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## Research Capacity Development Workshop on 'Researching Marginalities'

Organised by:

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The research capacity development workshop will be conducted as a part of the SIDA-AAS international project titled "Cultivating the Humanities and Social Sciences and Supporting Under-Represented Scholars of Asia." Savitribai Phule Pune University is the Indian partner in this project.

This project aims to develop the research capacity of local universities in the regions of South Asia and Southeast Asia and to enhance the academic knowledge, research skills, experience and resources of their scholars in the humanities and social sciences, with a particular focus on Doctoral students or early career independent scholars, women and ethnic minority groups. It will be the 3rd workshop in India in the series.

### **Thematic Focus:**

Marginality is a widely used concept in social sciences and humanities and it has garnered importance with the increasing research on inequalities, disadvantage and exclusion. The proposed workshop will provide an opportunity for researchers from Humanities and Social Sciences- who are exploring different dimensions of marginality drawing from diverse resources: field and textual, historical and contemporary, quantitative and qualitative and so on and those who are looking to bring out complexities and changing dynamics of marginalities in the present world- to upgrade their research skills. They can draw from disciplinary and interdisciplinary scholarship and methodologies. The research questions of selected scholars are revolving around the following aspects:

- Different axes of marginalities, class, caste, gender, sexuality, disability, ethnicity, language, nationality, geo-spatiality and so on
- Different forces and institutions through which marginalities are produced such as state and law, labour and economy, family and community, culture and so on

- Different practices and conditions, socio- cultural, political economic through which marginalities unfold across different places and time, and
- Different ways in which marginalities are conveyed through literature, films and other media
- How marginalities are opposed and resisted, individually and collectively

### **Rationale:**

In India, PhD students who are in their second or third year of the course are eager to explore different methodologies, bring intersectionality into their research and look for publishing opportunities. However, compared to private and central universities, students from state funded public universities/ regional universities often get only scant opportunities to enhance their research capacities.

This workshop will therefore give preference to scholars coming from such universities and colleges. It will give them the opportunity to learn and exchange ideas, interact and create networks with other academicians and will build their research capacities not only for their PhD but also in future to publish their research.

### **The Possible Research Outcomes:**

- Learn to identify and prioritise research questions, data resources and accessing different platforms and channels for data.
- Understand critical methodological frameworks for grounded and reflexive research
- Learn to adopt methodological pluralism in their research
- Form networks in academia, researchers from the same field and senior academicians from different South Asian countries.
- Get equipped with the skills of presenting, writing and publishing the research.

### **Details of the workshop**

**Duration:** 5-days

**Dates:** October 03-07, 2023

**Venue:** Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) Campus, Pune, Maharashtra.

**Number of Applications Received:** 160 (across India and South Asia)

**Number of Scholars selected:** 33

(20 across India, 2 from Sri Lanka, 1 Bangladesh, 2 Afghanistan and 8 SPPU+ Local university based scholars)

We have particularly received applications from scholars in humanities: from the disciplines of language studies, film studies, sociology, philosophy, anthropology and so on along with the social sciences.

**About the Schedule:**

Everyday of the workshop will consist of one speaker delivering their lecture and it will be followed with a Q and A. Second half of each day will mark the presentations of five-six scholars followed by a discussion session with mentors and fellow participants.

**List of Speakers:**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	Sayantana Datta, Faculty Teaching Associate, Centre for Writing & Pedagogy, KREA University	‘Forming Research Questions’	Oct 03, 2023
2	Professor Aarti Wani Writer & (Retd.) Professor of English	‘Reading Films and Media Texts’	Oct 04, 2023
3	Dr Madhura Lohokare Associate Professor, O.P Jindal Global University	‘Studying Marginalities’	Oct 05, 2023
4	Dr Divya Vaid Assistant Professor, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.	‘Bridging the Gap between Quantitative and Qualitative Research.’	Oct 06, 2023
5	Professor Louise Tillin Director, King's India Institute, King's College, London.	‘Case Studies and Comparisons.’	Oct 07, 2023