madhumita R. Dhupar is an Assistant Professor at the Jindal School of Psychology and Counselling, O.P. Jindal Global University. She completed her joint Ph.D. from the University of Queensland, Australia, and the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, focusing on digital behavioural interventions for classroom behavioural concerns. Her research interests include social and developmental psychology, adolescent mental health, teacher identity, and resilience. She also serves as a reviewer for Psychological Studies (Springer Nature) and works with qualitative and mixed-methods approaches to study emotion regulation and the mental health of educators and youth.



Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Kumar Kaushal

Assistant Professor, JGBS

Dr. Ashish Kumar Kaushal is a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad in Production and Quantitative Methods. He earned his Ph.D. from the Department of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, focusing on mathematical modelling of humanitarian supply chains.

His research has appeared in leading journals such as the International Journal of Production Research, Transportation Research Part E, and Annals of Operations Research. He has also contributed to disaster relief efforts and delivered Management Development Programs (MDPs) for organizations including Hero MotoCorp and Maruti Suzuki.



Prof. (Dr.) L. N. Venkataraman

Associate Professor, IHED

Dr. Venkataraman previously worked at the TERI School of Advanced Studies (TERI SAS), New Delhi. He is the author of The Social Construction of Capabilities in a Tamil Village, and his work has appeared in journals such as Economic and Political Weekly, Development in Practice, and the Indian Journal of Human Development.

He has also served as an Affiliated Lecturer at Universität Bielefeld, Germany, and at the University of the Free State, South Africa. An active member of the Human Development and Capabilities Association (HDCA), USA since 2008, he has contributed to several thematic groups, including Education, Participatory Methods, and Emerging Researchers



Dr. Ekta Chauhan

Assistant Professor, JSDA

Dr. Ekta Chauhan is an Assistant Professor at the Jindal School of Design and Architecture, O.P. Jindal Global University. She holds a B.A. (Hons.) in History from St. Stephen's College, a Master's in Public Policy from NLSIU Bangalore, and a Ph.D. in World Heritage Studies from BTU Cottbus, Germany.

Her research explores the rural-urban dynamics of Delhi and Haryana, focusing on communities and everyday life in urban villages. She is the author of Sheher mein Gaon and has contributed to platforms such as The Indian Express and The Wire, where she writes about cities, memory, and social change.

3. Events at a Glance

A. Masterclass Series

The Masterclass Seminar Series at I.D.E.A.S. is a cornerstone of the MSc Development Practice program and reflects its broader mission of fostering critical dialogue and knowledge dissemination. While the series is an essential component of the MSc curriculum, it also welcomes participants from across JGU's diverse programs as well as external audiences, particularly from the Delhi-NCR region, thereby creating a vibrant and inclusive intellectual space.

For the month of February, we had a talk by Dr. Sandipan Bakshi, Director for the Foundation of Agrarian Studies

To watch:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZDcp8ATM_M&t=119s



The poster features logos for O.P. JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY, I.D.E.A.S. MasterClass, and I.D.E.A.S. OFFICE of INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES. The main title is 'M.Sc. DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE MASTERCLASS'. The topic is 'The Role of Agrarian Structure in Diffusion of Agricultural Technologies'. A short paragraph describes the application of modern technology in agriculture and its socio-economic impact. Below this is a photo of Dr. Sandipan Bakshi, Director of the Foundation for Agrarian Studies in Bengaluru, India. At the bottom, it provides the date (7th February, 2026), timing (3:00 PM to 04:00 PM IST), and a QR code to scan for the masterclass.



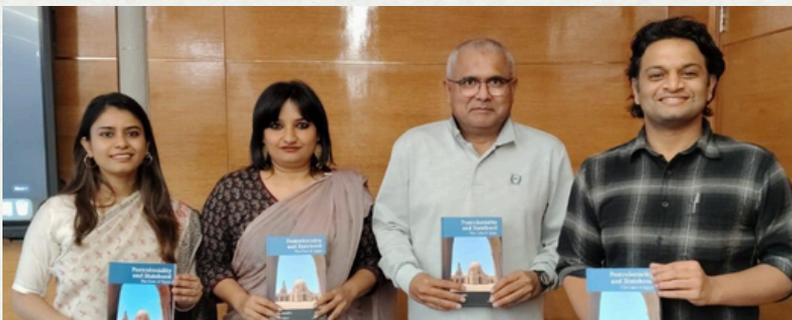
B. Samagana Working Paper Series

The Politics, Society & History (PSH) cluster at IDEAS successfully hosted the Samagana Book Launch in the Working Papers Series, featuring *Postcoloniality & Statehood: The Case of Egypt* by Dr. Priyanka Chandra, Constellation fellow IDEAS & Associate Professor JSIA.

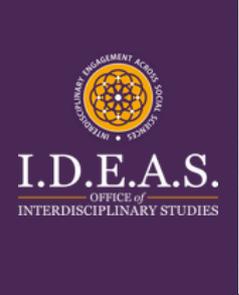
The session fostered a discussion on postcolonial state formation, historiography, and contemporary political trajectories of Egypt. We were privileged to have insightful interventions from our esteemed discussants Dr. A. K. Ramakrishnan, Dr. Dr.Fazzur Rahman Siddiqui and Dr. Rohith Jyothish, whose comments deepened the scholarly dialogue and opened new avenues for reflection.

The discussion was moderated by Ms. Riddhi Deokar and Ms. Mansi Chhadia.

<https://youtu.be/bJs55UHud6Y>



4. IDEAS turns Two!



SWAROOP 2026 marked a significant milestone as IDEAS completed two years of interdisciplinary engagement at O.P. Jindal Global University. More than a commemorative gathering, SWAROOP emerged as a reflective and collaborative space—bringing together conversations, ideas, and intellectual journeys that have shaped IDEAS since its inception.

Held across two days, SWAROOP 2026 captured the spirit of dialogue that extends beyond formal academic settings, foregrounding curiosity, critical inquiry, and collective learning.

The first day, 17th February, opened with a panel discussion on *“Imperialist World Order and the Limits of Development,”* setting the tone for critical engagement with contemporary global structures. This was followed by a writing workshop titled *“Writing for the World: Bringing Academic Arguments to Popular Platforms,”* led by Shivani Kapoor, Associate Professor at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies. The day concluded with creative student presentations that showcased diverse voices and imaginative scholarly expressions.

The programme concluded on 19th February with a Curriculum Development Workshop, offering thoughtful engagements with questions of research, pedagogy, and global perspectives in the social sciences. The first session, *Research Training, Methods, and Pre-Doctoral Pathways,* focused on building strong research foundations and navigating academic trajectories. The second session, *Teaching and Learning International Political Economy from the Global South,* offered a timely and reflective discussion on rethinking pedagogy beyond dominant frameworks.

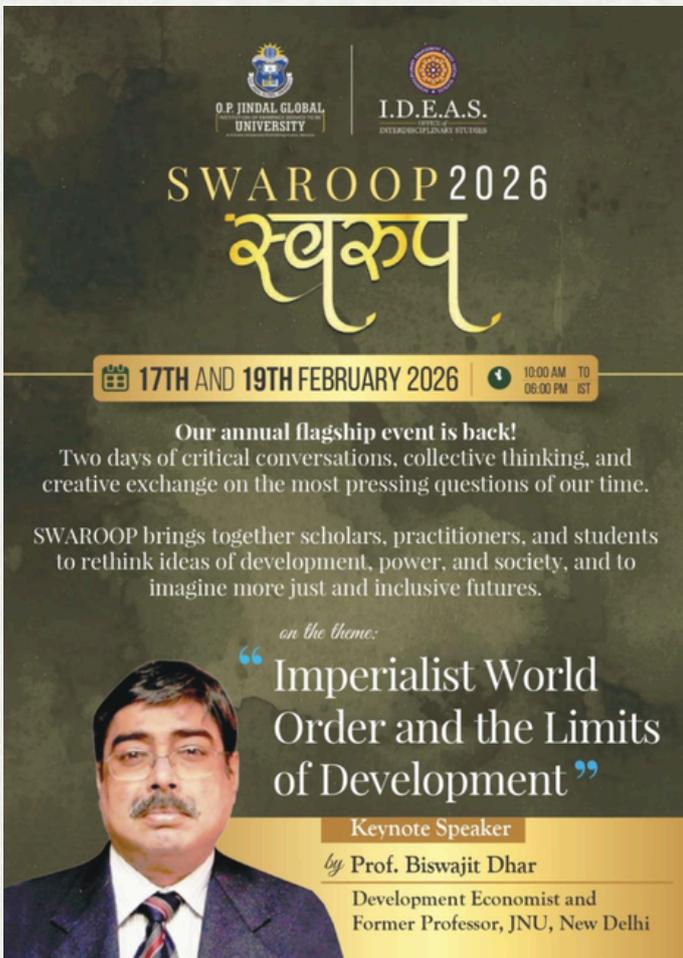
Together, these sessions brought SWAROOP 2026 to a meaningful close—reaffirming IDEAS’ commitment to fostering rigorous, reflective, and globally grounded scholarship.

To Watch:

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SWAROOP 2026
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📅 17TH AND 19TH FEBRUARY 2026 ⏰ 10:00 AM TO 06:00 PM IST

Our annual flagship event is back!
Two days of critical conversations, collective thinking, and creative exchange on the most pressing questions of our time.

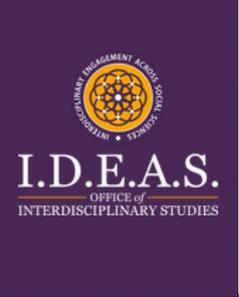
SWAROOP brings together scholars, practitioners, and students to rethink ideas of development, power, and society, and to imagine more just and inclusive futures.

on the theme:
“Imperialist World Order and the Limits of Development”

Keynote Speaker
by Prof. Biswajit Dhar
Development Economist and Former Professor, JNU, New Delhi



5. IDEAS Team Interaction with Prof. Emily Henderson

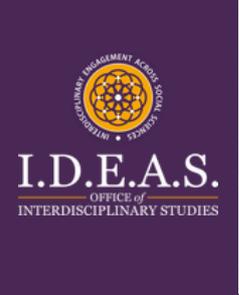


The IDEAS Office had the pleasure of hosting **Prof. Emily F. Henderson, Professor at the University of Warwick and Director of the Doctoral Education and Academia Research Centre (DEAR)**, during her recent visit. The interaction provided an enriching opportunity for faculty members and research fellows to engage in thoughtful discussions on doctoral education, research culture, and the evolving landscape of academic practice.

The visit fostered a productive exchange of ideas and perspectives, contributing meaningfully to IDEAS' continued efforts to build a vibrant research and doctoral engagement ecosystem.



6. Springer Nature Delegation Visit and Book Launch at IDEAS



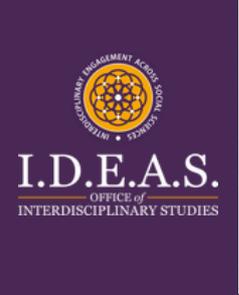
The IDEAS Office hosted a distinguished delegation from **Springer Nature** on 27th February on campus. The delegation was led by **Christina M. Brian, Vice President**, accompanied by **Nupoor Singh (Senior Editor)** and **Aparajita Singh (Editor)**.

The occasion also marked the launch of an important new book, *The Practice of Visual Ethnography: Examining Identity and Lived Experiences of Marginalised Communities* co-authored by **Prof. Deepanshu Mohan**, Dean of IDEAS, along with **Najam Us Saqib (Senior Analyst, CNES)**, **Prof. (Dr.) Namesh Killemsetty**, Director of the MIT School of Government at MIT World Peace University, Pune, and **Hima Trisha Mohan**.

The visit and book launch provided a valuable platform for dialogue on interdisciplinary research and further strengthened IDEAS' engagement with global academic publishing networks.



7. In Print: Voices of Our Scholars



In the News



Business Models in the Indian Craft Sector: A Typological Analysis

This study develops a conceptual typology of business models within the Indian craft ecosystem by integrating distinction between instrumental and substantive value logics with framework of governance modes.

Prof. (Dr.) Priyatej Kotipalli,
Deputy Director, IDEATE Labs & Family Business
Centre Associate Professor – Family Business &
Entrepreneurship

And co-authored with Prof. Gourav Aggarwal
(IDEATE Labs, JGU)

**Thunderbird International Business Review
(Wiley) | 03rd Feb, 2026**



Attracting talent positioned abroad

The H-1B disruption could catalyze a wave of innovation if cities, universities, and firms strengthen social and research infrastructure to retain returnees

Prof Deepanshu Mohan, Dean IDEAS

The Hindu | 25th Feb, 2026



When India's AI turn meets labour realities

The central question is whether India will discipline the economic direction of the advanced models. In a labour-surplus democracy, the market incentive will favour labour-saving deployment.

Prof Deepanshu Mohan, Dean IDEAS alongwith contributions from Ankur Singh

Deccan Herald | 17th Feb, 2026



Opinion | Delhi Scorpio Tragedy: Why These Four States Top The Hit-And-Run List

The share of hit-and-run cases in total road fatalities has expanded from roughly 13-14% to nearly 18%, indicating that fleeing the scene has become a pattern in a growing proportion of fatal crashes.

Prof Deepanshu Mohan, Dean IDEAS alongwith contributions from Saksham Raj

NDTV | 19th Feb, 2026



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