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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 Underrepresented 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 5th 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. We particularly encourage applications from scholars in humanities: from the disciplines of language studies, translation studies, philosophy, anthropology and so on along with the social sciences.

The research questions of applicant scholars may be 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 students 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: November 25th – 29th, 2024

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

Registration Fees: No Registration or Any other fees charged. All costs of the workshop including travel & accommodation is covered by the project.

Application process is closed.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA?

PhD students (**from Humanities & Social Science disciplines**) who are pursuing research matching or similar to the thematic focus of the workshop and are preferably in their second or third year of PhD / have completed the PhD coursework or Postdoctoral Fellows (**from Humanities & Social Science disciplines**) from any public universities in India and South Asian Countries.

Doctoral students/ Postdoctoral Fellows from Public Universities of North East/ Central India/ Jammu & Kashmir and other south Asian countries and those who come from marginal sections of the society or are submitting their dissertations in regional language (**from Humanities & Social Science disciplines**) are encouraged to apply. Students from other regions can also apply.

Two seats are reserved for social activists working with NGOs and civil society organisations or early career independent researchers. Their research interest and work should be in line with the thematic focus of the workshop.

WORKSHOP COORDINATORS: Rajeshwari Deshpande (Political Science) and Anagha Tambe (Women and Gender Studies), SPPU