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August'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!

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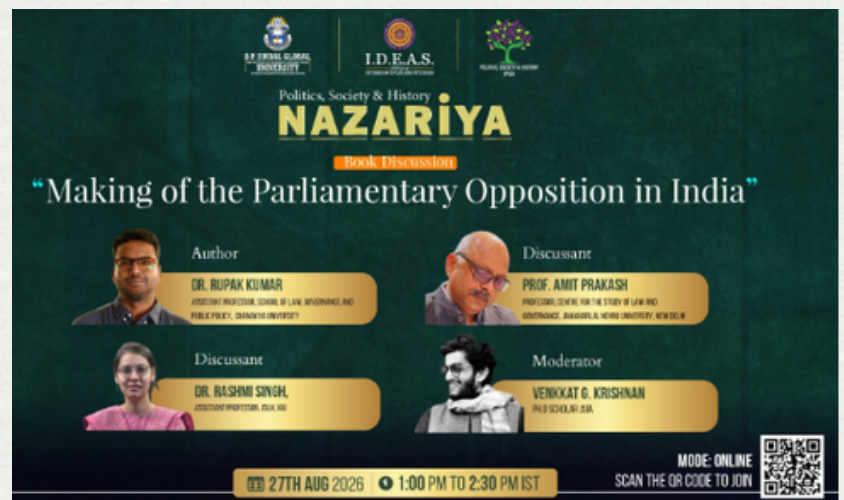
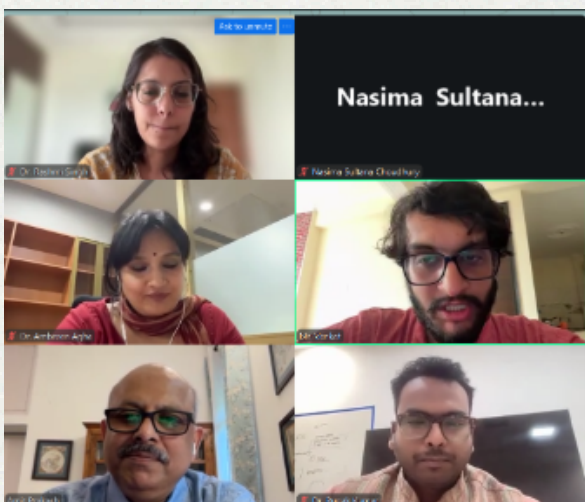
1. Events Recap

Nazariya: A Critical Dialogue Series

Making of Parliamentary Opposition in India

27th August

The latest session of Nazariya – Politics, Society & History featured a book discussion on 27th August on Making of the Parliamentary Opposition in India, bringing together scholars and researchers to reflect on the evolution, role, and significance of parliamentary opposition in the Indian political system.



The discussion featured Dr. Rupak Kumar, Assistant Professor, School of Law, Governance and Public Policy, Chanakya University, as the author, with Prof. Amit Prakash, Professor, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and Dr. Rashmi Singh, Assistant Professor, Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities, O.P. Jindal Global University, as discussants. The session was moderated by Venkakat G. Krishnan, Ph.D. Scholar, Jindal School of International Affairs.

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Curriculum Workshop Development

19th August

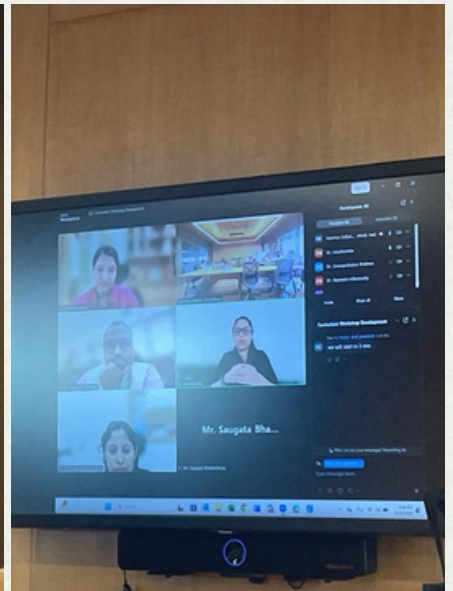
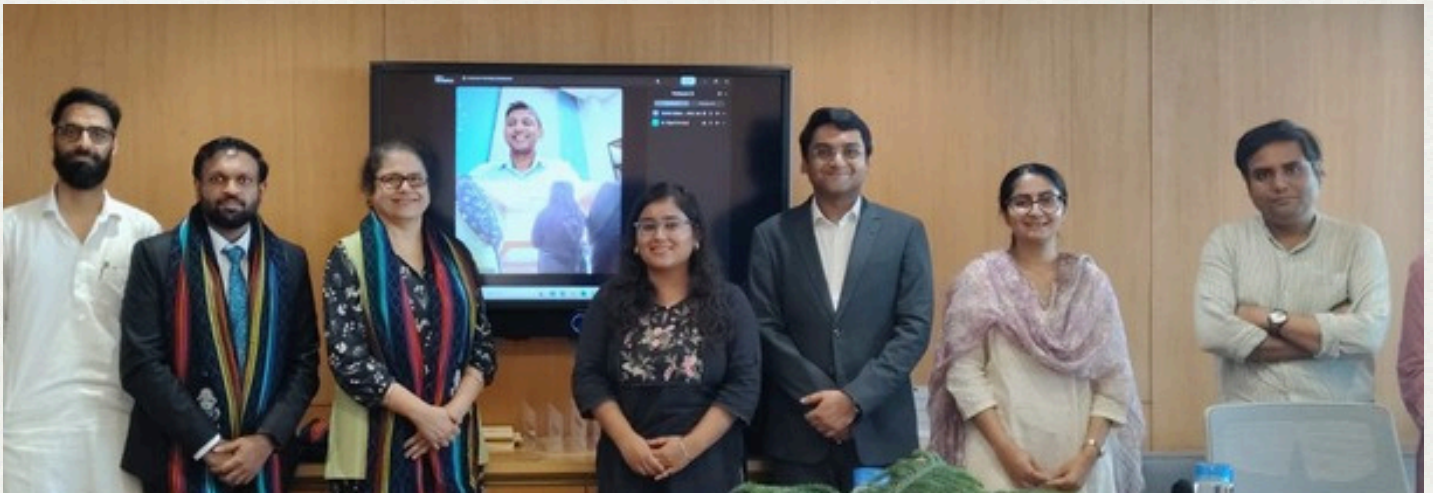
IDEAS hosted a Curriculum Development Workshop on 19 August 2026, bringing together distinguished academics and practitioners to engage with emerging approaches to curriculum design, pedagogy, technology, and interdisciplinary education.

The workshop featured three thematic panels that examined key questions shaping contemporary higher education.

The first panel, “Innovative Pedagogies for Integrated, Interactive Online Education,” brought together Ms. Anugya Kumar, Dr. Manish Srivastava, and Dr. Shambhavi Agarwal to discuss evolving pedagogical approaches for creating engaging, integrated, and interactive online learning environments.

The second panel, “AI Governance and Interdisciplinary Curriculum Development,” featured Dr. Nimish Joseph, Prof. Arindum Nayak, Dr. Rajesh Sharma, and Dr. Sudatta Kar. The discussion explored the growing implications of artificial intelligence for higher education, with particular attention to AI governance, responsible adoption, and the need for interdisciplinary frameworks that can equip students to navigate rapidly evolving technological landscapes.

The final panel, “Computational Economics & Digital Economy Curriculum,” featured Dr. Dweepobotee Brahma, Dr. Namesh Killemsetty, Dr. Saugata Bhattacharya, Dr. Meenakshi Banerjee, and Dr. Madhumita. The panel examined emerging directions in computational economics and the digital economy, reflecting on how academic curricula can respond to new forms of data-driven inquiry, technological change, and evolving economic systems.



Watch here:

Panel 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmLbReJcj9k>

Panel 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYww3YLhM7c>

Panel 3 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_JS4wFIFOto

| Sāmagāna Series

Sāmagāna Series: Examining the Hyper-Financialisation of Democracy in India

25th August

The Sāmagāna Series hosted an engaging discussion on “Hyper-Financialisation of Democracy in India” on 25 August 2026.

The session focused on the changing landscape of political finance and electoral politics in India, particularly in the context of rising campaign expenditure, regulatory limitations, and the increasing influence of wealth on democratic participation.

The session featured Mr. Ashok Lavasa, former Election Commissioner and former Finance Secretary of India, and Ms. Shelly Mahajan, Research Manager, AdrSpeaks, as discussants.

The discussion was moderated by Prof. Deepanshu Mohan, Dean, IDEAS, with Ms. Tahiba Banu, Lecturer, IDEAS, serving as the Convener.



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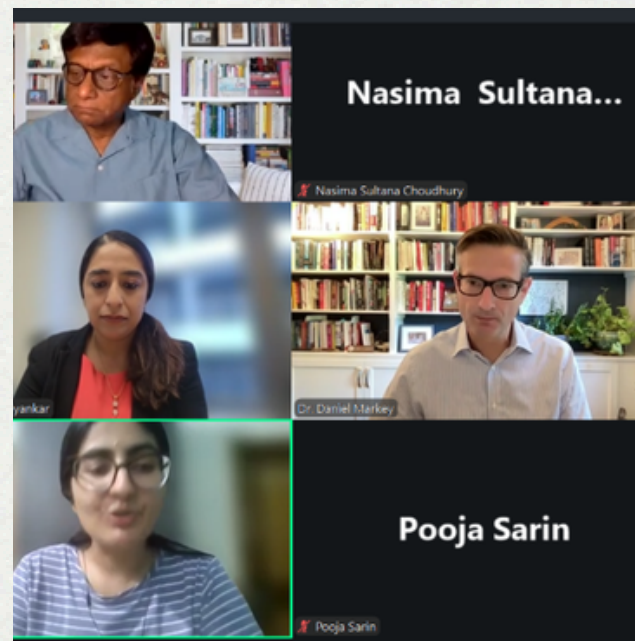
Masterclass

Masterclass: India's Geostrategic Landscape — The Security versus Development Imperative

26th August

The discussion examined India's regional security landscape, with particular attention to the evolving China–Pakistan strategic dynamics, vulnerabilities associated with critical chokepoints and energy security, and the investments India has undertaken to strengthen its strategic and defence capabilities.

The Masterclass featured Dr. Daniel Markey, Senior Fellow, South Asia Program, Henry L. Stimson Center, and Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Institute, JHU SAIS, and Ms. Akriti (Vasudeva) Kalyankar, Fellow, South Asia Program and Editor-in-Chief, South Asian Voices, The Stimson Center. The discussion was enriched by Ambassador Prof. (Dr.) Mohan Kumar, Professor & Dean, Strategic and International Initiatives, Office of the JGU Vice Chancellor, Professor of Diplomatic Practice, Jindal School of International Affairs, and Director General, Motwani Jadeja Institute for American Studies, who served as the discussant.



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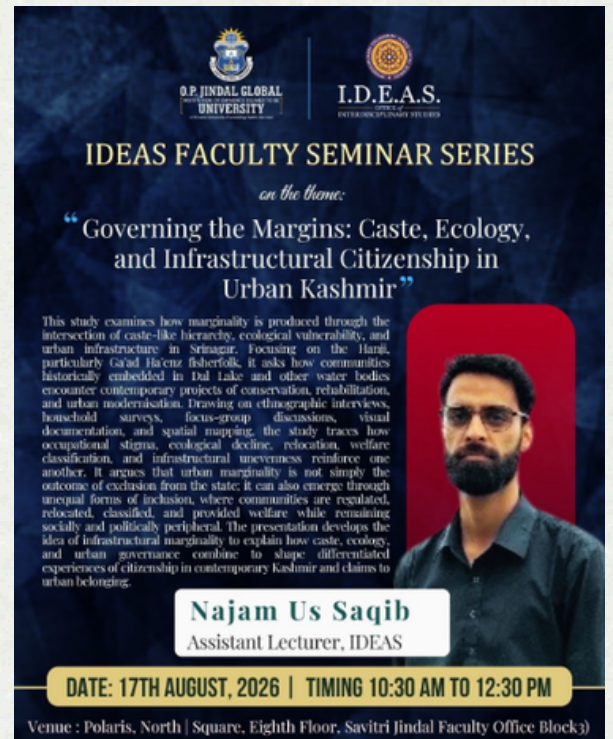
Faculty Seminar Series

IDEAS Faculty Seminar: Governing the Margins in Urban Kashmir

17th August

The IDEAS Faculty Seminar Series featured a research presentation by Najam Us Saqib, Assistant Lecturer, IDEAS, on “Governing the Margins: Caste, Ecology, and Infrastructural Citizenship in Urban Kashmir” on 17 August 2026.

The seminar examined the intersections of caste, ecology, urban governance, and infrastructure in the context of urban Kashmir. The presentation drew attention to how marginalised communities experience the urban landscape and how access to infrastructure and public services can shape forms of citizenship, belonging, and political participation.



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IDEAS FACULTY SEMINAR SERIES
on the theme:
“Governing the Margins: Caste, Ecology, and Infrastructural Citizenship in Urban Kashmir”

This study examines how marginality is produced through the intersection of caste-like hierarchy, ecological vulnerability, and urban infrastructure in Srinagar. Focusing on the Hanj, particularly Gaad Ha'enz fisherfolk, it asks how communities historically embedded in Dal Lake and other water bodies encounter contemporary projects of conservation, rehabilitation, and urban modernisation. Drawing on ethnographic interviews, household surveys, focus-group discussions, visual documentation, and spatial mapping, the study traces how occupational stigma, ecological decline, relocation, welfare classification, and infrastructural unevenness reinforce one another. It argues that urban marginality is not simply the outcome of exclusion from the state; it can also emerge through unequal forms of inclusion, where communities are regulated, relocated, classified, and provided welfare while remaining socially and politically peripheral. The presentation develops the idea of infrastructural marginality to explain how caste, ecology, and urban governance combine to shape differentiated experiences of citizenship in contemporary Kashmir and claims to urban belonging.

Najam Us Saqib
Assistant Lecturer, IDEAS

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IDEAS Faculty Seminar: The Geography of Access: Spatial Inequality and Urban Welfare in Delhi

31st August

The IDEAS Faculty Seminar Series featured a research presentation by Dr. Shamindra Nath Roy, Assistant Director & Assistant Professor, IDEAS, on “The Geography of Access: Spatial Inequality and Urban Welfare in Delhi” on 31 August 2026.

The seminar examined the ways in which spatial inequality shapes access to urban welfare and basic services in Delhi.



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IDEAS FACULTY SEMINAR SERIES

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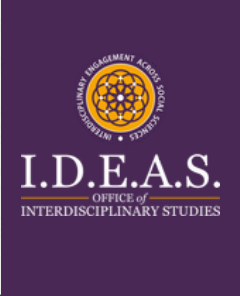
Urban inequality scholarship has privileged social markers — income, caste, religion — as the primary axes of disadvantage, leaving spatial inequality comparatively under-theorized despite its centrality to how cities of the Global South actually take shape. Unlike urban models drawn from Anglophone cities, where infrastructure provision broadly tracks formal planning and municipal jurisdiction, cities such as Delhi have grown through a layered, informalized, and often extralegal process of settlement-building, producing a fine-grained mosaic of differentially governed and differentially served neighborhoods. This talk argues that such spatial heterogeneity is not incidental to urban welfare but constitutive of it: where a household is situated within this settlement mosaic can matter as much as, or more than, its social or economic position. Drawing on previously unexploited geo-coded household survey data matched to a settlement-level typology, this work descriptively tests whether patterns long observed in Delhi’s qualitative and policy literature hold at scale. It finds that spatial location is as strong a predictor of basic service access than either social identity or economic status, and that this disadvantage follows a persistent core-periphery pattern that class mobility alone does not overcome. The findings make the case for treating spatial classification as a first-order analytical category in the study of urban welfare — one that is especially salient for cities of the Global South, whose histories of settling in small-scale settlements within the large city and planning processes diverge sharply from the assumptions embedded in dominant, Global North-derived models of urban inequality.

Dr. Shamindra Nath Roy
Assistant Director & Assistant Professor, IDEAS

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2. In Print: Voices of Our Scholars



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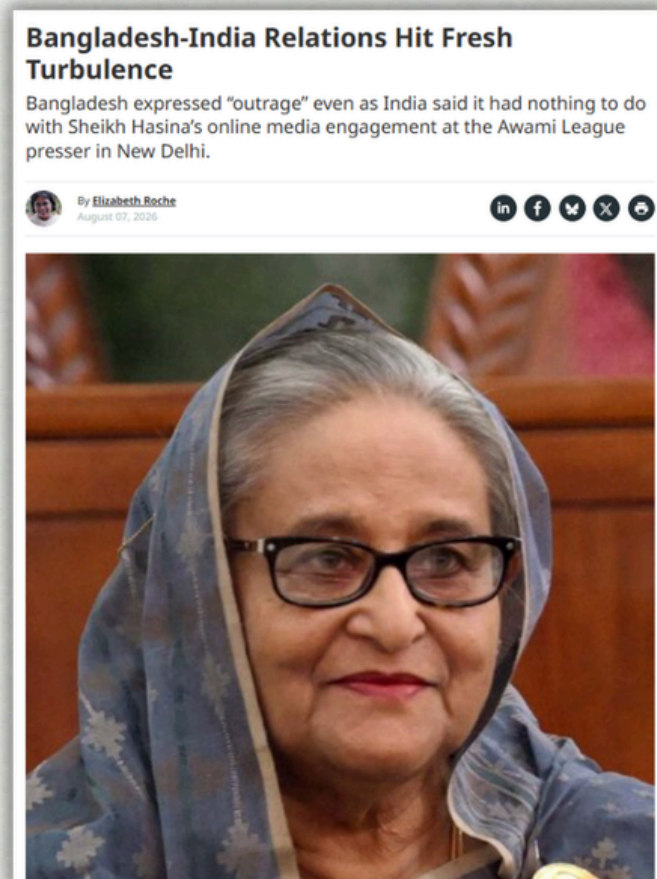


Did Ambassador Gor Signal a Change in U.S. Stance on Kashmir?

His statement that Jammu and Kashmir is an “important part of India” has drawn a cautious response in New Delhi and ire in Islamabad.

Elizabeth Roche, Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS & Associate Professor at the Jindal School of International Affairs

The Diplomat | 24th August, 2026



Bangladesh-India Relations Hit Fresh Turbulence

Bangladesh expressed “outrage” even as India said it had nothing to do with Sheikh Hasina’s online media engagement at the Awami League presser in New Delhi.

Elizabeth Roche, Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS & Associate Professor at the Jindal School of International Affairs

The Diplomat | 21th July, 2025

In the News



Algorithms and IR: Towards a Critical Quantum Theory

This article brings together critical International Relations (IR) and quantum social science to understand the power of algorithms over human activity. It argues that a critical quantum theory can accommodate both algorithmic authority and resistance against it.

Prof. (Dr.) Oleksandr Svitych, Senior Research Fellow IDEAS & Associate Professor, JSIA

Sage Journals | 4th August, 2025



Blind transparency: a critical discourse analysis of the EU AI Act

This article critically examines the political function of transparency discourse within the EU AI Act. Building upon the early Frankfurt school of critical theory, the article demonstrates how the market-friendly notion of transparency reinforces relations of power and domination, while side-lining ethical concerns and citizens' welfare.

Prof. (Dr.) Oleksandr Svitych, Senior Research Fellow IDEAS & Associate Professor, JSIA

Taylor & Francis | 21st April, 2025

In the News



Chapter

Economic Resilience and Women's Empowerment in India

A Post-Polanyian Perspective

By Oleksandr Svitych

Book [Deindustrialization and Economic Restructuring in Post-Reform India](#)

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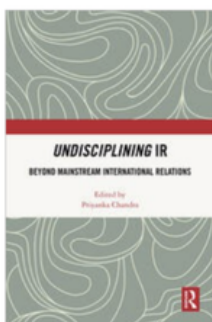
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Economic Resilience and Women's Empowerment in India A Post-Polanyian Perspective

This chapter examines the latest political economic trends in India through the combined lens of Polanyian political economy and Foucauldian poststructuralist critique of development. I argue that socio-economic restructuring has been accompanied with specific discursive practices designed to cultivate “resilience” and “empowerment” among the Indian people, particularly among women.

Prof. (Dr.) Oleksandr Svitych, Senior Research Fellow IDEAS & Associate Professor, JSIA
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Undisciplining IR: Beyond Mainstream International Relations



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Prof. (Dr.) Priyanka Chandra, Senior Research Fellow IDEAS & Associate Professor, JSIA
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3. Our Scholars in Spotlight



Attended the 19th EISA Pan-European Conference on International Relations (EISA PEC 2026), held at ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal, from 1 to 4 September 2026.

Prof. (Dr.) Oleksandr Svitych

Senior Research Fellow IDEAS &
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