

# PERIODICAL

July'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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# 1. Welcoming New Members

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



**Dr. Nathan Young**

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Full Professor School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa, Canada

**Dr. Syed Murtaza Mushtaq**

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Department of Strategic Studies,  
Aligarh Muslim University (AMU)



**Prof. Javed Ahmad Dar**

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Professor, Department of Political Science,  
University of Kashmir

## 2. Institutional Partnership

Letter of Understanding between A Trust For India's Nature (ATIN) and The Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (I.D.E.A.S) on 18th July 2025.



This LoU establishes a collaborative partnership to jointly work on

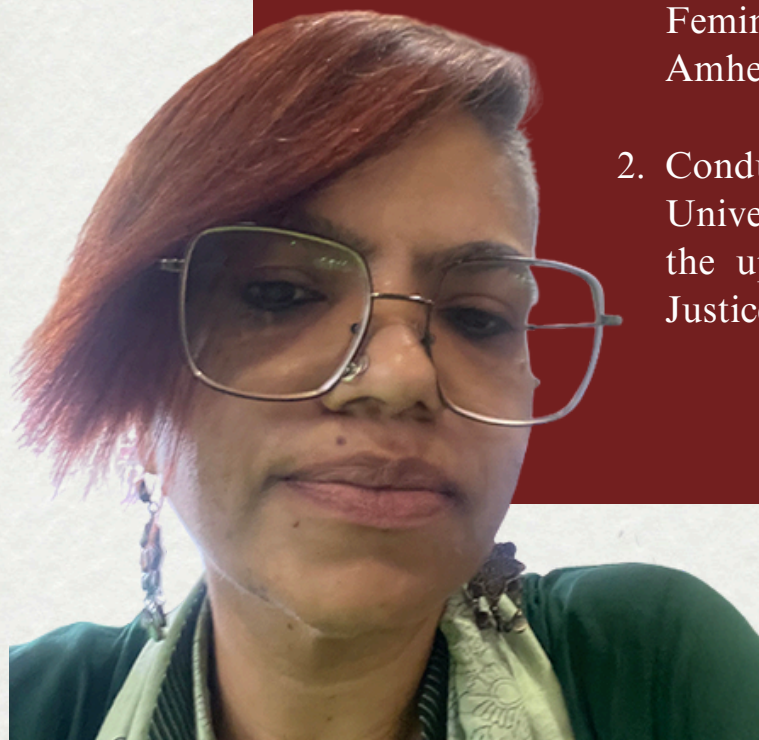
1. Socio-Ecological Monitoring of Climate Change (in the Kumaon region),
2. Participatory Biodiversity Research & Education Programs
3. Synthesizing and making a repository of field-based pan-India research data on biodiversity
4. Knowledge generation and dissemination on social ecological issues; and any additional joint projects as mutually agreed upon.



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## 3. Our Scholars in Spotlight

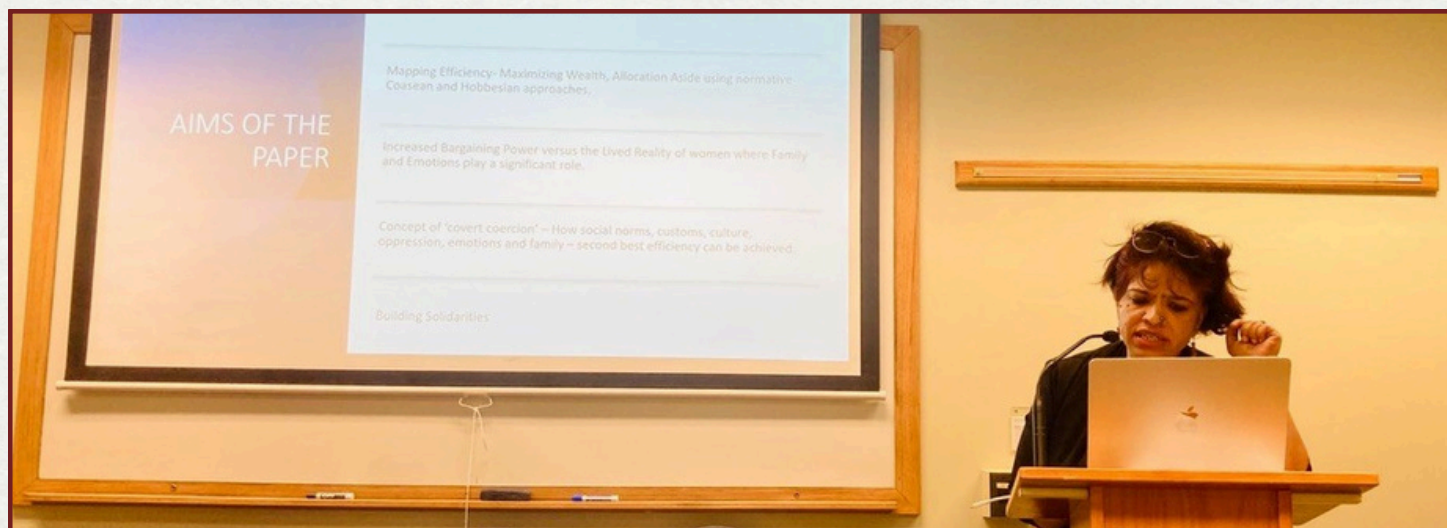
1. Presented “**Building Intersectional Solidarity: Empowering Women to Claim Inheritance Rights**” on 04th July 2025 at International Association of Feminist Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
2. Conducted Library Research at Purdue University, Indiana with Prof. Anish Vanaik for the upcoming project on “Pedagogy of Climate Justice” in July 2025.



### **Prof. (Dr.) Aashita Dawer**

Co-Lead & Senior Research Fellow,  
Climate & Sustainability,  
I.D.E.A.S. Associate Professor  
(Economics, Jindal Global Law School  
O.P. Jindal Global University)

### **Glimpses from the Event**





Presented a paper titled "**Medical Ethics, Governance and Public Health: Analysis through Films**" in the 10<sup>th</sup> HOMSEA Conference (History of Medicine in Southeast Asia) at Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## **Dr. Kaushalya Bajpayee**

Senior Research Fellow and Constellation Fellow,  
(Politics, Society and History), I.D.E.A.S.  
Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School

### **Glimpses from the Event**



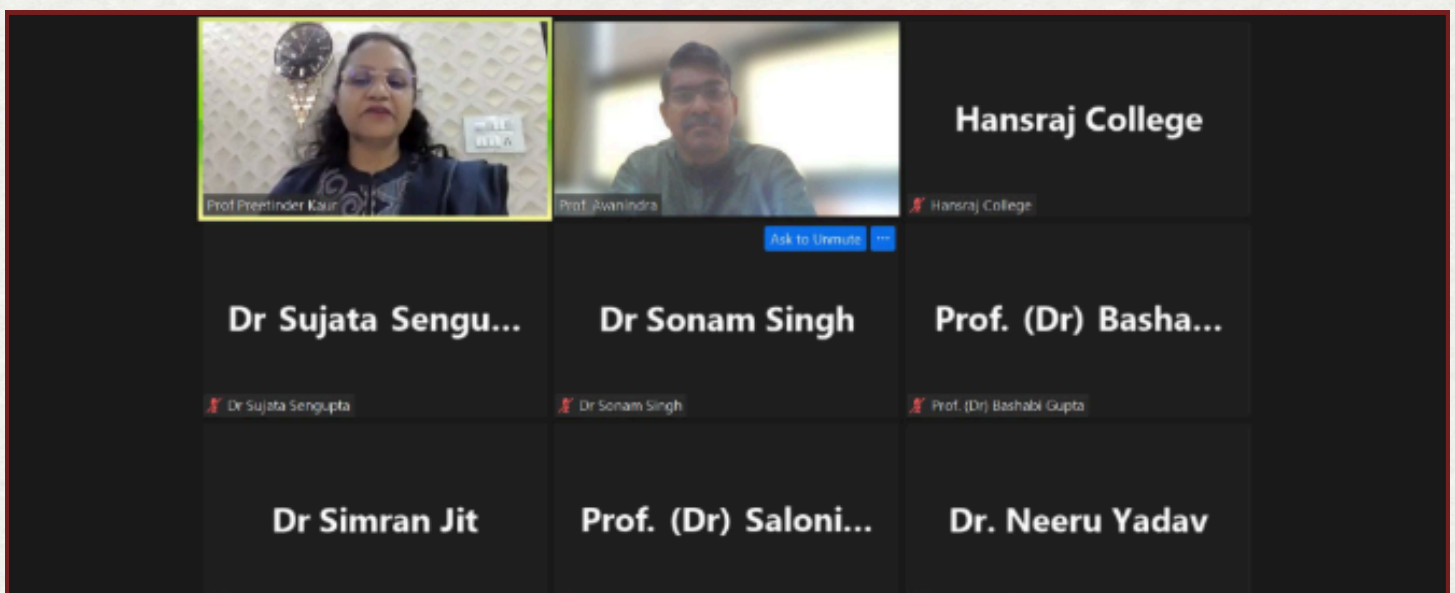


Delivered two lectures on the topic "Introduction to R Programming" as a Resource Person for the Online Refresher Course organised by Mahatma Hansraj Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Hansraj College, in collaboration with Miranda House, University of Delhi, and the Department of Commerce, Hansraj College.

## Dr. Avanindra Nath Thakur

Senior Research Fellow & Constellation Fellow (Understanding Indian Economy) I.D.E.A.S. & Professor, Jindal School of Government & Public Policy

### Glimpses from the Event





She was interviewed by BBC News Brasil by Leonardo Prazeres for a segment exploring whether BRICS functions as an anti-Western bloc.

## Dr. Devika Misra

Research Fellow and Constellation Lead,  
(International Politics) I.D.E.A.S.  
Assistant Professor at the Jindal School of  
International Affairs

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### Glimpses from the Event





Attended the 5th Indian Sociological Association Conference held in Rabat, Morocco, from July 6 to July 11, 2025, and presented a paper titled “Social Media as a Site of Resistance: Understanding Digital Activism in India.”

## **Dr. Swapnil Dhanraj**

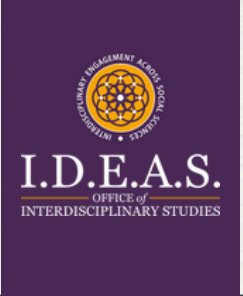
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(Politics, Society and History), I.D.E.A.S.  
Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School

### **Glimpses from the Event**



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# 4. In Print: Voices of Our Scholars



## In the News

### World Bank claims a drastic reduction in inequality in India. There is more to the story

*The report predominantly emphasises administrative progress and aggregated outcomes, missing ground-level disparities in access, affordability, and inclusion, which are critical in measuring and understanding relative poverty*



Beyond methodological reasons, normative concerns with inequality conceptualisation and its measurement also merit deeper scrutiny which the World Bank report fails to elucidate.

Written by Deepanshu Mohan

### World Bank claims a drastic reduction in India's inequality in India. There is more to the story.

*A recent World Bank report claims a sharp decline in inequality in India (2011–2022), but overlooks the key difference between income and consumption surveys—where income-based Gini indices, typically higher, reveal more inequality than the lower consumption-based ones common in developing countries.*

Written by our Dean, Deepanshu Mohan

The Indian Express | 18th July, 2025

### Odisha Student's Suicide Speaks Loudly of Institutional Silence on Gender Safety

*Making women more safe on campus will require more than ink on paper or laws being preached.*

DEEPANSHU MOHAN  
Published: 21 Jul 2025, 3:30 PM IST

OPINION



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Written by our Dean, Deepanshu Mohan

The Quint | 21th July, 2025



## Inclusive approach a must to study Inequality

*The article critiques a recent World Bank report that claims a major reduction in inequality between 2011 and 2022. It argues that the report places undue emphasis on aggregated macro-metrics while overlooking persistent ground-level disparities in access, affordability, and inclusion.*

Written by Professor Deepanshu Mohan,  
Dean, IDEAS

The Tribune | 12 July 2025



## The Crisis of Campus Harassment

*The article exposes how institutional failures—including non-functional Internal Complaints Committees (ICCs), rampant underreporting, and a culture of silencing survivors—perpetuate sexual harassment on Indian campuses, often leading to tragic outcomes like self-immolation.*

Written by Professor Deepanshu Mohan, Dean, IDEAS along with Anania Singhal, Nandita Purvi and Prachee Bharadwaj who are researchers with the Swabhimaan Initiative of Centre for New Economics Studies (CNES).

The Wire | 26 July 2025



## India Faces Tariff Heat. Will It Spark Economic Reform?

If U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff pressures on India could act as a wake-up call for the country to initiate long-overdue structural economic reforms.

Written by Professor Deepanshu Mohan,  
Dean, I.D.E.A.S.

The Quint | 31 July 2025



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## 5. Events Recap

### IDEASx Workshop

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

July 12, 2025

Ideasx Team organized this workshop is 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. This workshop also helped the participants know the sources of the data and how they influence economic policy, business decisions, and everyday conversations about the economy.

#### Our instructors were:

- 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

The poster features logos for O.P. JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY, IDEASx, and I.D.E.A.S. at the top. The title is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, a paragraph describes the workshop's purpose: to help participants understand key macroeconomic indicators and their influence on economic policy and everyday life. It lists the instructors, Dr. Abhisek Sur and Ms. Richa Singh, with their titles. The session dates and times are provided, along with a QR code for more details. The poster is designed with a clean, professional layout using a color palette of blue, green, and white.

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**IDEASx**

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

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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

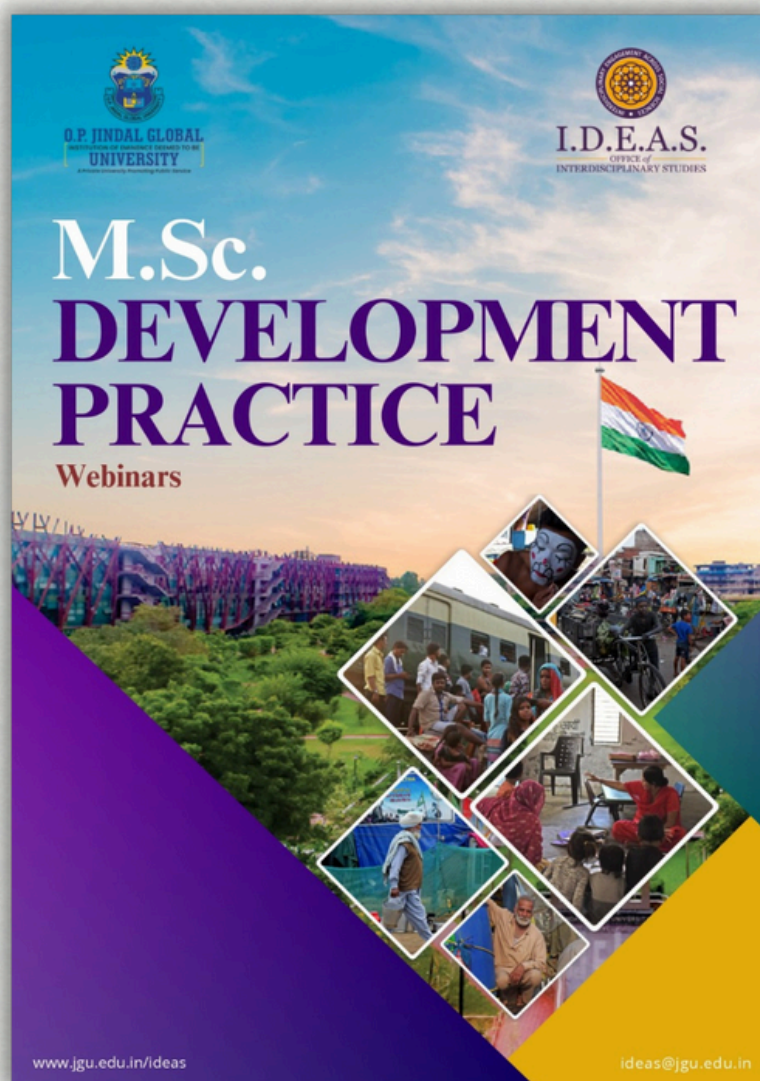
# 6. Programme Announcement

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

## M.Sc. in Development Studies

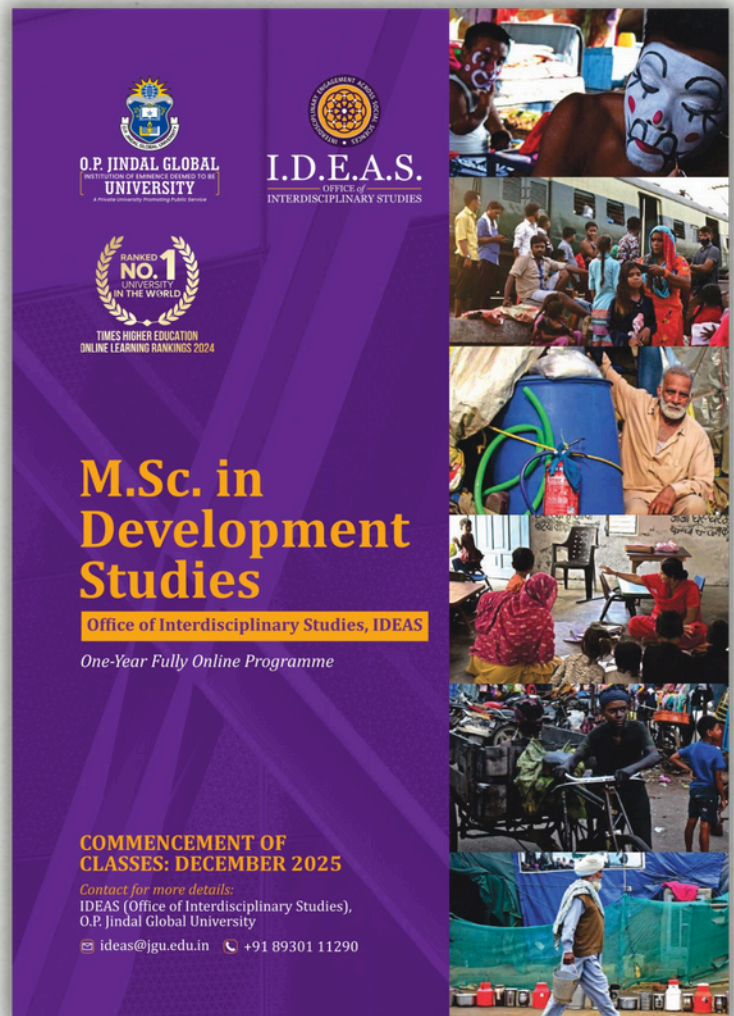
### Starting December 2025

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.

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The poster is a vertical purple rectangle with a collage of images on the right side. The collage includes: a person with a white mask and red face paint; a group of people sitting on the ground; a man in an orange shirt sitting in a wheelchair; a person in a red sari; a person in a blue shirt; and a person in a white shirt. The text on the poster is as follows:

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ONLINE LEARNING RANKINGS 2024

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One-Year Fully Online Programme

**COMMENCEMENT OF CLASSES: DECEMBER 2025**

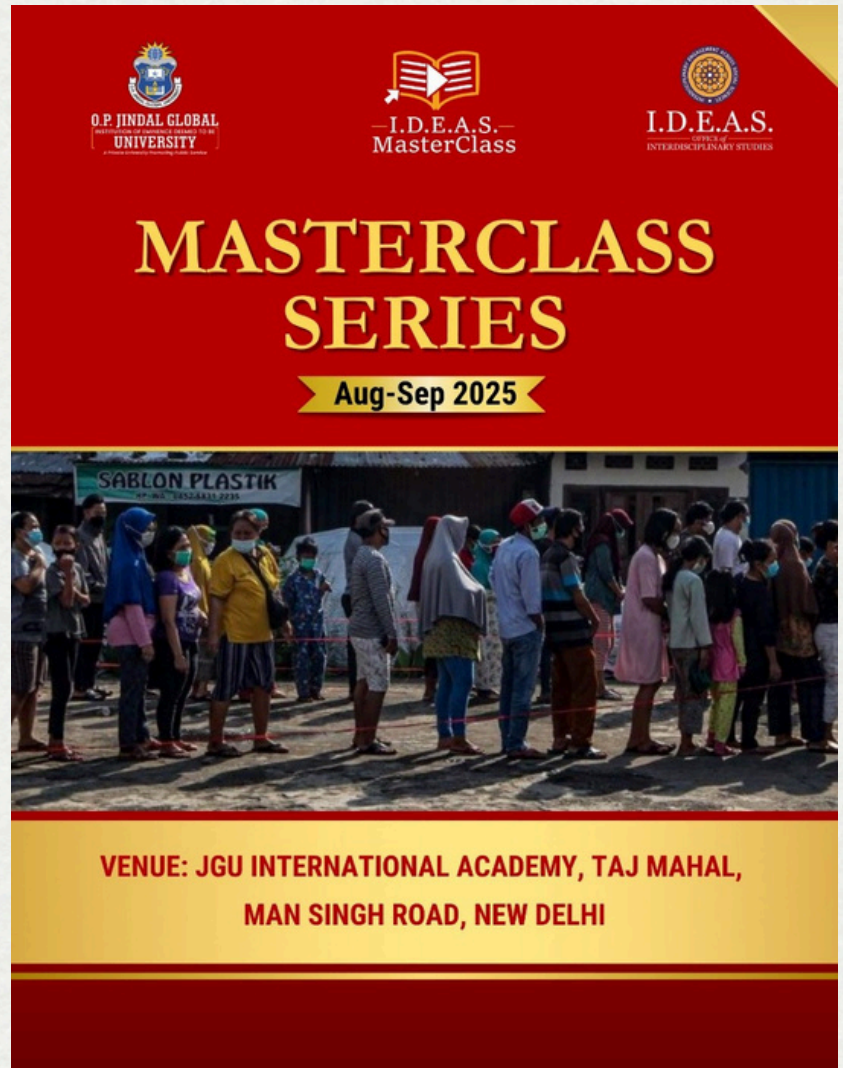
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Visit our Official Website

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

# 7. Announcement

The Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (I.D.E.A.S.) at O.P. Jindal Global University is pleased to introduce its Masterclass Series. These Masterclass Series is a core component of the M.Sc. Development Practice program. These sessions bridge classroom learning with real-world experiences in development, policymaking, social work, and academia. Each week, students engage with leading scholars, researchers, and practitioners from around the world who bring deep insights into how development unfolds across diverse regions and contexts. While central to the M.Sc. program, these Masterclasses are open to the wider university community and the public, offering a rich space for dialogue, critical reflection, and inspiration.



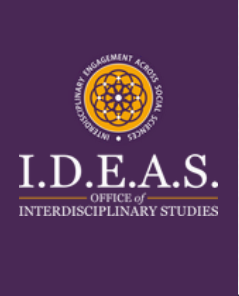
The poster features a red background with a yellow diagonal stripe in the top right corner. At the top, there are three logos: O.P. JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY, I.D.E.A.S. MasterClass (with a book icon), and I.D.E.A.S. OFFICE of INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES. The main title 'MASTERCLASS SERIES' is in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Below it, a yellow banner with black text reads 'Aug-Sep 2025'. The central image shows a diverse group of people standing in a line outdoors, with a sign in the background that says 'SABLON PLASTIK'. At the bottom, a yellow box contains the text 'VENUE: JGU INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY, TAJ MAHAL, MAN SINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI' in red capital letters.

**MASTERCLASS  
SERIES**

**Aug-Sep 2025**

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MAN SINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI**

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



## | Nazariya: A Critical Dialogue Series

### Hind Swaraj: An Outline of Gandhi's Heterodoxy

19<sup>th</sup> August, 4:00 to 5:30 PM

This talk revisits Gandhi's Hind Swaraj as a work of philosophy that weaves together the seemingly opposing ideas of reconciliation and antagonism. It examines the text as a foundational articulation of Swaraj (self-rule) and its inseparable connection to Satyagraha (nonviolent resistance), exploring how Gandhi positions the former as both a moral and political goal, and the latter as its ethical method.

The poster is for the 'Nazariya' series, specifically the event 'Hind Swaraj: An Outline of Gandhi's Heterodoxy'. It features the logos of O.P. Jindal Global University and I.D.E.A.S. at the top. The title 'NAZARIYA' is in large yellow letters, with 'HIND SWARAJ: AN OUTLINE OF GANDHI'S HETERODOXY' below it. The speaker is Dr. Dhananjay Rai, with a portrait and his credentials. The moderator is Dr. Kaushalya Bajpayee, also with a portrait and credentials. The date and timing are listed as 19th August, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. The venue is the Zenith Conference Room, Ground Floor, Ratan Jindal Academic Block (T3), O.P. Jindal Global University.

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**NAZARIYA**

**HIND SWARAJ: AN OUTLINE OF GANDHI'S HETERODOXY**

**SPEAKER**

**DR. DHANANJAY RAI**  
Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies, Central University of Gujarat  
Former visiting fellow (2022-24), Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi

**MODERATOR**

**DR. KAUSHALYA BAJPAYEE**,  
Senior Research Fellow I.D.E.A.S.  
Associate Professor,  
Jindal Global Law School

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# Nazariya: A Critical Dialogue Series

## Muslims in Postcolonial Bollywood

21<sup>st</sup> August, 3:30 to 5:30 PM

This talk examines the evolving scholarship on Bollywood film studies, covering approaches such as narrative analysis, audience research, and the political economy of cinema. It focuses on the representation of Muslims in postcolonial Bollywood, tracing shifts in portrayal over seven decades in response to India's changing socio-political climate. Drawing on empirical data, it explores Muslim film genres, narrative styles, and the politics of representation from both producer and audience perspectives. The work builds on existing studies of representation in Hindi cinema and offers a significant contribution to debates on ethnic and religious minorities in global popular culture, with particular attention to Bollywood.

### Speakers:

**Dr. Nadira Khatun,**

Associate Professor of Mass Communications

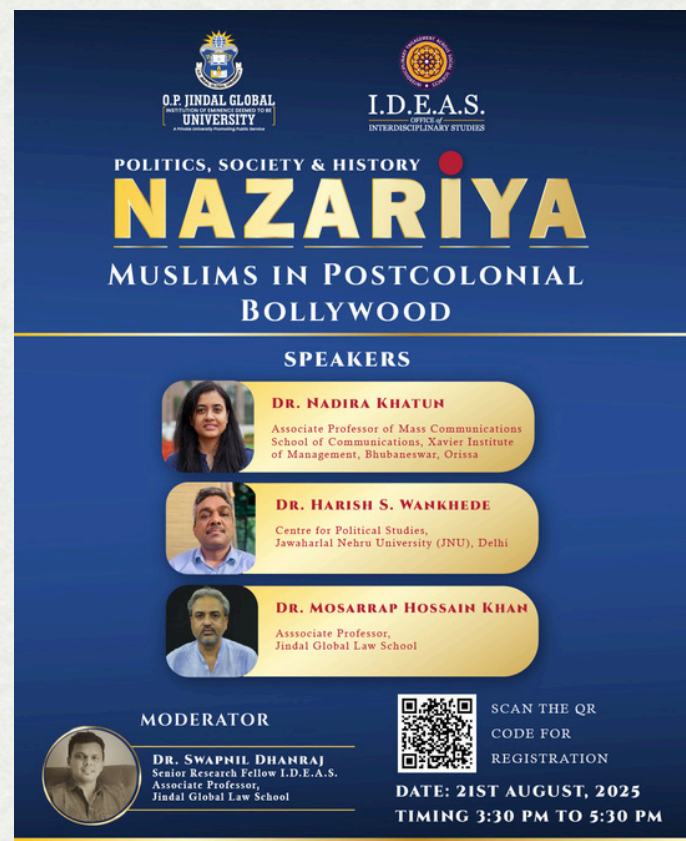
School of Communications, Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar, Orissa

**Dr. Harish S. Wankhede,**

Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi

**Dr. Mosarrap Hossain Khan,**

Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School



The poster for the Nazariya event features a dark blue background with gold and white text. At the top, it displays the logos of O.P. Jindal Global University and I.D.E.A.S. The title "POLITICS, SOCIETY & HISTORY NAZARIYA" is prominently displayed in large, bold, gold letters, followed by "MUSLIMS IN POSTCOLONIAL BOLLYWOOD" in white. Below the title, the "SPEAKERS" section lists three individuals with their photos and affiliations: Dr. Nadira Khatun (Associate Professor of Mass Communications, Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar, Orissa), Dr. Harish S. Wankhede (Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi), and Dr. Mosarrap Hossain Khan (Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School). The "MODERATOR" section lists Dr. Swapnil Dhanraj (Senior Research Fellow I.D.E.A.S., Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School). A QR code is provided for registration, with the text "SCAN THE QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION". The event details at the bottom state "DATE: 21ST AUGUST, 2023" and "TIMING 3:30 PM TO 5:30 PM".

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## Ideasx Online Workshop

### "Understanding and Designing Household Surveys: Learning from the Human Development Survey (IHDS)"

23 August, 2025

The workshop will introduce the students to a Pan India Household survey called the India Human Development Survey (2004/05 & 2011/12). It is a Multi-topic survey which is also the only longitudinal survey of India, conducted across multiple states and union territories of India in 2004–05 and 2011–12 by the instructor. Through this workshop, students will gain hands-on exposure to the logic, structure, and field realities of survey research, which include complexity of capturing the data related to income, or agricultural for example, including both qualitative and quantitative approaches.



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**INSTRUCTOR**



**DR. AMIT THORAT**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, CENTER FOR THE STUDY  
OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY



**23** AUGUST  
2025



**11:00AM –  
01:00PM IST**

\*Certificate will be provided to attendees

**More Information**  
<https://www.ideasx.in/>



Register Now  
the QR Code

#### Instructor:

**Dr Amit Thorat**, Assistant Professor of Economics, Center for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

#### Session Timings:

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



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