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# INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON Ethnicity and Minority: Debates and Discourse in Contemporary India

MARCH 15-16, 2018

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#### **Call for Papers**

Original papers or case studies are invited on any one of the given themes for presentation. The papers are to be neatly typed in double space in font 12, Times New Roman with 1.5 cm margins on all sides. The papers (written in English/Urdu) along with an abstract not exceeding 250 words should be submitted to: <a href="mailto:csseip.manuu@gmail.com">csseip.manuu@gmail.com</a> and copy to ziyakmjamia@gmail.com

- No Registration Fee
- No TA/DA will be paid to the participants
- Limited accommodation is available

#### **Important Dates**

Abstract Submission-last date: 25 February 2018 Acceptance and Confirmation: 28 February 2018 Full Paper Submission-last date: 10 March 2018





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#### ETHNICITY AND MINORITY: DEBATES AND DISCOURSE IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA

Organized by
Al-Beruni Centre for the Study of
Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy
(ACSSEIP)

In Association with Indian Sociological Society

Date: March 15-16, 2018 Venue: MANUU, Hyderabad

#### **About MANUU**



Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) is a Central University established in 1998 by an act of Parliament to promote and develop the Urdu language and to impart vocational and technical Education in Urdu medium through conventional and distance modes. The Headquarters of the University is at an outstanding central location - Gachibowli, Hyderabad, sprawled over 200 acres. The students and staff of the University are drawn from throughout India. They are attracted by its commitment to excellence in quality Urdu education in all disciplines of knowledge.

#### **About ACSSEIP**

Al Beruni Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (ACSSEIP) is established in 2007. It aims at studying the nature, extent and forms of social exclusion among some selective socially excluded groups, especially religious minorities. The Centre emphasizes in suggesting theoretical and policy formulations for the most deprived groups with the help of research and ad vocacy. Its key objectives include conceptualizing discrimination, exclusion and inclusion based on caste, ethnicity, gender and religion. Therefore the efforts are to develop certain understanding of the nature and dynamics of discrimination and exclusion, and evolve an understanding of the discrimination at an empirical and conceptual level.

#### **Prologue of the Seminar**

India is a country of communities having diverse cultural roots, religious groups practicing varied forms of understanding and way of life. The people of India have never composed to be homogenous on any of the grounds of caste, class, religion, region, ethnicity and linguistic affiliations. The debates and discourse about the everyday life of ethnic, religious and linguistic minority is misconstrued in everyday discussion and understanding. The problem is advanced due to the political intervention not for the inclusive performance of the parties rather to aggravate the problems of minorities in India. The problems of demographic elements are less discussed than the percentage religious bifurcations. The figures of any community do not matter unless the fundamental question of life, security, employment, education, poverty, health and communal harmony is put forward as an agenda of the state and nationbuilding.

The need of Minority Studies as a concrete discipline is also one of the discussions this proposed seminar would like to focus upon. This is because, while all over the world, ethnic and minority studies is established as a field of study, India fails to establish it as an academic agenda in most of its universities. The question why the absence of minority studies as a separate field of inquiry in academic disciplines would be addressed in the seminar. This will also see how the concept of minority is again based on a constructionist discourse where minority identities are nothing but the result of social imagination created through narratives and representations rather than being a group with watertight social demarcations.

#### **Objectives**

- The seminar will help in building the pragmatic and conceptual understanding to the question of ethnicity and minority.
- This initiative can also help the state and civil society to understand better and develop an approach that can be exclusive.

#### **Sub-themes**

- 1. Minority Studies in India-rethinking the conceptual discourse of Minority
- 2. Stereotypes, prejudices and identity formation
- 3. Minorities: From the lens of Gender, Caste and Race
- 4. Ethnicity, Separatism and Social Movements-Trends and Studies
- 5. Revisiting Majority-Minority Relationship-way forward
- 6. State, Law and Linguistic Minorities
- 7. New Minorities in India: Sexual Minorities and Immigrant Minorities
- 8. Globalization, and ÷Radicalizationø of Religion

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