

International Seminar on Environment, Culture and Ethnic Diversity: Narratives from Himalayas and Sub- Himalayan Regions

Date: 15th -16th December, 2023

Venue: Conference Hall, University of North Bengal

Abstract Submission and Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/hpLVRLtUgBgTEqcb7>



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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

A BRIEF CONCEPT NOTE

The Indian Himalayan Region is rich in biodiversity and is known as a global biodiversity hotspot with a diverse ecosystem and a rich cultural area. This area has been inhabited by an uncountable number of indigenous/ethnic groups and tribes. The variety in climate and terrain of the Himalayan region has led to different kinds of cultural adaptations that have contributed to an 'ethnographic variety' with a distinct Himalayan worldview and a Himalayan way of life.

However, issues such as climate change, increasing population growth, unplanned urbanization and developmental activities in the Himalayan region are posing a threat to both the environment and society. Presently, the environment in the region is alarming. Loss of biodiversity is of great concern since many plant and animal species are being threatened. Air, water and land quality is going to be one of the critical problems in the region.

Anthropologists have consistently engaged in empirical field-based research with established theories, methods and analytical techniques. In this era of globalization, the industrial revolution, urbanization, the development of information technology and demographic and nutritional transitions, new paradigms of research are being explored by anthropologists and allied disciplines.

There have been significant contributions by a large number of scholars and researchers in Anthropology and allied disciplines in understanding the ongoing issues related to the environment, ecosystem and biodiversity of Himalayan regions and prime human security i.e. food, shelter, economy, health, and education culture including language, art among others that are posing serious challenges for the tribes and other indigenous communities of the region. At this juncture, Anthropology and allied disciplines are equipped to contribute towards developing measures to cope with the above-mentioned issues.

SUB THEMES OF THE SEMINAR

1. Environmental Issues and Everyday Life in the Himalayan Region
2. Indigenous and Tribal Communities of the Himalayan Region
3. Livelihood, Culture and Identity of the Himalayan Tribes / Indigenous Communities
4. Myths, Traditions, Folk Literature and the Himalayan Region
5. Religious Practices of the region
6. Ethnic Identity, Issues and Relationship with Nature
7. Rights of Nature, and Human-nature and Human-environment Relations
8. Tribal and Indigenous Rights and Security
9. Indigenous Knowledge Systems
10. Climate Actions and Sustainable Development
11. Local and Regional Economic Development
12. Risk and Disaster Management in this Region
13. Sustainable and Responsible Tourism
14. Medical Anthropology, Indigenous Health Care Practices
15. Human Growth and Nutrition
16. Prehistoric Sites and Tools and Artefacts
17. New Archaeology and Ethno Archaeology
18. Weaker Section: Dalits, OBCs, Minorities and Women of the Himalayan Region
19. Globalization, Urbanization and Social Transformation

DETAILED INFORMATION

- **Abstract Submission and Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/hpLVRLtUgBgTEqcb7>
- Full-length Papers within 6000 words (Times New Roman, Front size 12, **APA Reference Style**) to be submitted should be sent to seminaranthropology2023@nbu.ac.in
- Participants are requested to meet their travel expenses from their institution or other organization.
- Subject to the availability of the funds, the outstation paper presenters will be provided with a travel allowance (Train/Bus fare only).
- Selected papers will be published as edited Volume/s with a reputed publisher.
- Seminar-related queries may be sent to seminaranthropology2023@nbu.ac.in

IMPORTANT DATES

- **20th September 2023: Call for Abstracts**
- **30th October 2023: Deadline for Abstract Submissions**
- **5th November 2023: Notification of Acceptance**
- **2nd December 2023: Deadline for Full-length Paper Submission**
- **5th December 2023: Deadline for submission of Registration Fees**

REGISTRATION FEES

| Category | Fees for participants (Without Accommodation) in INR | Fees for Participants (With Accommodation at the University Guest House/Equivalent) in INR |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Faculty members/ Scientists etc. | 1500.00 | 3000.00 |
| Research Scholar | 1000.00 | 2000.00 |
| PG Student | 500.00 | 1500.00 |

NOTES:

(i) Expenses for staying outside the University Guest House should be borne by the participant.

(ii) Participants interested in staying outside the University Guest House may book their stay using the following Hotel Links:

Montana Vista (Uttoryan,, Siliguri): <http://montanavista.in/>

Lemon Tree Hotel (Siliguri): <https://www.lemontreehotels.com/lemon-treehotel/siliguri/hotel-siliguri>

Marina's Hotel (Bagdogra): <https://www.marinasmotel.com/>

Hotel Monarch Aachal (Shivmandir, Siliguri): <https://www.hotelmonarchaachal.com/>

Mainak Tourist Lodge (Pradhan Nagar, Siliguri): <https://northbengaltourism.com/government-resorts/mainak-tourism-property/>

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