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## **CHSS Regional Collaboration for AAS-CHSS Research Grantees**

Organised by:

**Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU)**

in association with

**Association for Asian Studies (AAS)**

Sponsored by

**Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)**

The CHSS Regional Collaboration, organized by Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), in association with the Association Of Asian Studies (AAS) and sponsored by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), was conducted between 28th – 29th November 2024 at SPPU. This event saw the attendance of six participants who were invited by SPPU. These participants are recipients of the AAS-CHSS Research Grant, from India.

This CHSS Regional Collaboration Meeting attempted to create a web of networks between academic scholars and diverse research spaces that they can pursue to further their research capacities, and promoted collaboration between the AAS-CHSS Research Grantees and SPPU-SIDA-AAS Research Capacity Development workshop participants from across India.

### **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. And as such, it was the thematic focus for the Regional Collaboration as well along with the Research Capacity Development Workshop.

The Regional Collaboration and workshop provided 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 looking to bring out complexities and changing dynamics of marginalities. Engaging with disciplinary and interdisciplinary scholarship and methodologies was a part of the event.

## **RATIONALE:**

The CHSS Regional Collaboration Meeting was organized with the rationale of bringing together research scholars who were beneficiaries of the AAS-CHSS Research Grant. The Regional Collaboration Meeting would provide a platform to the research grantees, many of whom are independent researchers and teaching faculty, to engage and participate in meaningful discussions with young researchers in various fields in Humanities and Social Sciences, who would come as Research Capacity Development workshop participants. The Collaboration would also provide the AAS-CHSS Grantees a platform to present their research, gain meaningful feedback and insights, and connect with fellow grantees.

## **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 REGIONAL COLLABORATION MEETING:**

**Duration:** 2-days

**Dates:** November 28th – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

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

## **PRE- COLLABORATION MEETING PROCESS**

Year 2 and Year 3 AAS-CHSS Research Grantees were sent a formal invitation to the CHSS Regional Collaboration Meeting at SPPU, via email.

The requirements for applications were:

1. Details of Research theme
2. Research Overview containing current status of the research

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