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May'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 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. Events at a Glance

Justice, Urban Systems and Technology

The Urban Studies Symposium organised by the Research Constellation: Justice, Urban Systems and Technology (JUST) brought together scholars for a day of engaging interdisciplinary dialogue on the changing realities of urban life.

Held in a hybrid format on 5th May 2026, the symposium explored critical themes including urban villages, labour informalities, precarity, dispossession, migration, exclusion, and the evolving dynamics of urbanisation in contemporary India.



Samagana Working Paper Series

On 9 May 2026, IDEAS hosted a session of the Samagana Working Paper Series featuring Dr. Ekta Chauhan, Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS, and Assistant Professor, JSDA.

Drawing on insights from her book *Sheher Mein Gaon*, Dr. Chauhan examined the complex realities of Delhi's urban villages, highlighting the evolving intersections of migration, housing, gender, identity, and belonging in contemporary urban India. The session offered a nuanced understanding of how urban transformation shapes everyday experiences and social relations within these unique spaces.

The discussion was moderated by Ms. Tahiba Banu, Lecturer, IDEAS, and enriched by comments from the discussants: Mr. Najam Us Saqib, Assistant Lecturer, IDEAS; Ms. Shubhangi Goel, MSc Development Practice student; and Ms. Sanika Gulati, MSc Development Practice student.



Grassroots Action Program

Consultation Meeting for Phase II of the Grassroot Action Program (GAP)

As part of the ongoing implementation of the Grassroot Action Program (GAP), a consultation meeting was convened to discuss the direction and research framework for Phase II of the project.

The meeting brought together researchers to reflect on the findings and experiences from Phase I and to provide inputs for the next stage of the initiative. Discussions centered on the program's work in JJ Colony, Bawana, with particular attention to understanding youth aspirations, experiences of belonging, and the role of community-based and non-governmental interventions in shaping local opportunities and outcomes.

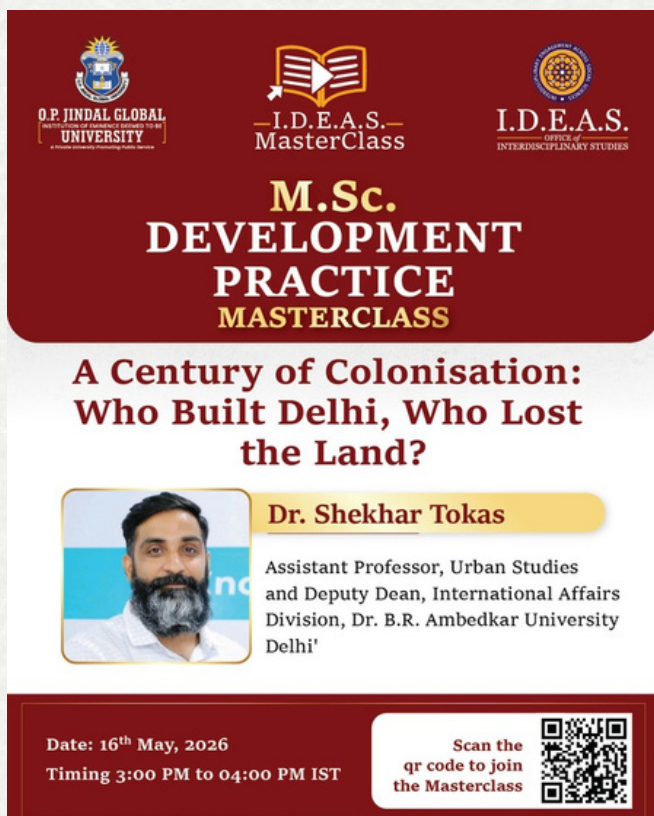


Masterclass Series

We hosted a session under the MasterClass Series | M.Sc. Development Practice “**A Century of Colonisation: Who Built Delhi, Who Lost the Land?**”

This session was delivered by *Dr. Shekhar Tokas, Assistant Professor, Urban Studies and Deputy Dean, International Affairs Division, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi.*

This masterclass critically examined the historical and socio-political dimensions of urbanisation, land dispossession, and the making of Delhi over the last century.



The poster is a vertical rectangular graphic with a dark red background. At the top, there are three logos: O.P. JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY, I.D.E.A.S. MasterClass (with a book icon), and I.D.E.A.S. OFFICE of INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES. Below the logos, the text "M.Sc. DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE MASTERCLASS" is written in white and yellow. The title "A Century of Colonisation: Who Built Delhi, Who Lost the Land?" is in white. Below the title is a portrait of Dr. Shekhar Tokas, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a white shirt. To the right of the portrait, his name "Dr. Shekhar Tokas" is written in white, followed by his title "Assistant Professor, Urban Studies and Deputy Dean, International Affairs Division, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi" in a smaller white font. At the bottom left, the date "Date: 16th May, 2026" and timing "Timing 3:00 PM to 04:00 PM IST" are listed. At the bottom right, there is a QR code and the text "Scan the qr code to join the Masterclass".

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2. In Print: Voices of Our Scholars

In the News

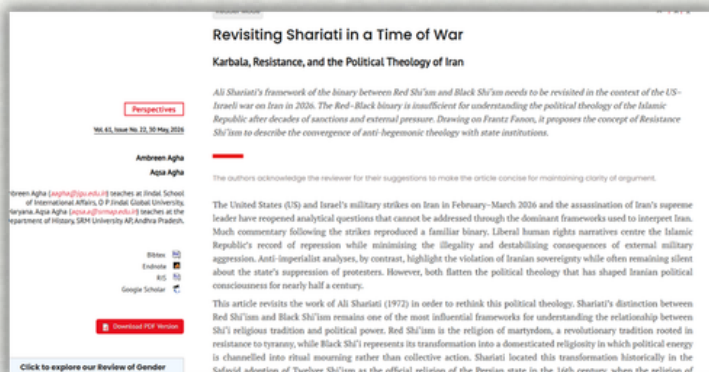


Remodelling the Psychology of Education in Postcolonial India: Decolonization, Identity and Power Relations

This article examines how dominant ideologies, integrated with Western psychological frameworks, influenced education in postcolonial India. Decolonizing psychology in the educational domain requires addressing the hierarchies of culture, power relations and dominant social identities.

Prof. (Dr.) Chetan Sinha,
Senior Research Fellow IDEAS and
Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Springer | 24 May, 2026



Reading Shariati in a Time of War: Karbala, Resistance, and the Political Theology of Iran

Ali Shariati's framework of the binary between Red Shi'ism and Black Shi'ism needs to be revisited in the context of the US–Israeli war on Iran in 2026. The Red–Black binary is insufficient for understanding the political theology of the Islamic Republic after decades of sanctions and external pressure. Drawing on Frantz Fanon, it proposes the concept of Resistance Shi'ism to describe the convergence of anti-hegemonic theology with state institutions.

Prof. Ambreen Agha, Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS,
Associate Professor, Jindal School of International
Affairs, &
Prof. Aqsa Agha, Department of History,
SRM University, Andhra Pradesh

Economic & Political Weekly | 30 May, 2026



Haryana sex ratios & society

Affluence has not diluted son preference; in some contexts, it has improved families' ability to act on it.

Prof Prachy Hooda, Assistant Professor, IDEAS

The Tribune | 30 May, 2026



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Prof Deepanshu Mohan, Dean IDEAS and Srisoniya Subramaniam is a research analyst with Centre for New Economics Studies (CNES),

NDTV | 20 May, 2026

3. Summer School 2026

Digital Humanities & Methods

From Field to Platform: Digital Methods for Ethnography, Archives & Visual Storytelling (Global South Focus)

Dates: 20th – 24th July 2026

We are pleased to announce Summer School 2026, an intensive interdisciplinary programme exploring the intersections of digital humanities, ethnographic methods, archival practices, and visual storytelling with a focus on the Global South.

This summer school aims to equip participants with innovative digital research tools and methodological approaches for engaging with communities, documenting lived experiences, and creating meaningful digital narratives.

Who Can Apply?

The course is open to participants worldwide, including:

- Undergraduate Students
- Master's Students
- Early-Career Researchers

To know more: [Summer School.pdf](#)

To register:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/WsAugsim84?origin=lprLink>



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Eligibility
Open to students and researchers worldwide (Undergraduate, masters, and early-career researchers)

Program Fees
Indian Students: 10,000 INR
LMIC: 200 USD
International Fees (Non LMIC): 300 USD
Early Bird Discount: 10%
Total Number of Seats 50

Five-Day Online Certificate Course
Certificate will be provided to attendees

4. 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.



5. Our Scholars in Spotlight



Appointed as a Visiting Research Fellow at the Oxford Department of International Development for Summer 2026.

Prof. Deepanshu Mohan

Professor of Economics and Dean, IDEAS, Office of InterDisciplinary Studies, Director, Centre for New Economics Studies, Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities, Senior Research Fellow, International Institute for Higher Education Research, O.P. Jindal Global University, dmohan@jgu.edu.in

Glimpses from the Event



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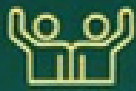
80+

Research
and Publications



31+

Research
Follow



10+

Collaborative
Projects



10+

Core
Faculty



10+

Institutional
Partnership



6+

Initiatives



6+

Member
Associates



6+

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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.



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