

## Concept Note

Anthropology is a holistic discipline which studies about human condition: the past, present and future. Human diversity has been best captured and presented by anthropology than by any other disciplines. The modest beginning about human curiosity to unravel the existence of life and its manifestations have come a long way in comprehending what makes us human and how meaningful our lives are embedded in everyday activities across the globe which were vividly presented in anthropological research studies. In this continuous process, new perspectives and paradigms in anthropological literature have emerged in with regard to structural inequalities, gender aspects, kinship, family, occupational, public health, archeology, linguistic and other social and bio-cultural relations. Along these lines, there is an upsurge of critical studies on resource inequalities in marginalized groups, minorities, and human rights issues including for the 'A' gendered individuals in the globalization process. In the endeavor to understand the human condition, anthropology is one of several indispensable tools. The immense nature of enquiry process of anthropology can offer innumerable hidden layers of individuals and communities for the generations to come if only, there is an effective synergy: reflective practice and connected research for any human sphere.

At this backdrop, this seminar is an attempt to provide a platform to encourage researchers keen on working on the contemporary issues and challenges related to all the aspects of human domain particularly in contemporary India. It also aspires to look at the questions of the extent to which the anthropological theories and practices address the current issues and concerns of the deprived groups in India. Whether anthropology and its conceptual approaches are enough to address the various socio-cultural and bio-cultural changes that we are witnessing in India. And lastly, what are the roles of future anthropologists in bringing effective measures for the implementation of the critical anthropological works/ analysis in the policy making. This may also help the researchers to make a critical assessment of their ethnographies and guide them towards broader perspectives over studying the contemporary world. Anthropology as a century old discipline in India has brought scientific imagination and rigor to the research study and eventual outcome in the sum of knowledge about humanity and human condition in India.

## Two Days National Seminar on Anthropological Studies in India: Theory and Praxis

19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

*Organized by*

**Department of Anthropology**

**Sikkim University**

**Sikkim, India**



*In collaboration with*

**Sikkim Anthropological Society (SAS), Sikkim, India**

## Sub themes

### Environment and Ecology

- ◇ Climate change and Population
- ◇ Natural Resources and Management

### Culture and Communities

- ◇ Oral Tradition and Culture
- ◇ Cultural revivalism
- ◇ Nation, Youth and Consciousness

### Developmental Issues

- ◇ Migration and Urbanization
- ◇ Population, Policy and Political Process
- ◇ Cyber space and Media

### Health

- ◇ Nutritional status, Health Issues and Concerns
- ◇ Growth and Development
- ◇ Emerging population studies and Genetics

### Gender Studies

- ◇ Religion and Gender
- ◇ Gender Discrimination and Movement

### Archaeology

- ◇ Tangible Culture and Heritage
- ◇ Archaeology and Pre-historic Cultures

### Linguistic Studies

- ◇ Language and identity
- ◇ Endangered Languages and Revitalization

## Important dates and deadlines

Deadline for abstract submission: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Notice for paper acceptance: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Deadline for full paper submission: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## About Sikkim University



Sikkim University is a Central University established under an Act of Parliament of India in the year 2007. It is currently situated in Gangtok. The University currently has 33 departments that offer courses starting from Bachelors to Doctoral degree courses. All the colleges in the State are affiliated to Sikkim University. For more details kindly check the website [www.cus.ac.in](http://www.cus.ac.in)

## About Department of Anthropology



The department was established in the year 2013. It is situated at 5<sup>th</sup> Mile, Tadong (Barad Sadan Building). The department is designed to focus primarily on Cultural and Physical Anthropology. It aspires to combine both theories and applied aspects of Anthropology with a specific and intensive research interest in Sikkim and India's Northeast region as whole. The department has a working Physical Anthropology Laboratory and Archaeological Laboratory cum Ethnographic Museum was recently installed. The Department offers M.A. / M.Sc., M.Phil and Ph.D courses and is currently headed under Associate Professor Dr. K. R. Rama Mohan.

## About Sikkim Anthropological Society (SAS)

The Sikkim Anthropological Society is a budding Anthropological society which aims to cover Sikkim and its surrounding states for research platforms. It endeavors to highlight the necessity of the anthropological studies in these regions and create a niche of its own. Although it is functioning at a small scale presently but we aim to expand our roles and responsibilities in making Anthropology as a well-recognized discipline.

## How to reach Gangtok



Participants can either board a train till NJP railway station which is the nearest railway station of the zone or can avail air transport till Bagdogra Airport. From NJP railway station and Bagdogra Airport, local transportation (taxi) is available to Gangtok which can either be shared or reserved based on the convenience. There is also an online taxi booking app [www.wizzride.com](http://www.wizzride.com) available through which one can book taxi from NJP station or Bagdogra Airport in advance.

**Hospitality:** Only the outstation delegates/ presenters are entitled for free lodging. They will be provided moderate accommodation in guest house or hotels on sharing basis with prior request.

**Travel:** The Authors / Presenters are requested to manage/meet their travel expenses from their own sources. The travel expenses shall not be reimbursed by the organizers.

## Note

\*Certificates will be issued only to the presenters/ attendees in their names and not to the co- authors who will not be attending the seminar.

\*All the participants whose abstract shall be accepted are requested to submit the full paper on or before the deadline.

\*Extra members without paper should make their own arrangements for accommodation.

## Submission of Abstract and Full Paper:

The participants are requested to send their abstract to the email [anthroabstract2020@gmail.com](mailto:anthroabstract2020@gmail.com). The abstract may be prepared within 300 words in Ms-word, Times New Roman (font), font-size 12-pt and 1.5 line spacing. Abstract may be prepared with 4-5 keywords and it should mention the complete affiliation details of the author/authors with their full address. The full paper may be prepared within 3000 words in the same format mentioned for the abstract.

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