

CALL FOR PAPERS



NATIONAL SEMINAR

Politics and Development in the
Himalayan and Sub-Himalayan
Region: Exploring Linkages and
Possibilities

24th - 25th February 2023

VENUE

**Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal Central University, Srinagar
Garhwal, Uttarakhand**

Dear all,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Department of Political Science, HNB Garhwal Central University, Srinagar Garhwal, is organizing a two day National Seminar on the Politics and Development in the Himalayan and Sub-Himalayan Region: Exploring Linkages and Possibilities on February 24-25, 2023.

The interested participants may ensure their presence by submitting an abstract of the paper for the seminar.

With best wishes.

Convener

Prof. M.M Semwal
Head, Department of
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Organizing Secretary

Dr. Naresh Kumar
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This seminar is being organized under the aegis of Department of Political Science, H.N.B Garhwal Central University, Srinagar Garhwal, Uttarakhand.

The central theme of the seminar is to explore vital political and development issues in the Himalayan and sub-Himalayan regions of India. The seminar aims to promote research that involves issues such as climate change, migration, urbanization, environmental issues, regional disparities and other essential factors that affect the development of the region. The aim is to also place such issues within an interdisciplinary domain of mountain area studies. The seminar will contribute in developing vital theoretical and practical debates on mutual interlinkages of politics and development in the ecologically fragile region.

There have been multiple approaches to study politics, governance, policy, and their interplay with the contemporary trends in socio-political ecology such as migration and urbanization. Scholars have adopted approaches such as the feminist, the environmentalist, geo-political, eco-feminist and the political ecology approaches while engaging in mountain studies.

There is growing recognition of the need for hybridized and relational approaches and attention to subjectivity and environmental imaginaries when discussing the development paradigm of the Himalayan region and those who inhabit it. Multiple interconnected relations of power and politics shape equity, equality and justice in mountain ecologies and need to be focused upon. Thus, the role of unequal power relations, the impact of political structures and dynamics, and effort to find optimum models for people's participation especially youth participation in politics and development is the central theme of the proposed seminar.

It has always been difficult to compartmentalize the Himalayan study into a single domain of inquiry. Thus, a multi-disciplinary approach is not only required but also urgently necessary, given the rapid changes that the region is going through today. The sub themes proposed in the seminar try to capture the varied parameters of development in the Himalayan and sub-Himalayan region.

Sub-themes:

- Developmental policy and governance, political inequities, dispossessions
- Migration and its impact on socio-economic and political participation and empowerment in Himalayas/ mountain regions.
- Impact of migration on the political economy of Himalayan and sub-Himalayan States.
- Impact of climate change and growing environmental issues on the development of the Himalayan and sub-Himalayan region, Environmental policies of the Himalayan region in the past 75 years and articulation of goals and targets for the future
- Urbanization and its socio-spatial impact on politics, participation and empowerment in Himalayas/ mountain regions.
- Dynamics of the intersectionality of gender, race, ethnicity, religion and caste in mountain: impact on political participation and empowerment in Himalaya
- Economic issues of urban/rural workspaces, labour evaluation, wage gaps and uneven resource distributions with political ramifications.
- Achievements of the Himalayan Economy@75, policies and actions pertaining to the future
- Political participation and empowerment of women in the Himalayan region, Women of the hills after 75 years of independence
- Knowledge gaps, capacity building and learning with respect to sustainable development in the Himalayas
- Politics of Regional Disparity and Disproportionate Representation (Role of Delimitation Commission)
- Resolve for the Himalayas in context with the overall vision for India 2.0 in 2047

Papers with an inter-disciplinary perspective from Political Science, and from other relevant disciplines on the above themes are invited.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

Paper proposals/abstracts not exceeding 300 words to be sent to seminar2022.polscience@gmail.com on or before 31 December 2022.

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF FULL PAPER: 15 January, 2023

REGISTRATION FEE: INR 1000/- per paper presenter