

# PERIODICAL

July'26 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!

You can find more information about us at <https://jgu.edu.in/ideas/>. Feel free to get in touch with us at [ideas@jgu.edu.in](mailto:ideas@jgu.edu.in) for more information on our current and future work, and to engage with IDEAS. To see our archived talks and lectures, subscribe to our **Youtube channel @JGU\_IDEAS**



# 1. Welcoming New Fellows on Board



**Dr. Ritam Sengupta**

Assistant Professor, JSDA

Ritam Sengupta is Assistant Professor, Jindal School of Art and Architecture, O.P. Jindal Global University. He specializes in the study of infrastructure, energy, the environment and digital media through the lens of history, media studies, and anthropology. His PhD thesis that he is developing now as a monograph focuses on the ways in which colonial and postcolonial rule impacted the development of electricity in Indian cities. His post-doctoral research, initiated as part of a European Research Council project, revisits the history of seasonality and agriculture in the Indian subcontinent. He has otherwise studied digital infrastructure like data centres and laws of data protection through a political economic and ethnographic lens. Some of this work has come out in the form of a volume he co-edited, titled, *Data Centres as Infrastructure: Frontiers of Digital Governance in Contemporary India* (Orient Blackswan, 2022)





## **Prof. (Dr.) Minali Grover**

---

Assistant Professor,  
Jindal Global Business School

Minali Grover is an Assistant Professor at Jindal Global Business School. She is a doctoral scholar in Economics at the Indian Institute of Management Indore. She is also a GLO Affiliate at the Global Labour Organization (GLO) and has been a Visiting Scholar at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR). Her broad research interest lies in Development Economics and Public Policy with particular focus on labour economics, gender, migration, education, and assortative mating. Her current work looks at higher education interventions.



## **Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Aquil**

Lecturer, Jindal Global Law  
School

Aquil is a historian by training. He has secured his B.A. (Hons.), M.A. and M.Phil. from the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in the Centre for Historical Studies (CHS), JNU. He has taught previously at the Jindal School of Art and Architecture, prior to moving to JGLS.

Additionally, he has worked for Indian Institute for Dalit Studies, and has experience in policy advocacy. He focusses on urban history, modernity, history of gender, art and architecture, caste, public culture and citizenship. He is currently working on tracing the urban history of Allahabad by using both historical and interdisciplinary approaches and tools. Previously, he has worked and published on the history of women's writings and urban civic consciousness in colonial north India. His forthcoming publication is going to analyze the discrimination suffered by untouchables throughout Indian history.

Aquil is also a Senior Research Associate at Centre for Law, Justice and Society (CJLS) (March, 2022- Present).

## 2. Welcoming Junior Research Fellow on Board



**Ms Vasudha Saraogi**

---

Climate-tech Founder, Anant Climate Action Fellow 2024, Researcher, O.P Jindal Global University Vasudha Saraogi is currently a doctoral researcher at JGBS, where my PhD examines ESG-integrated credit risk assessment in Indian banks' lending to the power sector. Her research lies at the intersection of climate finance, banking sector dynamics, and industrial policy—areas that closely align with UIE's focus on banking sector reforms, macroeconomic analysis, and the structural dimensions of Indian economic development.

Alongside her doctoral research, she works as a climate-tech startup founder and practitioner, with a focus on climate, sustainability, and gender equality.

### 3. Research Grants

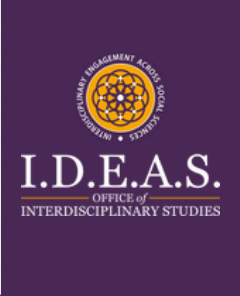


| Name                                                                     | Type                                         | Funder/Organisation                               | Deadline      | Link                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Urban Studies Foundation – International Fellowships 2026                | Fellowship (writing-up sabbatical)           | Urban Studies Foundation (Scotland)               | 6 Jul 2026    | <a href="https://urbanstudiesfoundation.org/funding/international-fellowships/">https://urbanstudiesfoundation.org/funding/international-fellowships/</a> |
| Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowship 2027–28                 | Postdoctoral fellowship (USA)                | USIEF / U.S. Department of State + Govt of India  | 15 Jul 2026   | <a href="https://usief.org.in/fulbright-fellowships/fellowships-for-indian-">https://usief.org.in/fulbright-fellowships/fellowships-for-indian-</a>       |
| ICSSR Postdoctoral Fellowship 2026–27                                    | Postdoctoral fellowship                      | Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) | 21 Jul 2026   | <a href="https://icssr.org/post-doctoral-fellowship">https://icssr.org/post-doctoral-fellowship</a>                                                       |
| ICSSR Senior Fellowship 2026–27                                          | Senior fellowship                            | Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) | 21 Jul 2026   | <a href="https://icssr.org/senior-fellowship">https://icssr.org/senior-fellowship</a>                                                                     |
| ICSSR–NSTC (Taiwan) Joint Call for Research                              | Bilateral joint research grant               | ICSSR (India) + National Science and Technology   | 3 Aug 2026    | <a href="https://icssr.org/announcements/icssr-nstc-taiwan-joint-">https://icssr.org/announcements/icssr-nstc-taiwan-joint-</a>                           |
| India Finance Conference (IFC) 2026                                      | Academic conference (paper submission)       | Indian Finance Association (IFA) + IIM Bangalore  | 16 Aug 2026   | <a href="https://indiafa.org/event/india-finance-">https://indiafa.org/event/india-finance-</a>                                                           |
| Azim Premji University Research Funding Programme (next cycle)           | Institutional research grant                 | Azim Premji University / Foundation               | Rolling / TBD | <a href="https://azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/Research-funding-section">https://azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/Research-funding-section</a>                   |
| ICSSR Grant-in-Aid for Professional Associations/Organisations of Social | Institutional grant (capacity building)      | Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) | Rolling / TBD | <a href="https://icssr.org/maintenance-development">https://icssr.org/maintenance-development</a>                                                         |
| ICSSR Grant for Running/Publishing Research Journals                     | Institutional grant (publication support)    | Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) | Rolling / TBD | <a href="https://icssr.org/search'journals-grant'">https://icssr.org/search'journals-grant'</a>                                                           |
| ICSSR Indo-German Funding Opportunity for                                | Bilateral joint research grant               | ICSSR + German partner body                       | Rolling / TBD | <a href="https://icssr.org/Announcements-page">https://icssr.org/Announcements-page</a>                                                                   |
| IDRC (International Development Research Centre) – rolling thematic      | International research grant (institutional) | IDRC, Canada                                      | Rolling / TBD | <a href="https://idrc-crdd.ca/en/funding">https://idrc-crdd.ca/en/funding</a>                                                                             |
| Indian Economic Association (IEA) 109th Annual                           | Academic conference                          | Indian Economic Association                       | Rolling / TBD | <a href="https://indianeconomicassociation.in">https://indianeconomicassociation.in</a>                                                                   |



# 4. In Print: Voices of Our Scholars

---



## In the News



## Who is a ‘good’ protester

*This article explores how public perceptions often shape—and sometimes distort—our understanding of what constitutes a "good" protester. The article challenges conventional narratives around protest, commitment, and democratic expression.*

**Prof. (Dr.) Prachy Hooda, Assistant Professor, IDEAS**

*The Tribune, July 29, 2026*

## 5. Stimson Center

---

The Stimson Center offers FREE interactive online courses that can be completed at your own pace for an official Stimson certificate. These courses cover topics in international security and strategy, including nuclear weapons, deterrence, missiles, and naval competition, with a focus on Southern Asia. Learn more at [stratlearning.org](https://stratlearning.org).





## 6. Our Scholars in Spotlight



Presented her research paper titled: "Empowering Women Through Sport: Unpacking Policy Discourse and Gendered Subjectivities in Rural India" at the international conference Law & Society in South Asia: Interdisciplinary Perspectives from the Ground, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on July 28–29, 2026.

**Prof. (Dr.) Prachy Hooda**

Assistant Professor, IDEAS

---

 **Glimpses from the Event**



## 6. Our Scholars in Spotlight

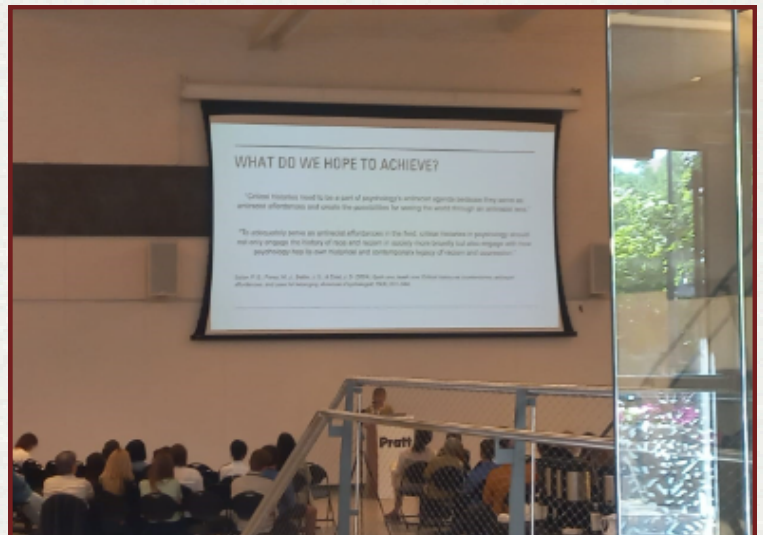


Participated in the 2026 Conference of the International Society for Theoretical Psychology (ISTP), titled **“Theorizing in Dark Times: Art, Narrative, Politics,”** being held at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, USA, from **June 8–12, 2026.**

### **Prof. (Dr.) Chetan Sinha**

Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS  
Professor, Jindal Global Law School

### **Glimpses from the Event**



# I.D.E.A.S. *at a* GLANCE

## IDEAS OFFICE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES



100+

Ideas Advisory  
Council



80+

Research  
and Publications



31+

Research  
Follow



10+

Collaborative  
Projects



10+

Core  
Faculty



10+

Institutional  
Partnership



6+

Initiatives



6+

Member  
Associates



6+

Research  
Constellations

## ABOUT US

The Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (IDEAS) at O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) serves as a university-wide platform for fostering interdisciplinary teaching, research, and community engagement across the social sciences. It brings together scholars, students, and practitioners to co-create knowledge and develop innovative responses to complex real-world challenges.

At its core, IDEAS operates as an intellectual incubator, supporting collaborative scholarship, experimental pedagogy, and research that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries. Through its initiatives and field-based programmes, it promotes critical inquiry, applied learning, and engagement with pressing development concerns.

With a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary dialogue, global academic exchange, and community-linked research, IDEAS aims to cultivate a dynamic academic environment that connects theory with practice and advances socially relevant scholarship.





# I.D.E.A.S.

OFFICE of  
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

---



[jgu.edu.in/ideas/](http://jgu.edu.in/ideas/)



[jgu\\_ideas](https://www.instagram.com/jgu_ideas)



[@JGU\\_IDEAS](https://www.facebook.com/JGU_IDEAS)



[IDEAS Office of Interdisciplinary Studies](https://www.facebook.com/IDEAS-Office-of-Interdisciplinary-Studies)



[IDEAS Jgu](https://www.facebook.com/IDEASJgu)



[jguideas](https://twitter.com/jguideas)