

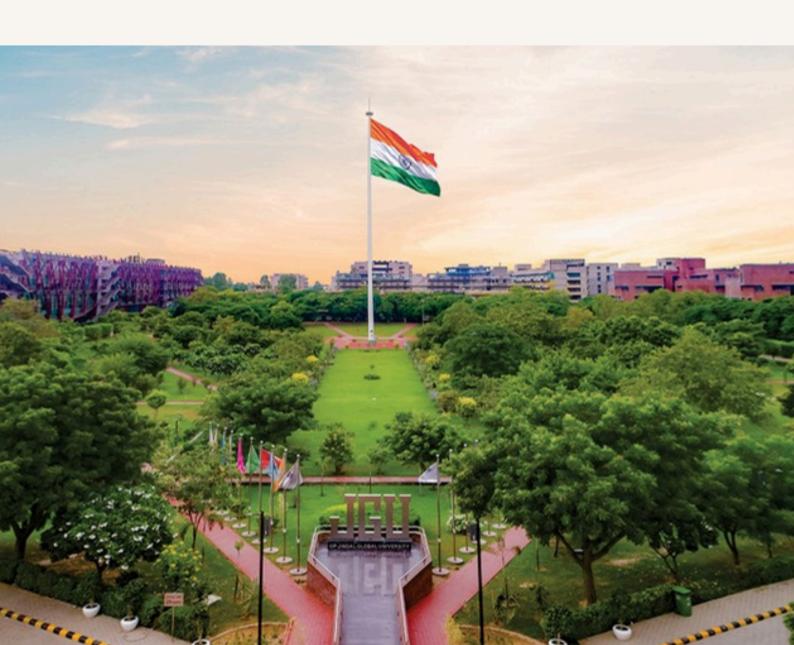
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August'25 NEWSLETTER

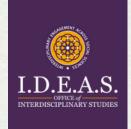
**I.D.E.A.S. Periodical** is a monthly newsletter that brings you the latest updates on research, news, and activities from across the I.D.E.A.S. constellations. It also features important 'What's Next: Mark Your Calendar!' announcements for upcoming events. Our sections, "In Print: Voices of Our Scholars" 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 in I.D.E.A.S. Advisory Council





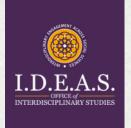
### **Prof. Shivali Lawale**

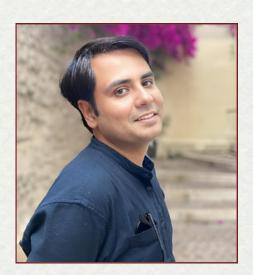
Director at Symbiosis School of International Studies, Pune, Maharshtra

Prior to joining the Symbiosis School of International Studies, Ms. Lawale, worked for over more than a decade at the United Nations Educational, Scientific Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Headquarters in Paris, France. She has worked in the capacity of Programme Specialist on two of the UN's priority programmes in education and international development - Education for All and Education for Sustainable Development. These programmes covered a variety of contemporary issues like peace and conflict, human rights, climate change and gender issues, among others.

She has authored articles on education and sustainable development that have been published in international journals and publications and has presented papers at prestigious international conferences like the biennial International Conference on Education and Development, UK, and the Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) annual conferences. She is also member of the HDCA, an association that was established in 2004 by Prof. Amartya Sen and Prof. Martha Nussbaum.

# 2. Welcoming new Assistant Directors on board





Dr Shamindra Nath Roy, Assistant Professor, I.D.E.A.S.

A mixed-methods researcher, his work spans rural-urban transformations, urban governance, internal migration, labor and employment, and socio-spatial inequalities in Delhi.

Before joining JGU, he worked with the World Resources Institute and Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, and has held visiting and consultancy roles with CESSMA–Université de Paris, the Asian Development Bank, ILO, and the World Bank. He has also taught at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi.



Dr. Preethi Krishnan Senior Research Fellow, I.D.E.A.S. Associate Professor, Jindal Law Global School

Before joining O.P. Jindal Global University, she served as an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Western Carolina University. Her research and teaching focus on inequality, social movements, development, globalization, violence, and the state.

At the core of her work is the question of how state-society dynamics shape social change. She has published in Mobilization, Advances in Gender Research, The Global South, Current Sociology, Indian Anthropologist, and Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research.

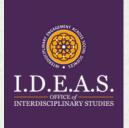


Najam Us Saqib Senior Research Analyst, Center for New Economic Studies

His research focuses on postcolonial caste politics, marginalisation and community resilience with a particular emphasis on Kashmir. His research engages with identity, caste and politics of marginalisation, with a strong ethnographic and visual methodology focus.

He has published in Economic & Political Weekly and Contemporary Voice of Dalit, and authored the Routledge book Identity, Dispossession and Resilience of the Subaltern: A Study of Marginalized Communities in Kashmir. His writings frequently appear in The Wire, The Quint, 360info, and East Asia Forum.

# 3. Welcoming our first cohort of M.Sc. Development Practice



On 1st August, the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (I.D.E.A.S.) proudly welcomed the inaugural cohort of the M.Sc. Development Practice program at the Jindal International Academy (JIA), Taj Facility, New Delhi.

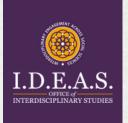
This launch marks a milestone in our effort to create an academic space that bridges **critical inquiry and real-world engagement**. The program is designed as a rigorous, interdisciplinary journey—combining classroom learning with field immersion—to prepare students to tackle pressing challenges of the **Global South**.

Welcoming this diverse first batch was a proud moment—each student brings unique experiences, perspectives, and aspirations that will shape the future of development practice.





## 3. Campus visit of Cohorts

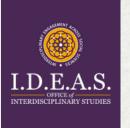


On 19th August, we had the pleasure of welcoming our first cohort to the campus for their inaugural visit. The students participated in a series of engaging sessions designed to introduce them to the academic environment and ethos of the university.

They were also given an immersive campus tour, led by our esteemed faculty members, **Dr. Gayatri Balu, Assistant Director and Assistant Professor at I.D.E.A.S.**, and Ms. Prachy Hooda, Lecturer at I.D.E.A.S. They also had an intrection with **Prof.** (**Dr.**) **Upasana Mahanta, Dean of Admissions and Outreach** at O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU),



## 4. Events Recap



## IDEASx Workshop

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

Aug 23, 2025

The workshop introduced students to a Pan-India household survey, the India Human Development Survey (2004–05 & 2011–12)—a unique, nationally representative survey that covered every state and union territory of India. As the country's only longitudinal, multi-topic survey, conducted by the instructor, it offered a rare opportunity to explore India's social and economic realities over time.

#### Our instructors were:

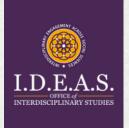
Dr. Amit Thorat,

Assistant Professor of Economics, Center for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**Session Timings:** 

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM





## Masterclass

The Masterclass Seminar Series at IDEAS, JGU forms an integral component of the MSc Development Practice program and its broader mission of knowledge dissemination.

Each seminar is designed to bridge classroom learning with real-world experiences in development, policymaking, academia, and social work. Distinguished scholars and practitioners from across the globe share insights drawn from their expertise, offering students a unique opportunity to engage with diverse perspectives.

While the series is a core element of the MSc program, sessions are also open to students from other JGU programs and to external participants, particularly those based in the Delhi-NCR region.

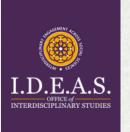
On August 6, I.D.E.A.S. inaugurated its Masterclass Series with a thought-provoking session titled "Is Liberalization, Privatization, and Globalization (LPG) the Panacea for India's Most Important Problems?" delivered by Dr. Mihir Shah, Distinguished Professor and Chairperson of the M.A. in Rural Management at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar University

#### https://youtu.be/BdSHktFY5DE









The series continued through the month with several insightful lectures. On August 16, Dr. Maanik Nath, Assistant Professor in Economic History at Utrecht University, Netherlands, presented a stimulating talk on "Capital Shortage: Credit and Indian Economic Development, 1920–1960."

#### https://youtu.be/yeTOM4OKe-Y

This was followed on August 20 by an engaging session with Dr. Partha Mukhopadhyay, Senior Fellow at the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, who spoke on "What is the Role of Theory in Development Practice?" offering fresh perspectives on contemporary development challenges and opportunities.

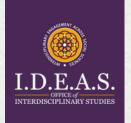
#### https://youtu.be/oAB9qKYsHBY

The month concluded on August 30 with an online session by Dr. Amogh Dar Sharma, Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, who discussed his book The Backstage of Democracy: India's Election Campaigns and the People Who Manage Them, highlighting the professionalization of elections in India.

#### https://youtu.be/pxx1QnRMEKg







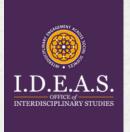
## **Artisanal Alchemy**

On 19th August 2025, we hosted this semester's first workshop under our "Artisanal Alchemy" initiative.

Artisanal Alchemy more than just a skillbuilding platform; it is an immersive journey through time, where students engage directly with master artisans to discover not only the techniques of craft but also the silent poetry of patience, precision, and the stories embedded in every artifact. It is here that creativity, heritage, design and come together in living a dialogue.



This workshop spotlighted the leatherwork of Kutch, an art form renowned for its durability, intricate patterns, and cultural depth. To make this experience truly authentic, we were honored to welcome two craftsmen who traveled all the way from a remote village in Kutch to share their knowledge, skill, and passion with our participants.



# Politics Society and History

Our Research Constellation "Politics, Society, and History", held two insightful talks this month. The first, held on 19th August, featured Dr. Dhananjay Rai, who teaches at the Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies, Central University of Gujarat. Dr. Rai, a former Visiting Fellow (2022–24) at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi, spoke on "Hind Swaraj: An Outline of Gandhi's Heterodoxy." The session was moderated by Dr. Kaushalya Bajpayee, Associate Professor at Jindal Global Law School, who also curated and organized this discussion.

19th August: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orHbVrd0Dhw&t=2982s

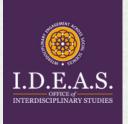




Another talk under the Politics, Society, and History Research Constellation was organized by Dr. Swapnil Dhanraj, Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School, on the theme "Muslims in Postcolonial Bollywood" on 21st August

This webinar particularly focused on the representation of Muslims in postcolonial Bollywood cinema. It also engaged with the changing image of Muslims in popular Bollywood films over the last few decades.

21st August: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQhAXrc7xHE&t=3106s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQhAXrc7xHE&t=3106s</a>



## Reading Circle Initiative

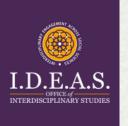
The **Reading Circle** is a vibrant space that invites students to read, reflect, and engage in meaningful discussions on a wide range of texts.

On 21st August, we organised our Reading Circle Initiative featuring the text "Threads of Change: Interplay of Technological Transformation and Social Boundaries in Mumbai's Textile Mills (1870–2006)" by Prof. (Dr.) Sumeet Ramdas Mhaskar, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy. The session was curated by Ms. Prachy Hooda, Lecturer IDEAS

21st August: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQhAXrc7xHE&t=3106s







### Nazraiya: Critical Dialog Series

Trump's Tariff Tantrums: The Way Forward for India

The US first imposed a 25 percent tariff on India on July 30, followed by an additional 25 percent just a week later, citing New Delhi's purchase of Russian oil.

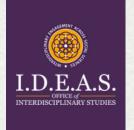
Against this backdrop, I.D.E.A.S. organized a lecture on 20th August, 2025 featuring Niranjan Sahoo, Senior Research Fellow at ORF; Prof. (Dr.) Vesselin Popovski, Professor, Vice Dean and Executive Director, Centre for the Study of United Nations, Jindal Global Law School; and Prof. Mohsin Raza Khan, Associate Dean (Student Initiatives), Jindal School of International Affairs.

The session was chaired by our Dean, Prof. Deepanshu Mohan, and moderated by Ms. Prachy Hooda, Lecturer at IDEAS. The speakers reflected on the challenges ahead and explored possible roadmaps for India in navigating this complex economic and geopolitical landscape.

20th August, 2025: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wTegERs7qE&t=457s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wTegERs7qE&t=457s</a>



# 4. In Print: Voices of Our Scholars



### In the News

Reader Mode

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### Does a Mother's Education Matter for Childcare in India?

#### Evidence from Time Use Survey

The authors thank the reviewer for their comments.

Using the National Statistical Office's Time Use Survey 2019, it is found that tertiary-educated mothers devote 159 more minutes weekly to childcare than non-literate mothers. While existing research highlights educated women's withdrawal from the labour market, it is found that higher maternal education correlates with increased childcare time, irrespective of employment status and family structures. Educated working mothers often exhibit more intensive parenting, particularly in multigenerational households. This suggests that education enhances caregiving responsibilities or household bargaining power, challenging the notion that higher education leads to employment–childcare tradeoffs.

# **Does a Mother's Education Matter for Childcare in India?**

Authored by Prof. (Dr.) Avanindra Nath Thakur, Senior Research Fellow, I.D.E.A.S. & Professor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy alongwith <u>T S Kavita Rajeshwari</u> and <u>Indrani Sengup</u>ta

This special article investigates whether and how a mother's educational attainment influences childcare practices in India. The study draws upon empirical data and statistical analysis to assess the relationship between maternal education and various aspects of childcare.

Economic and Political Weekly | 23rd Aug, 2025

#### Anganwadi as a social reproduction site: Dalit feminist resistance to gender, caste and class

Preethi Krishnan

Drawing on ethnographic data about the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), a welfare programme for children in Tamil Nadu, India, this article addresses the question. How do spaces providing social reproduction labour, embedded in social relations of gender, caste and class, become sites of Dalit feminist resistance? The article discusses how the Anganwadi became a site of Dalit feminist resistance where gendered and casteist norms were contested vis-à-vis the state, community or sometimes among workers themselves. It describes three axes along which workers contested their exploitation—labour, gender and caste. First, as a labour movement, Anganwadi workers highlighted how the state expanded the job responsibilities of workers without adequate compensation and engaged in gendered exploitation of their care work. Second, Dalit union leaders used their influence to challenge casteism among workers. Dalit women also approached the courts to implement a caste-based affirmative action policy in worker recruitment. Finally, we see how Anganwadi workers supported each other to resist gendered norms around widowhood in rural Tamil Nadu. Theoretically, the article brings social reproduction theory in conversation with Dalit feminist theory to examine the Anganwadi as a site where devaluation of care labour and caste bias coexists with workers' resistance to such exploitation and discrimination.

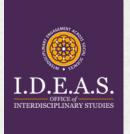
Keywords: social reproduction, social inequality, caste, gender, resistance, Dalit feminist theory

# Anganwadi as a social reproduction site: Dalit feminist resistance to gender, caste and class

Written by Dr. Preethi Krishnan, Assistant Director, I.D.E.A.S. & Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School

This article offers a glimpse into my conversations with the incredible women of the Anganwadi workers' union, centering on care, gender, caste, and wages. It shows how the Anganwadi became not just a site of exploitation, but also a space of struggle—against caste discrimination, widowhood, and for fair wages.

Indian Sociology | 26th Aug, 2025



#### Primacy of Property as Devolution of Rights: Case of Women in India through the Lens of Inheritance Laws Published online by Cambridge University Press: 01 August 2025 Aashita Dawer Share 66 Cite Rights & Per Women and Property inheritance is a complex issue in India. The Hindu Succession Laws give vomen inheritance rights on ancestral, acquired, and agricultural land. This has led to ar increase in their bargaining power and a consequential increase in transaction costs, which ideally should challenge the ex-ante and ex-post HSAA 2005, Coasean cooperative equilibriums While the normative Coasean theorem propounds the dismantling of cooperation with the rise in bargaining, the Hobbesian framework believes that cooperation can exist through coercion. This process, in which women have bargaining rights yet cooperate, happens through "covert coercion." Despite increased bargaining powers, women are conflicted between inheritance and maintaining familial ties, where covert coercion forces them to let go of inheritance. The article investigates this conflict women face through the lens of Law, normative Coasean and Hobbesian frameworks, psychological costs, and their Lived Reality. Further, this article investigates various efficiency criteria.

# Primacy of Property as Devolution of Rights: Case of Women in India through the Lens of Inheritance Laws

Written by Aashita Dawer
Senior Research Fellow & Climate and
Sustainability Lead, I.D.E.A.S.
Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School

This paper examines the tension between inheritance and familial ties through the lenses of Coasean and Hobbesian frameworks, highlighting the role of "covert coercion" in sustaining cooperation despite conflict. By integrating legal analysis, efficiency criteria, psychological costs, and women's lived realities, the article interrogates how formal rights translate into constrained practices in inheritance.

Cambridge University Press | 1st Aug, 2025



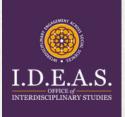
# Something's Gotta Give: Few Options on the Negotiating Table as India and Modi Are Cornered by Trump

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

The article highlights how tariffs have cornered India, strained ties with the U.S., and are forcing New Delhi to rethink its strategic and trade options.

The Wire | 11th Aug, 2025

## 5. Our Scholars in Spotlight



On 24 August 2025 at Jawahar Bhavan, Delhi, he moderated a panel on "Oral and Written Traditions of Malwa Folk Music" with Padmashree Dr. Prahlad Singh Tipaniya. The discussion highlighted Dr. Tipaniya's immense contributions to Malwa folk music and also marked the release of his two new books of Kabir bhajan collections.

The panel featured Dr. Tipaniya, Prof. Apoorvanand, Prof. Saroj Giri (Delhi University), and Prof. Uma Bhatnagar (San Francisco State University).

### Dr. Nayanjyoti

Assistant Director and Assistant Professor, I.D.E.A.S.











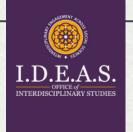
- Interviewed by CGTN World Watch regarding the evolving trade relations between India and the United States.
- Invited as a Resource Person for the symposium "Trade, Tariff, and Trump" on organized 2025 12th August by the Regional Department of Economics. Rohilkhand Jyotiba Phule Mahatma University, Bareilly.

#### 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** 





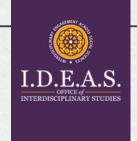


Inducted as Visiting Fellow in the Centre for Multilevel federalism, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi

### Najam Us Saqib

Assistant Director, I.D.E.A.S. Senior Research Analyst, Center for New Economic Studies







- Interviewed by <u>Sky News Arabia</u> on the implications of US tariffs for India.
- Interviewed by <u>India Today</u> on the recent US tariffs on Indian goods.
- Interviewed by <u>DW News</u> on Trump's tariff war.
- Inducted as Research Advisory Council in the Centre for Multilevel federalism, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi

### Prof. Deepanshu Mohan,

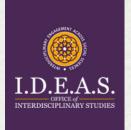
Dean, I.D.E.A.S. Office of Interdisciplinary Studies Professor of Economics, Jindal School of Liberal Arts & Humanities, O. P. Jindal Global University

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



## IDEASx Online Workshop

### Digital Ethnography in Qualitative Research by Dr Soibam Haripriya

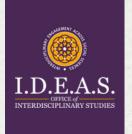
13th Sept, 2025

This workshop offers an introduction to ethnography for beginners, exploring how ethnographic methods can be used to understand culture and social life in digital spaces. Participants will learn how traditional ethnographic approaches are adapted to study online communities, platforms, and interactions. The session will also address key ethical considerations in digital research and discuss the broader significance of conducting ethnographic work in virtual environments. As digital spaces increasingly shape our everyday lives, digital ethnography has become a vital tool for understanding contemporary social and cultural dynamics.



**Session Timings:** 

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, 12:00 PM - 01:30 PM



### IDEASx Online Workshop

# Storytelling as Research Methodologies in the Social Sciences and Humanities by Julio César Díaz Calderón

18th | 25th Oct, 2025

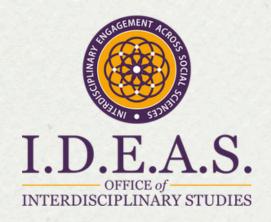
Over the past forty years, storytelling has emerged as a transformative tool, introducing innovative methodologies Sciences the Social across Humanities. This short course explores these methodologies and showcases practical examples where storytelling expands both theoretical and applied dimensions. Departing from Eurocentric frameworks, the course highlights global perspectives, engaging authors who critique or reimagine dominant narratives about their communities.

This course invites participants to embrace storytelling as a dynamic and inclusive research methodology. It is designed for participants interested in storytelling as a research approach within their fields or as a strategy for community empowerment. It includes practical exercises in writing, reading, and sharing participants' stories.



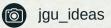
#### **Session Timings:**

18th Oct | 10:00 AM - 01:00 PM, 25th Oct | 10:00 AM - 01:00 PM





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