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Editor's Message



The increasing international migration to multiple destinations has created new type of families which are often referred to as transnational families. A significant number urban middle class in India's metropolis have these types of families today. Though it is a growing area of research today, there are still dearth of research on this rising phenomenon.

Prof. Supriya Singh is one of the pioneers who carried out her research work on the care giving in the transnational families a decade back. She also extensively researched on how money plays an important role in transnational care giving. GRFDT in its monthly seminar series organized a talk on "Small business as a transnational family strategy: A focus on Indian migrants in Australia and Singapore". Talking on the issue, Prof. Singh argued that small business is important for Indian migrants in Australia and Singapore as a strategy for keeping the transnational family together.

The issue of the newsletter has a section on institutions working on diaspora and related areas. This is a continuation of our December issue. There are about 100 institutions which are directly or indirectly working on diaspora and related issues. GRFDT compilation will definitely help researchers to collaborate and know about the activities of these institutions. Besides this, the issue also highlights the last two years of GRFDT Seminars. More than 35 seminar papers were presented in GRFDT monthly seminar series, out of which more than 50 percent of the speakers were from outside India. The diversity of issues and global focus are the most important benchmark of GRFDT in last two years. We hope to keep it up! ■

Sadananda Sahoo

GRFDT Seminar

Small Business as a Transnational family strategy *Indian diaspora in Australia and Singapore*

Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism, its monthly seminar series organized a talk on “**Small business as a transnational family strategy: A focus on Indian migrants in Australia and Singapore**” by **Prof. Supriya Singh**, Professor, Sociology of Communications, RMIT University, Melbourne,

Australia at CSSS II, Jawaharlal Nehru University on 8th March 2014. The study was based on preliminary analysis of open-ended interviews between November 2013 and February 2014.

In her presentation Prof. Singh argued that small business is important for Indian migrants in Australia and Singapore as a

strategy for keeping the transnational family together. This is in addition to business being an avenue for employment and economic mobility while also being a strategy for return. The family aspects of small business come through in stories of starting a family business in Australia as a way of supporting a joint or extended family in Australia. Managing or starting a small business in India; considering the option of joining the family business; or operating a business in India as well as the country of destination are other ways of connecting the two parts of the transnational family. Out of 31 families

in the study, 16 families related to business strata, 7 doing business for mandatory return, 7 families doing business for economic mobility and remaining 7 families have not yet in business.

Prof. Singh also narrated the difficulties in conducting this study as it involves emotional aspects. Many do not



share their feeling and information easily. In the interactive session, Prof. Singh gave the composition of these small business communities in Australia in earlier were mainly from Marwadi, Punjabi and Gujaratis and in some cases jats and upper middle classes. However the composition of families doing small business has been changing in recent times with more lower middle classes coming in.

The seminar concluded with vote of thank from Dr. Mahalingam M., member of GRFDT.

Center for Border and Transnational Studies

Affiliation: Center for Border and Transnational Studies

Brief Profile: The mission of the Texas Center for Border and Transnational Studies is to coordinate and conduct original research on the lower Texas-Mexico border by supporting faculty and students with their work and by fostering collaboration with external international institutions, faculty fellows and graduate students interested in conducting border research for the expressed purpose of problem solving and evaluation. The center seeks to provide data informing critical policy decisions made on or about border issues and to develop a curriculum supporting a certificate and undergraduate and graduate programs in border studies. The center endeavors to promote awareness of and scholarship on border-related issues. A substantial emphasis of our mission concerns the promotion of undergraduate and graduate studies in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Tamaulipas, Mexico regions. The center also exists to encourage grant opportunities and support scholarly and cultural events relevant to border issues.

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Center for Comparative Immigration Studies

Affiliation: University of California, San Diego

Brief Profile: The Center for Comparative Immigration Studies at the University of California, San Diego is a leading international research center studying the challenges and opportunities created by migration throughout the world. The Center for Comparative Immigration Studies was established in March 1999 under the leadership of Dr. Wayne Cornelius. Initially, CCIS operated as a program under the auspices of UCSD's Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies. Working with the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies over the next three years, CCIS developed its Visiting Research Fellowship Program for predoctoral and postdoctoral scholars working in all of the social sciences and history. In 2000, the Center launched its research seminar series. Open to the campus and the general public, it continues to this day to provide the opportunity for Visiting Fellows, Guest Scholars, UCSD faculty, and non-local guest speakers to present and receive feedback on their most recent work. In this same year, CCIS also began its

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Center for Sikh and Punjab Studies

Affiliation: University of California, Santa Barbara

Brief Profile: The creation of the Center for Sikh and Punjab Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, was approved in the spring of 2004. Located jointly in Global and International Studies Program and Religious Studies, the Center provides institutional support for the study of the Sikh tradition, the region of the Punjab, and the Punjabi communities settled in other parts of the world. The first of its type in North America, the Center's aims are: (1) to serve as a premier venue for research and scholarly exchange; (2) to develop and promote undergraduate and graduate teaching; (3) to disseminate knowledge through publications and outreach activities; (4) to assist other universities embarking on programs in this area, and (5) to be proactive in involving the Sikh/Punjabi community in these activities. Gurinder Singh Mann has served as the Director of the Center since its creation in 2004.

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Centre for Applied South Asian Studies

Affiliation: Centre for Applied South Asian Studies

Brief Profile: The Centre aims to provide a ready source of detailed and accurate information about the social, cultural, familial and religious dimensions of the South Asian presence in Britain, as well as in the transnational networks which its members maintain. With this in mind the Centre aims to to promote and facilitate: Exploratory empirical research into on-going social, cultural and religious developments within Britain's Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi minorities, as well as of the transjurisdictional networks of they are a local manifestation Contacts between scholars actively engaged in ethnographic research amongst members of these communities The construction of a comprehensive and reliable data-base focusing on qualitative developments within the many communities of which the still rapidly expanding South Asian presence in Britain is composed (this material can be found under the papers tab above) A more informed level of further public debate about the multitude of challenges to

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Affiliation: University of California, San Diego

Brief Profile: The Center for Comparative Immigration Studies (CCIS) at UCSD provides a unique institutional home for understanding the challenges and opportunities created by international migration to California, the United States as a whole, and other countries around the world. The CCIS research agenda focuses on Mexican migration to California and comparative, cross-national and cross-regional research on international migratory movements, immigration policy, and citizenship policy. CCIS is the only academic center in the United States specializing in international migration from a broad geographical as well as interdisciplinary perspective, devoting substantial attention to migrant-sending and receiving countries in North America, Europe, Africa, and the Asia-Pacific region. CCIS-affiliated researchers encompass all of the social sciences, history, arts and humanities, and legal studies; no single discipline dominates CCIS programming. The primary missions of CCIS are to conduct policy-or

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Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Thiruvananthapuram

Brief Profile: The Centre for Development Studies (CDS) is an autonomous research institute located in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India. Its main objective is to promote research, teaching and training in disciplines relevant to development. Established in 1971 by the noted economist Professor K.N.Raj, it is considered to be one of the foremost development economics research centers in the country. It has a faculty of about 18. The core activities of the CDS are research, teaching and training. Union Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs Research Unit on International Migration is located at CDS. The union ministry of overseas Indian affairs have established a research unit on international migration at the Centre. The purpose of the Unit is to undertake exclusive studies on dynamics of migration, socio-economic impact of migration in different States of India, occupation-wise migration, remittances, investment and development. **Contact Address:** Centre for Development Studies Prasanth Nagar,Ulloor, Thiruvananthapuram. 695 011, Kerala, India.

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Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies (CDTS)

Affiliation: University of Toronto

Brief Profile: The Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies Program, one of the programs under the Department of Ethnic Studies, is dedicated to the interdisciplinary study of historical The Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies (CDTS) was established in 2005 as a hub of excellence that enhances undergraduate and graduate life at the University of Toronto by speaking directly to students' experiences of migration and diaspora through an interdisciplinary lens drawn from both the social sciences and humanities. The work of the CDTS is comparative, qualitative and historically driven, and provides policy insights on pertinent issues in the world today and contemporary experiences of Asian-ancestry groups in local, national, and global contexts. Asian American is a pan-ethnic term designating a racialized population made up of various groups of Asian ancestry, and encompassing both the foreign-born and the U.S.-born.

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Centre for Immigration Studies

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Brief Profile: The Center for Immigration Studies is the nation's only think tank devoted exclusively to the research of U.S. immigration policy and is a leading voice in the drive to inform policymakers and the public about immigration's far-reaching impact. The Center is animated by a unique pro-immigrant, low-immigration vision which seeks fewer immigrants but a warmer welcome for those admitted

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Centre for Indian Diaspora and Cultural Studies

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Brief Profile: The centre is undertaking research on different aspects of the Diaspora i.e., economic, political, social. The centre is actively analyzing the reasons for the success of the Gujarati Diaspora and inspiring the local population to study the Diaspora. The centre will be inviting students from the countries in which the Indian Diaspora has flourished and will be imparting to them knowledge about Indian civilization, culture and philosophy. The centre also proposes to establish a language laboratory to provide linguistic training to the prospective emigrants. The centre proposes to offer undergraduate students from foreign universities as well as from within the country for courses on the study of the various components of Indian Diaspora. The centre has already introduced M.Phil. programme in Indian Diaspora and Cultural Studies and proposes to offer post graduate courses on Indian Diaspora. The centre also proposes to conduct exchange programmes for academicians, writers and pe

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Centre for International Migration and Development

Affiliation: German Government

Brief Profile: The Centre for International Migration and Development (CIM) is the competence centre for global labour mobility in the international cooperation activities of the German Government. CIM taps the potential that global migration offers for sustainable development. We place technical experts and managers with employers worldwide and provide our partners with support on migration issues. Our goal is to find solutions that bring equal benefits to all stakeholders – employers, experts, the cooperation countries and Germany. CIM is jointly run by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and the German Federal Employment Agency, bringing together over 30 years of expertise in development and labour market policy. The Centre for International Migration and Development (CIM) works on behalf of the German Government to promote global labour mobility for sustainable development. Our core service involves placing managers and technical experts in positions world

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Centre for Migration and Diaspora Studies

Affiliation: University of London

Brief Profile: Since its inception in 1916, SOAS has built a worldwide reputation for its specialisation in regional scholarship, establishing a long tradition of research which is inherently transnational in character. Through the years, SOAS has built on this strength, and the school has attracted a growing number of academics from a variety of disciplines with interests in issues of transnationality, migration and diaspora. In 2003, the school began one of the first interdisciplinary MA programmes in Migration and Diaspora Studies in the country, and in 2007, the Centre for Migration and Diaspora Studies was established in order to co-ordinate activities across the school and establish collaborative links with other institutions both nationally and internationally. The Centre aims to foster and promote a supportive research and teaching environment for scholars concerned with issues of migration and diaspora, drawing on the skills and expertise of academics situated in disciplines such as an

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Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration

Affiliation: University College London

Brief Profile: CReAM is an independent and interdisciplinary research centre located in the Department of Economics at University College London. CReAM's research focuses on the causes, patterns and consequences of international population mobility and movements affecting UK, Europe and associated global processes. CReAM aims at informing the public debate on migration in the UK and in Europe by providing new insight, helping to steer the current policy debate in a direction that is based on carefully researched evidence without partisan bias

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Institutes/ Associations/ Research Forums working on Diaspora and related issues (continuing from December 2013 issue of Newsletter)

Centre for Study of Indian Diaspora

Affiliation: University of Hyderabad

Brief Profile: The Centre for the Study of Indian Diaspora was established under the Area Studies Programme of the U.G.C. in 1996 to carry out interdisciplinary research on overseas Indians who today constitutes more than 20 million spread over hundred countries around the world. The Centre envisages research on the historical context of the Indian Diaspora, civilizational heritage of diasporic communities, continuities and transformation in culture, economy and political life, besides promoting communication and linkages between India and the Indian diaspora.

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Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS)

Affiliation: University of Oxford

Brief Profile: The mission of COMPAS is to conduct high quality research in order to develop theory and knowledge, inform policy-making and public debate, and engage users of research within the field of migration. In line with this overall mission statement our aims are: Academic advancement: contributing significant new empirical data; reflecting and advancing theory, methods and multi-disciplinary understanding in the field of migration studies; and building capacity among researchers and practitioners. Informing policy-making and public debate: providing evidence and analysis to policy-makers and to the wider public that will inform policy-making and public debate. Engaging with research users: establishing reciprocal relationships with individuals and organisations with experience of migration, including migrants and their organisations, government, business, international organisations, and third sector and civil society organisations. Achieving long-term sustainability: establishing a rep

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Chinese American Engineers and Scientists Association of Southern California

Affiliation: Chinese American Engineers and Scientists Association of Southern California

Brief Profile: China Science and Industry Association of Southern California (CESASC) was established in 1962, as a non-profit professional organization. This is a network of Southern California Chinese high-tech enterprises of Science and Industry professionals. The association is committed towards the interests in well-being, scientific and technological exchanges, employment and education both home and host country. Society also organize large-scale scientific and technological seminars, including aerospace, information technology, environmental protection, transportation, biomedical, optical, construction, commerce, management science, nanotechnology and other topics encompassing.

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Institutes/ Associations/ Research Forums working on Diaspora and related issues (continuing from December 2013 issue of Newsletter)

Chinese Southern Diaspora Studies

Affiliation: Chinese Southern Diaspora Studies

Brief Profile: Chinese Southern Diaspora Studies (CSDS) is the only centre in the southern hemisphere for research on people of Chinese descent in Southeast Asia and the Southwest Pacific. The Centre seeks to stimulate and encourage scholarship that reflects the diversity of and intercourse among areas, cultures and political economies in the region, and contributes critically to the field of knowledge. At the top of our research agenda is a scholarship which looks beyond the stereotyped masks of 'Chinese' and 'Chineseness', and focuses instead on exploring the fluid and multifaceted nature of Chinese diaspora experience in Southeast Asia, its various interfaces with indigenous people and states, its multiple positions in economies, societies and politics, and its global positioning. As a center based in Australia, we are inevitably interested in the studies of the Australian Chinese Community, particularly in the location of their history within the larger narrative of the Chinese southern dia

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Danish Institute for International Studies

Affiliation: Danish Institute for International Studies

Brief Profile: DIIS is an independent research institution for international studies, financed primarily by the Danish state. We carry out research and analysis on a wide range of issues within the areas of globalisation, security and development. We participate in national and international debates and academic networks, and publish in high-ranking academic journals, always striving to excel in academic scholarship. At the same time, we assess Denmark's foreign and political situation and inform the Danish media, politicians and the public about our work. We have approximately 100 employees comprising both research and support staff. We have different academic backgrounds, mostly in social studies, international development studies, military studies and anthropology. We contribute to the education of researchers both at home and in developing countries, and we employ a number of practitioners from relevant ministries for limited periods of time. These practitioners contribute to our understanding

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Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies (AAADS)

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Brief Profile: The Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies (AAADS) is a multidisciplinary department of the College of Arts and Sciences. We offer a BA, MA, and PhD, as well as joint degrees and minors. AAADS strives to create and share scholarship of the highest quality dealing with the African American and African diasporic experience. Our faculty and students study the historical and contemporary connections among Africans, African Americans, and other New World black communities. We also affirm the democratic tradition of equal opportunity for all by combating all forms of discrimination based on ethnicity, gender, class, sexual orientation, disability, and religious differences.

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GRFDT Seminars

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April 2012-March 2014

1. Small business as a transnational family strategy: A focus on Indian migrants in Australia and Singapore, by Prof. Supriya Singh, Professor, Sociology of Communications, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia, 8th March 2014.
2. Dancing with Destiny (A Memoir) by Urmila Jhaveri, Activist in Tanganyika and now based in Delhi, 19 February 2014
3. GOPIO's Outreach Initiatives & Progress in the Indian Diaspora by Ashook Ramsaran, President, GOPIO International (USA), at CSSS II, JNU, 8th January 2014
4. Tracing the Indian Diaspora in Cyberspace by Dr Eric Leclerc, Associate Professor (HDR) in geography at the University of Rouen and a member of the ERIAC EA 4307 (Interdisciplinary Research Team on Cultural Areas), Chaired by Prof. Ravindra K Jain, Social Anthropologist, 20 December 2013,
5. Spheres of Interest and Representations of the Migrant: Are Rights Insignificant? by Bijulal M.V, Assistant Professor School of International Relations and Politics, MG University, Kottayam, Kerala, Nov 23, 2013
6. Migration Experiences of Temporary Migrants in the Gulf Council Cooperation (GCC) States: The Case of the Kingdom of Bahrain and Dubai (in the United Arab Emirates), By Raj Bardouille, PhD, Migration and Development Researcher, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, Toronto, Canada, 23 November 2013, 5 p.m.
7. Settled Strangers: Asian Business Elites in East Africa, 1800-2000, (Sage 2013) by Prof. Gijbert Oonk, Head of the Department of History, Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 28th October 2013
8. Commemoration, Celebration, Commiseration? 150th Anniversary of Indentured Labourers in South Africa, by Prof. Brij Maharaj, Geographer in the School of Agricultural, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa, Chaired by Prof. Ravindra K Jain, Social Anthropologist, 7th October, 2013
9. Migration and Culture Connections by Prof. Dr. Partha S. Ghosh, Senior Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen Murti Bhavan New Delhi, (Formerly, Professor at JNU), Editor, India Quarterly (ICWA, New Delhi), 21st September, 2013
10. Moving Beyond the Stereotypes: The new ethnic relations in Malaysia by Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria, Principal Research Fellow, Institute of Ethnic Studies, UKM, 15 August 2013
11. African Diaspora in India: A Socio-Political Journey by Dr. Manish Karmwar, Department of History, Shyam Lal College(Eve.), University of Delhi on Jul 27, 2013
12. "Ved Mehta's Continent of Blind Culture: Challenges in reading the narrative domain using conventional frameworks in diasporic theory" by Dr Hemachandran Karah, Centre for Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi on 22 June 2013.
13. Brain storming session on "Diaspora Philanthropy in India" and Diaspora Entrepreneurship/Business in India" with Dr. Mizanur Rahman, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore on 30 May 2013.
14. Indian Diaspora in East Africa: Challenges of Integration by Dr. Rajneesh Gupta, Faculty Delhi University, 27 April 2013

“Indian Diaspora: Historical and Contemporary Issues” featuring three research papers, 27 April 2013 (Serial No 14-16)

14. Lala Brindavan: A Returnee Emigrant by Ajay Mahurkar, Historian, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, 27 April 2013
15. Indian Diaspora in East Africa: Challenges of Integration by Dr. Rajneesh Gupta, Faculty Delhi University, 27 April 2013
16. Socio-Economic Conditions of Left Behind NRI Bridges, by Atinder Pal Kaur, Punjab University, 27 April 2013
17. “Life-World in a Cross-Cultural Marriage” by Prof. Renuka Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi on Saturday, March 16, 2013
18. “From Remittances to Migrant Money: Two-way flows between Australia and India” by Prof. Supriya Singh of RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia on Sunday, February 24, 2013
19. “The Toxic Narration: Italian policies on Immigration in the last 20 years” by Anadi Mishra, PhD candidate at University "La Sapienza" of Rome in Culture and Civilization of Asia and Africa, 19 January 2013 at JNU
20. “Dalit Diaspora in Britain” by Dr. Meena Dhanda, Reader in Philosophy and Cultural Politics, University of Wolverhampton, Chaired by Dr. Vivek Kumar on January 13, 2013 at JNU
21. “(Re)Framing the Nation: Chinese and Indian Diaspora Policies in Historical Perspective” by Dr. Els van Dongen, Nanyang Technological university, Singapore, on Dec 22, 2012 at JNU.
22. “Overseas Citizenship and Nationality: Study of Turkey and India” by Ms. Hande Unsal, Ankara Law School, Turkey, 10 November 2012 at JNU
23. Film-screening titled “Asa Nu Mann Watan Da” on 22nd September, 2012
24. "Elder Abuse Among Indian Diaspora in USA: Issues and Problems" By Prof. P.K. Mishra, 18 August 2012, JNU
25. “The Globalization of Hindutva-A Study into the emergence of e- Hindutva” by Dr. Ingrid Therwath of the Centre de Sciences Humaine, New Delhi on 30th July 2012
26. Gender and Diaspora: A Study of Amitav Ghosh’s Sea of Poppies and River of Smoke” by Dr. Nandini C. Sen is an Associate Professor, Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi on 27th October, 2012 at Room No. 13, CSSS II, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
27. "Engaging the Indian Diaspora" by Dr. A. Didar Singh, Former Secretary, MOIA, 12 May 2012
28. "India’s Diaspora Policy 1999-2008: Evolution, Objectives and Principles" by Dr. Smita Tiwari, JNU, 12 May 2012
29. "Public Policy and Advocacy: Understanding Indian Diaspora Advocacy" by Kamala Kanta Dash, Monash University, Australia, 12 May 2012
30. India's Diaspora Policy: Evolution, Challenges and Prospects’ by Shri J.C Shamra, Former Member Secretary, High Level Committee on Indian Diaspora, April 21, 2012 at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)

Indian Diaspora: Mobility and Identity, 7 April, 2012 at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. Under the above broad title the following papers were presented. (Serial No 31-35)

31. “Failure of Cultural confidence and Closure of development horizons: Narrating the case of Return Emigrants among Mappila Muslims of Kerala” by Muneer Illath
32. "Tamil Diaspora: A Case Study of Contemporary Mobilization in Malaysia", by Dr M. Mahalingam
33. “Forms of Reproduction and Subversion of Caste Relations: Dalits within the Indian Diaspora” by Vinod Sartape Ashok
34. “Understanding Diaspora as a Social Process: The Conceptual Scheme”- by Mr. Shivam
35. "Labour migration to West Asia from Sikar, Churu and Jhunjhunu Districts: Problems and Prospects" by Jeetendra D. Soni

Call for Papers

International Conference
Global Indian Diaspora: Continuities and Changes
6-7 November 2014
CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF INDIAN DIASPORA
University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India

The processes of globalization have been undergoing change over time for centuries from silent trade and barter exchange, through international trade and multinational corporations, to a free flow of capital and culture beyond the boundaries of nation-states spanning the globe. The far reaching changes in technologies of transport and communication, that followed the microelectronic revolution, have already impacted immensely on the way people think, work and view the world.

India today is not just a place, space or bounded territory forming a nation-state as it were, but the one for nearly a century long experience of being in Britain, The Netherlands, Trinidad, Guyana, Surinam, Fiji, Malaysia, Uganda, South Africa, USA, Canada and several other nations. It is what India has come to be, as it were dispersed. Under the present regime of globalization, India stretches to all corners of the globe where Indians remain Indians forming Global Indian Diaspora. The proposed International Conference on “Global Indian Diaspora” aims at examining the continuities and changes in the lives of Indians in the diaspora.

Besides discussing the conceptual issues in the study of Indian diaspora in the contemporary context, the conference shall address various themes such as: issues of identity; transnationalism; and new policy initiatives.

The last date for sending the abstract is 15th August 2014 and the full paper is 15 October 2014. Any communication regarding the Conference, including the title of the presentation, the abstract and the paper may be sent by email to: [Dr. Ajaya K. Sahoo](mailto:Dr.Ajaya.K.Sahoo), Conference Coordinator. Emails: aksss@uohyd.ernet.in / ajayacsid@yahoo.com

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