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on**

Rethinking Crises: Past, Present and Beyond

26-27 MARCH 2024

Important Dates:

Abstract submission deadline: 10th March 2024

Acceptance notification: 15th March 2024

Registration Fees

Without accommodation: ₹ 1000

With accommodation: ₹ 2500

Working Professionals: ₹ 3000

No TA will be provided.

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Throughout history, crises have been variously interpreted as catastrophes, epochal threats, cultural ruptures, and socio-scientific paradigm shifts. Employed as metaphors, narratives, and symbols, they have been integral to our existence and our collective experience. More importantly, crises do not only arrive as phases of destruction and despair, but also as moments of breakthroughs and transformations.

For this seminar, we broadly use the term "crises" to encompass a vast range of phenomena rather than referring exclusively to a single event, recognizing that modern-day crises are no longer discrete and isolated. Having converged with the accumulated risks of the past and present, these crises are complex and interrelated. The seminar aims to consider this diverse, intertwining nature of crises to rethink and reapproach it as an analytical and metaphorical category to understand the predicaments of human and non-human forms. The devastation in the wake of the global coronavirus pandemic, for instance, exposed deep structural and institutional issues: global poverty, growing inequality, exploitation of the commons, and gender and racial discrimination, all of which intensified under the neoliberal capitalist order. Globally, majoritarianism is on the rise, even as violence fuelled by repressive state policies, human rights transgressions, draconian immigration protocols, and militarisation shows little signs of abating.

Meanwhile, political turmoil in Ukraine, Palestine, and Manipur have pushed these regions to the brink of collapse, intensifying existing fault lines and human suffering in the process. Additionally, climate change and environmental degradation stare at us as existential planetary threats. These are just a few illustrations of the complex web of interconnected crises gripping our lifeworld. Testing the resilience of humanity and planetary ecosystems, these crises foreshadow future vulnerabilities.

Moving beyond singular definitions and academic boundaries, the inaugural Social Sciences Scholars' Meet invites PhD scholars and young researchers in the field of Social Sciences to explore the plurality of the concept of crises and to discuss its ramifications on the human-environment interface, global political order, state-society relations, institutions and economic systems. Scholars are encouraged to explore new ideas, methodologies and approaches related to the conference theme. We invite contributions aligning with, but not limited to, the following sub-themes.

- **Crises and Political Order:** Peace & Conflict, Human Rights, Diplomacy and Multilateral Institutions, Migration
- **Crises and Northeast India:** Ethnicity, Development, Territoriality, Political Action
- **Crises and Environment:** Climate Change, Political Ecology, Resource Management, Urbanisation
- **Crises and Intersectionality:** Class, Caste, Race, Gender and Sexualities
- **Crises and Governance:** Institutions, State and Non-State, Grassroots Governance, Public Administration
- **Crisis and Perspectives:** Histories of Crises, Theory and Philosophy, Education, Pedagogy and Methodical Shifts, Science and Technology
- **Crises and Media:** Crises Reportage, Press Freedom, Visual, Oral and Textual Representations

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