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The Indian Social Science Association
(Member Indian Association of Social Science Institutions(IASSI), New Delhi)
Catalysing Synergism
50 Years of Social Dialogue



**ISSA & Madhyanchal Sociological Society Announce
2 Days Online Workshop on: 'CHALLENGES BEFORE SOCIAL SCIENCES'
&
Young Social Scientist Award Contest - (YSSAC) During Workshop
June 07 – 08, 2025**

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➤ **ABOUT ASSOCIATION**

Indian Social Science Association (ISSA), is more than 50 years old inter disciplinary professional body engaged in **promotion of Social Sciences** with the motto “समाज रक्ष सर्वदा”. The founders of **Indian Social Science Association (ISSA)** set high academic standards and promoted new ideas, new answers, new possibilities through debates, dialogue and writings. The Association catalyses effective social dialogue between **Academia, Civil Society and Industry** to elicit discerning **Insights on Society, Sustainability, Accountability**. To carry forward this legacy **ISSA** has associated with **Madhyanchal Sociological Society (MSS)** for a **2 Days Online Workshop** on “**CHALLENGES BEFORE SOCIAL SCIENCES**” scheduled on **JUNE 07 – 08, 2025. A YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTIST AWARD CONTEST will also be held during this Online Workshop.**

➤ **ABOUT WORKSHOP**

The Online Workshop revolves around a key issue of the **Future of Social Sciences** in the era of neo-liberal economy regulated mainly by technological revolution. This workshop aims to foster a critical dialogue on various criteria of social sciences amongst **students of social sciences of different generations**. The workshop will delve into the complexity of identifying these criteria through paper presentations, lectures and discussions developed by scholars, teachers, researchers and public intellectuals. The workshop will select research papers/conceptual-theoretical writings submitted by researchers/students/participants for **‘Young Social Scientist Award’** instituted by ISSA.

‘Indian Social Science Association – ISSA’ and **‘Madhyanchal Sociological Society – MSS’** invite unpublished articles / research papers from **Scholars** of all fields of knowledge - **Sociology, Political Science, Economics, History, Anthropology, Psychology, Social Work, Education, Health Studies, Women / Gender Studies, Disability Studies, Media Studies / Journalism, Environment, Law, Population Studies / Statistics, Management** - with the principal theme of **‘Challenges Before Social Sciences’**. These articles / papers will be presented by the authors during the scheduled Online Workshop and some of these presented articles will be considered for **Young Social Scientist Award(s) instituted by ISSA and MSS**. Later these articles / papers will be published in the peer reviewed research

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journals of ISSA. Papers written in English will be published in '*Social Science Gazetteer*' Volume 20 (1 &2) scheduled for publication in the months of *July and December 2025* and papers in Hindi will be published in "Samaj Vaigyaniki".

➤ **ONLINE WORKSHOP & YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTIST AWARD @ WORKSHOP: SUB – THEMES AND BROAD AREAS**

I. Epistemological & Methodological Challenges

- **Philosophy of Social Sciences**
 - The Goal of Social Sciences
 - Social Science as Vocation
 - Postmodern Social Sciences
- **Rethinking Research Paradigms:**
 - The role of qualitative vs. quantitative methods in a data-driven world.
 - Interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches to social research.
- **The Impact of Technology on Social Science Research:**
 - Ethical considerations in using big data and AI in social research.
 - The challenges of data privacy and security.
- **Epistemological Debates in the 21st Century:**
 - The crisis of representation and the politics of knowledge.
 - The role of critical theory in addressing contemporary social issues.
 - The Interface Between Free Market and Social Sciences

II. Societal & Global Challenges

- **Social Inequalities and Justice:**
 - The Impact of globalization on social inequalities.
 - Social Sciences for Social Justice
- **Climate Change and Environmental Social Sciences:**
 - The Social and political dimensions of climate change.
 - The Role of social science in promoting environmental awareness and action.
- **The Future of Democracy and Governance:**
 - The Role of social media and digital platforms in shaping public opinion.
 - The Evolving relationship between state and citizen.
 - Responses of Social Sciences to Decline of Democratisation
- **Public Health and Social Wellbeing:**
 - The mental health crisis and social support systems.
 - Social science perspectives on healthcare policy.

III. The Role and Relevance of Social Sciences

- **Social Sciences for Whom and For What**
 - Social Sciences in India: Dilemmas and Uncertainty
 - Social Sciences After Gulbenkian Commission
- **Bridging the Gap Between Academia and Policy:**
 - Enhancing the impact of social science research on public policy.
 - The role of social scientists in public engagement and advocacy.
- **The Future of Social Science Education:**
 - Promoting critical thinking and civic engagement among students.
 - The role of technology in social science education.
 - The importance of interdisciplinary studies in social science education.
- **Social Sciences and the Digital Age:**
 - The impact of social media on social behaviour.

- The social implications of artificial intelligence.
- **Social Science and AI Ethics:**
 - The impact of AI on labour markets and social inequality.
 - Developing ethical frameworks for AI in social research.

IV. Focus on Specific Populations and Issues:

- **The Social Sciences of Aging and Longevity:**
 - The social and economic implications of an aging population.
 - The changing nature of family and social support systems.
- **The Social Sciences of Migration and Displacement:**
 - The social and cultural integration of migrants and refugees.
 - The impact of development-induced migration.
- **The Social Sciences of Youth and Adolescence:**
 - The impact of social media and digital technology on youth development.
 - The challenges of mental health and well-being among young people.
 - The Social Sciences of Disability Studies

V. Emerging Trends in Social Sciences

- **The Future of Social Theory:**
 - Integrating diverse theoretical perspectives.
 - Developing new theoretical frameworks to address emerging challenges.
 - The role of social theory in a post-truth world
 - Dynamics In Social Sciences: Post-Communist Era
 - Are Social Sciences Destroyer of Myths.
- **The Public Intellectual in the 21st Century:**
 - The role of social scientists in public discourse.
 - The challenges of communicating complex social science concepts to the public.
 - Social scientists and their interaction with media.
 - Social Sciences and Captive Mind
 - Social Sciences and Feminism

Areas mentioned in the segments under sub – themes I – V are there to give an idea to the author. After choosing the sub – theme and the segment, the author is free to either choose or formulate an area.

Four (4) Young Social Scientist Awards will be awarded with Young Social Scientist Award after presentation and deliberations.

➤ ***LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT + FEE***

➤ ***APRIL 30, 2025***

➤ ***LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF FINAL MANUSCRIPT***

➤ ***MAY 30, 2025***



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