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RESEARCHING THE CONTEMPORARY: A METHODS-LAB FOR EARLY CAREER SCHOLARS

13th and 14th OCTOBER 2025

**A 'METHODS LAB' THAT CRITICALLY
AND REFLEXIVELY CENTERS THE
ANXIETIES OF THE RESEARCHER DURING
FIELDWORK. IT UNRAVELS THE JOURNEY
OF SOCIAL SCIENTISTS AND FOCUSES ON
THE PROCESS OF WRITING WHICH IS A
COMPLEX INTERPLAY OF FIELD
ENCOUNTERS, LITERARY TEXTS,
ARCHIVE, METHOD & MEMORY.**

Over the two days, there will be a Keynote address,
Special Panels on Research Methods and Writing
the Field, and seven Panels on Labour, Care,
Climate, and Social Exclusion, with participants
from across the country.



**A Methodology workshop by Moulding Methods initiative at the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (IDEAS),
O.P Jindal Global University in collaboration with UNESCO Chair in Vulnerability Studies, University of Hyderabad.**

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Monday, 13th October, DAY 1

Imaginarium Auditorium, Ground Floor Building: Savitri Jindal Faculty Office Block

9:00 - 9:45AM

Workshop Registration

9:45 - 10:15AM

Introducing Moulding Methods at IDEAS and UNESCO Chair in Vulnerability Studies at UoH

Dr. Bhavneet Kaur, Dr. Nayanjyoti and Prof Pramod K Nayar

10:15 - 10:30AM

Opening Remarks

Prof . Deepanshu Mohan, Dean, IDEAS

10:30 - 11:30AM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Positionality, Access and Consent: Negotiating Ethnography in a Time of Global Transformations

Prof Farhana Ibrahim, Professor of Sociology at IIT Delhi

11:30 - 12:00PM

Break (Tea & Snacks)

Panel 1

12:00 - 1:30PM

Gender, Care and Labour

Discussant: Dr Vanessa Chishti, Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Moderator: Dr Gayatri Balu, Assistant Professor, IDEAS, JGU

Sharvari A, IIT Bhubaneswar :

Methodological Discomforts in Ethnographic Research with Migrant Women Sugarcane Labourers in Rural Maharashtra

Labhisha Meena, Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur:

Women's Unpaid Labour in Rural India: A Methodological Investigation to Measure Time Poverty

Asmita Basak, SAU Delhi:

Who Cares for the Care Workers? Reflecting on ASHAs through Feminist Economics Lens

Samiksha Kanaujia, University of Hyderabad:

Entangled Labours: Women, Debt, and the Contours of Life in Sugarcane Harvest Work

1:30 - 2:30PM

Lunch

Panel 2

2:30 - 4:00PM

Migration, Intersecting Precarities and Labour

Discussant: Prof Prabhu Mohapatra, Historian

Moderator: Dr Nayanjyoti, Assistant Director and Lecturer, IDEAS, JGU

Dr Raj Kumar Thakur, Assam University, Silchar:

Rethinking Bondage/ Servitude: The Coolie Experience in Colonial Assam

Anuj Borboruah, Tezpur University, Assam:

Broken Machines, Labour and Infrastructures of Caste in Sanitation Work:
Navigating Challenges in Data Collection

Shreya Nikose, IIT Delhi:

Intersecting Precarities: Internal Migration, Caste, and Gender in India's
Platform-Based Gig Economy

Krishna Kant Yadav, Department of Anthropology, DU:

Ethnography and Its Discontents: Notes from a Fieldwork in Urban Setting

4:00 - 4:30PM

Break

Special Panel

4:30 - 6:00PM

Research as an Embodied Practice: Navigating the process of fieldwork

Moderator: Dr Bhavneet Kaur, Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Panelists:

Prof. Rajni Palriwala:

Sociologist and former Professor, Delhi School of Economics

Prof Prabhu Mohapatra:

Historian and former Professor, Delhi University

Dr Shivani Kapoor

Associate Professor, CSDS Center for Study of Developing Societies

9:00 - 9:30AM

Workshop Registration

Panel 3

9:30 - 11:00AM

Social Exclusion and Violence

Discussant: Prof Manisha Sethi, Adjunct Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Moderator: Prof Rohini Sen, Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Raghavi Purimetla CBPS Bangalore:

Contested Truths and Situated Knowledge: Navigating Voice, Violence, and Representation in Ethnographic Fieldwork

Anamta Hamid JNU:

Cultural Echoes of Confinement: Understanding Carcerality through Art and Culture

Sanam Sharif, Department of Higher Education, J&K:

Researching the Borderland: An Experiential Note

Mohd Wali Akhtar JGU:

Between Outreach and Undermining: The Pasmanda and Shia Question in BJP's Contemporary Muslim Politics

Venue:

Catalyst, Ground Floor, Rectangular T3, Ratan Jindal Academic Block

Panel 4 (Parallel)

9:30 - 11:00AM

Climate and Sustainable Development Goals

Discussant: Dr Anjana Thampi, Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Moderator: Najam us Saqib, Assistant Director, IDEAS, JGU

Rudra Gautam and Ayushi Agarwal, Gurugram University,

Litigating the Planet: Climate Law, Public Interest Litigation, and the SDG Agenda

Bharti Shandilya, Delhi University:

The Role of Mass Media and Artificial Intelligence in Advancing Climate Action under the Sustainable Development Goals

Nilanjana Rai, Delhi University:

Museums Fostering Cultural Significance Awareness through Innovative Pedagogy

Venue:

T4-M88, Aruna Abhey Oswal Academic Block

11:00 - 11:30AM

Break

Panel 5

11:30 - 1:00PM

Social Exclusion and Gender

Discussant: Dr Dhivya Janarthanan, Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Moderator: Dr Manika Bora, Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Aishwarya Raj IIT Bhubaneswar:

Methodological Reflections and Questions while Researching Reproductive Loss

Joshita Yadav, IIIT Delhi:

Digital Asceticism: Methodological Dilemmas in Studying Masculinity, Embodiment, Class, and Visual Nationalism Online

Nafis Haider, JNU:

Social Exclusion, discursivity and methodological challenges: Understanding Gender and Minority rights in India

Peingamla Ramror, DSE:

Negotiating Insider-Outsider Positionalities: Reflections from the Field

Venue:

T4-S107, Aruna Abhey Oswal Academic Block

Panel 6 (Parallel)

11:30 - 1:00PM

Climate and the City

Discussant: Prof Aashita Dawer, Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Moderator: Dr. Prachy Hooda, Lecturer, IDEAS, JGU

Durdanah Masoodi, Independent Researcher:

Smart Urbanism and Fragile Ecologies: Lessons from the Cancellation of India's Smart City Mission in Srinagar

Md Ebadullahil Maruf, Daru Huda Islamic University, Kerala:

Integrating Climate Mitigation and Adaptation within the SDG Framework: Comparative Policy Insights from Bangladesh

Venue:

T4-S108, Aruna Abhey Oswal Academic Block

1:00 - 2:00PM

Lunch

Panel 7

2:00 - 3:30PM

Social Exclusion and Caste

Discussant: Dr Yogesh Mishra, Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Moderator: Dr Swapnil Dhanraj, Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Sachin Sourabh, CEMIS, University of Goettingen:

A Free Pass? Moral Dilemmas of Caste Passing in New Delhi

Dr Diksha Narang, CWS, JGU:

Poverty as a Methodological Challenge of Coherence

Dr Saurav Dnyaneshwar, Anantrao Thopte College BHOR:

Caste, Exclusion, and the Politics of Everyday Vulnerability: A Field Study among Scheduled Castes in Rural India

Prateeti Rajjak, AXIS rural development fellow:

Researching the Margins: Ethical and Methodological Reflections from Livelihood Policy Work in Post-Naxalite Chhattisgarh

Venue:

T4-M88, Aruna Abhey Oswal Academic Block

3:30 - 4:00PM

Break

4:00 - 5:30PM

Academic Writing Seminar on Writing the Field: Lens, Contours and Processes

Dr. Jyoti, Assistant Professor at Centre for Writing Studies, JGU

Prof. Shachi Seth, Lecturer and Assistant Director at the Centre for Writing Studies, JGU

Venue:

Big Ideas Conference Room T-2, Sajjan Jindal Academic Block

5:30 - 6:00PM

Endnote and Feedback
