

PERIODICAL

September'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. Campus visit of Cohorts

Our first cohort of the **MSc Development Practice (Non-Residential)** completed their second campus visit packed with learning and exploration. They had an engaging interaction with **Prof. (Dr.) Namesh Killemsetty, Associate Dean, I.D.E.A.S. & Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Programme Strategy**. They also held insightful discussions with I.D.E.A.S. faculty **Dr. Abhinita Mohanty and Dr. Shamindra Roy**. They were also given Guided tour of The Constitution Academy & The Rights and Freedoms Museum — bringing alive the spirit of India's Constitution

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2. Events Recap

IDEASx Workshop

It is an online learning initiative by the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (I.D.E.A.S.). It provides a platform for researchers, students, and curious learners to explore knowledge at the intersections of diverse fields.

Digital Ethnography in Qualitative Research

Sep 13, 2025

This workshop introduces beginners to digital ethnography, showing how traditional ethnographic methods are adapted to study online communities, platforms, and interactions. It will cover core techniques, key ethical considerations, and the significance of research in virtual spaces. As digital environments increasingly shape everyday life, digital ethnography offers vital insights into contemporary social and cultural dynamics.

Our instructors were:

Dr. Haripriya Soibam

Assistant Professor, Social Sciences and Humanities, IIT-Delhi

Session Timings:

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

The poster is for the IDEASx Online Workshop titled "DIGITAL ETHNOGRAPHY IN QUALITATIVE RESEARCH". It features logos for I.D.E.A.S., G.P. Bhandal Global University, and IDEASx. The text describes the workshop as an introduction to digital ethnography for beginners, covering traditional methods adapted for online communities, platforms, and interactions, and addressing key ethical considerations. The instructor is Dr. Soibam Haripriya, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences and Humanities at IIT-Delhi. The poster lists two sessions on September 13, 2025: Session 01 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM IST and Session 02 from 12:00 PM to 01:30 PM IST. A QR code is provided for registration, and a note states that a certificate will be provided to attendees. More information is available at <https://www.ideasx.in/>.

IDEASx
ONLINE WORKSHOP

DIGITAL ETHNOGRAPHY IN QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

THIS WORKSHOP OFFERS AN INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL 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.

INSTRUCTOR

 **DR. SOIBAM HARIPRIYA**
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES, IIT-DELHI

SESSION 01 **13** SEPTEMBER 2025 **10:00AM-11:30AM IST**

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More Information
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Register Now the QR Code

| Masterclass

The Masterclass Seminar Series at IDEAS, JGU is a cornerstone of the MSc Development Practice program and reflects its broader mission of fostering critical dialogue and knowledge dissemination.

While the series is an essential component of the MSc curriculum, it also welcomes participants from across JGU's diverse programs as well as external audiences, particularly from the Delhi-NCR region, thereby creating a vibrant and inclusive intellectual space.

The September sessions brought together a remarkable line-up of global scholars and thought leaders who offered fresh insights into pressing issues of development, economy, and democracy:

On 06 September: Dr. Sharmila Parmanand, Assistant Professor at the London School of Economics and Political Science, led an online session on “Care, Domestic Work & Sex Work in the Gendered Economy”, sparking nuanced conversations on gender and labor.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOq5yigfpNc&t=2109s>

17 September: Dr. Ravi Kumar, Associate Professor at South Asian University, delivered a thought-provoking lecture on “Reskilling as Development? The 'Skill Fix' and India's Demographic Question”, questioning the policy narratives around skilling and employment.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ox_4vCGfBIw

19 September: Dr. Rathin Roy, Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Kautilya School of Public Policy and Managing Director at ODI, explored “Unequalising Prosperity: Political Asymmetry in India’s Political Economy”, drawing on his vast experience including as a member of Prime Minister Modi’s Economic Advisory Council.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1LgC8BH-BaA&t=2859s>

20 September: An engaging book talk on “Wreckonomics: Why It’s Time to End the War on Everything” featured Dr. Ruben Andersson (University of Oxford) and Dr. David Keen (London School of Economics and Political Science), who unpacked the politics of perpetual crises.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CuPnTaHcOsk>

27 September: The month concluded with Dr. Nikhil Menon, Associate Professor at the University of Notre Dame, presenting his acclaimed book “Planning Democracy: Modern India’s Quest for Development”, offering a historical lens on India’s planning experiment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNFvc5uX9po>



Artisanal Alchemy

Artisanal Alchemy is more than just a skill-building 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.

On 02nd September, we hosted this semester's second workshop under our "Artisanal Alchemy" initiative. This workshop was on the timeless craft of Chikankari Embroidery



On 30th October, Ajrakh Handblock Workshop, marked the final session of the semester under the Artisanal Alchemy Initiative. We had the honour of hosting Dr. Junaid Khatri, a 10th-generation Ajrakh craft artist whose family has upheld this centuries-old tradition. Dr. Khatri's remarkable journey and commitment to preserving the art form—recognized with the UNESCO & Ministry of Information, Communications, and Culture Award of Excellence (2012)—offered participants an inspiring insight into the world of traditional craftsmanship and cultural heritage.



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 04th September we organised our Reading Circle Initiative featuring the text “**Indian Constitution: A Conversation with Power**” by Dr. Gautam Bhatia, Constitutional Law Scholar

04 September, 2025: “Indian Constitution: A Conversation with Power”



Grassroot Action Program

Grassroot Action Program initiative is aimed at empowering the marginalised grassroots communities through long-term and continuous engagement and collaborative action-oriented research.

Led by **Ms. Tahiba Banu, Lecturer I.D.E.A.S. (Lead)** and **Najam Us Saqib (Co-Lead)**, GAP continues its mission of empowering marginalized communities through collaborative, action-oriented research. This month, the team kicked off Phase 2 of their study, focusing on mapping community aspirations through qualitative research. We were honored to host **Professor Emily F. Henderson SFHEA**, Director of Doctoral Education and Academia Research Centre and member of the I.D.E.A.S. Advisory Council, who visited the campus and offered valuable guidance to the GAP team.

The month also featured a Samvad on “**Child, Labour and Education**” with community members from JJ Bhawana Colony at Navjyoti’s office, led by **Ms Tahiba Banu**. Additionally, new student associates were inducted into GAP, concluding the month with an enriching interaction between them and the Navjyoti team led by Mr. Manoj.

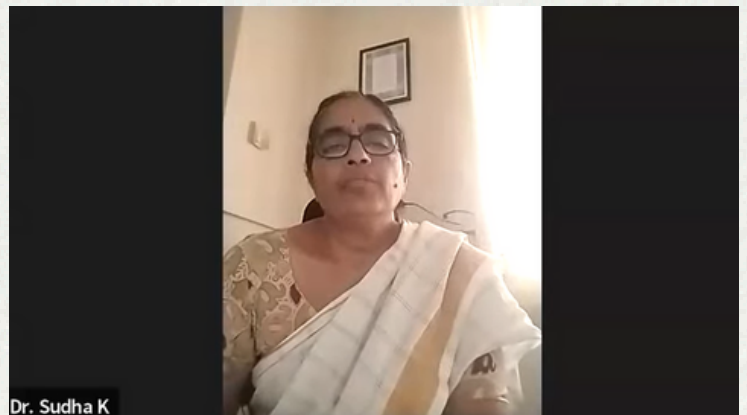


Nazraiya: Critical Dialog Series

The threat to india's sea coasts and coastal livelihoods

Our Research Constellation “**Climate and Sustainability**”, hosted an online talk on “**The Threat to India's Sea Coasts and Coastal Livelihoods**” by **Dr. K. Sudha** - Human Rights Activist, Human Rights Forum and Assistant Professor, DSNLU, Visakhapatnam and **Mr. Gutta Rohith** - Human Rights Activist, Human Rights Forum; Practising Advocate, Andhra Pradesh High Court. This session was moderated by **Prof. Ramanathan Anjana**, Constellation Fellow (Climate and Sustainability) and Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Evwb_9qUAUk



Reading Texts in Social Sciences: A Collaborative Initiative by I.D.E.A.S. and the Kashf Initiative

Reading Texts in Social Sciences was envisioned as a space for collective reflection, inviting postgraduate students and early-career researchers to engage deeply with questions of political theory, textual interpretation, and the art of reading across the humanities and social sciences. The session featured an insightful keynote address by **Prof. Gurpreet Mahajan**, whose reflections set the tone for a stimulating exchange of ideas.

The second session is scheduled on 24th October, 2025 and will feature **Prof. Mark Philp**, Emeritus Professor, University of Warwick as the Keynote Speaker.



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**Reading texts in Social Science:
On Method & Meaning**

Online Masterclass & Workshop Series

PART 1 | 18th Sep 2025

Keynote
Prof. Gurpreet Mahajan
Former Professor
Centre for Political Studies, JNU

Roundtable Conversation

PART 2 | 24th Oct 2025

Keynote
Prof. Mark Philp
Emeritus Professor
University of Warwick

Guided Reading Workshop

Certificate of Completion awarded for attending Part 1 & Part 2

To attend please scan the QR code and read the instructions carefully before applying

Note: Students from marginalised communities are especially encouraged to apply

www.jgu.edu.in/ideas/ www.kashfinitiative.com

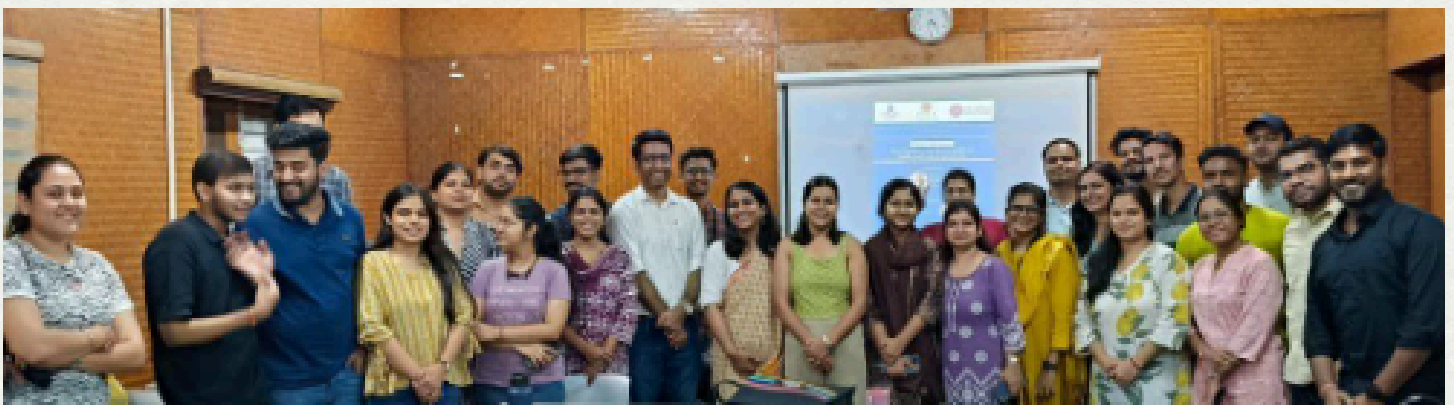


Workshop on Development & Sustainability

On 26th September, our faculty **Dr. Gayatri Balu, Assistant Director and Assistant Professor** and **Ms. Tahiba Banu, Lecturer** conducted an engaging session with students at the Department of Continuing Education and Extension, Delhi University on **“Development and Sustainability: Skills and Career Prospects.”**

The workshop fostered a meaningful dialogue on linking sustainability debates with skill-building and career pathways, emphasizing the role of youth in shaping future policies and interventions.

This initiative is part of I.D.E.A.S.’ ongoing efforts to engage young minds through courses and programs that blend theory, fieldwork, and methodological training.



3. In Print: Voices of Our Scholars

In the News

From memes to movements | The politics of justice in virtual spaces

The youth are politicised, organised, and online, and they're not waiting for permission



Vidya Subramanian

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From memes to movements | The politics of justice in virtual spaces

The article argues that contemporary digital culture—especially memes and social media—has become a powerful site of political mobilization, justice-seeking, and activism. Young people are increasingly organizing online, using humor, symbolism, and viral content to question authority, demand accountability, and shape public discourse.

Written by Prof. (Dr.) Vidya Subramanian,
Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Deccan Herald | 24 September 2025

How much are States borrowing?

The CAG's decadal analysis report shows us that the pandemic upended the borrowing

TABLE 1: State-wise gross borrowing trends (Public Debt Receipts), 2016-17 to 2022-23

State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Andhra Pradesh	59,523	74,053	97,980	1,12,428	1,51,975	1,59,610	1,06,024
Arunachal Pradesh	1,015	1,757	1,205	1,791	1,516	1,483	2,490
Assam	3,902	8,447	11,755	14,250	17,940	16,670	28,270
Bihar	21,577	13,199	18,668	26,145	35,945	40,445	48,284
Chhattisgarh	5,480	9,652	14,310	19,588	21,352	15,096	10,639
Goa	3,204	3,101	4,989	3,012	7,655	5,180	2,626

TABLE 2

State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Gujarat	27,668	28,553	43,146	43,491	58,857	46,580	52,333
Haryana	28,170	21,490	34,265	44,432	53,817	55,196	80,649
Himachal Pradesh	8,603	5,600	6,427	10,867	16,749	9,335	23,372
Jharkhand	7,081	8,137	7,805	9,593	13,547	9,840	5,142
Karnataka	31,156	25,122	41,914	80,499	84,628	80,641	44,549
Kerala	23,859	30,234	33,446	60,407	69,735	64,932	54,007
Madhya Pradesh	29,847	21,892	32,457	34,584	85,121	46,385	58,887

TABLE 3

State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Madhya Pradesh	48,556	49,670	26,025	57,153	1,18,586	50,587	54,722
Manipur	1,551	1,296	3,327	6,314	9,334	12,652	11,136
Meghalaya	1,210	1,225	1,335	1,986	3,412	4,620	6,221
Mizoram	756	894	134	1,148	2,621	4,560	4,029
Nagaland	5,444	5,141	2,907	7,870	11,435	8,709	7,159
Odisha	11,223	12,852	16,009	14,679	20,318	12,780	5,347
Punjab	83,627	45,999	52,058	54,776	83,685	41,175	89,544

TABLE 4

State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Rajasthan	43,889	28,557	37,847	40,174	89,954	1,01,363	1,00,585
Sikkim	783	1,053	1,145	833	1,565	1,883	2,837
Tamil Nadu	66,143	45,722	47,936	96,774	1,02,857	1,04,485	1,01,052
Telangana	44,819	49,153	50,962	75,533	1,16,506	1,19,053	1,26,884
Tripura	1,140	1,333	1,708	3,258	2,848	1,047	877
Uttar Pradesh	67,685	47,417	51,585	73,809	86,859	75,151	66,847
Uttarakhand	10,592	13,457	15,448	13,113	15,135	7,918	9,431
West Bengal	37,524	45,784	70,187	75,699	75,429	77,581	70,243

* Source: Public Debt Receipts (₹ crore)

Source: CAG, 2025, State Finance 2022-23, 2023, State Finance 2024-25, 2025

Analysing Indian States' macro-fiscal health

In the 2010s, States were able to prosper economically through reforms, better tax collection, and booming growth. Some States even reported surpluses. But the pandemic was a turning point — tax revenues shrank while emergency spending soared, pushing almost every State back

Written by Prof. Deepanshu Mohan, Dean, IDEAS and Visiting Professor, LSE and Research Fellow, University of Oxford.

Geetaali Malhotra and Aditi Lazarus, research analysts with CNES, JGU respectively, contributed to this article.

The Hindu | 26th Aug, 2025

4. Our Scholars in Spotlight



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Conducted an Academic Writing Workshop for the Humanities and Social Sciences PhD students at IIT Palakkad on 26 and 27 September 2025

Prof. (Dr.) Vidya Subramanian
Senior Research Fellow, I.D.E.A.S.
Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Glimpses from the Event






- Interviewed by the Wire “Beyond Tariffs: What's Plaguing India's Economy?”
- Interviewed by India Today “GST 2.0 Explained: PM’s Big Reforms Ahead of Festive Season”
- Interviewed by News18 on “GST Rationalisation May Only Marginally Improve The Plight Of India’s Squeezed Middle Class”

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

Glimpses from the Event



GST 2.0 ROLLOUT BEGINS MONDAY



HIGHER GST FOR SIN GOODS

GOODS	EARLIER	NOW
CARBONATED DRINKS	28%	40%
CIGARS, CIGARETTES	28%	40%
CAFFEINATED BEVERAGES	28%	40%
PAN MASALA	28%	40%
MOTORCYCLES > 350 CC	28%	40%

*NO ADDED CESS ON SIN GOODS

DEEPANSHU MOHAN

FALLS FLAT BEFORE FACTS?



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