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Politics of Identity in Globalized World: Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Belongingness

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Jointly organized by-
International Institute for Peace and Development Studies, Bangkok
&
Swahid Peoli Phukan College, Namti, India

Venue

International Institute for Peace and Development Studies, Bangkok
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THAILAND

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About the Seminar:

In most of the countries, politics of identity plays a significant role in shaping socio-political landscapes. Ethnicity being the fundamental aspect of identity, serves as a basis for social cohesion or conflict within diverse societies of a nation. Nationalism, on the other hand, symbolizes sentiments of loyalty and attachment to one's nation-state, shaping political landscapes and policy agendas worldwide. Both ethnicity and nationalism shape notions of belongingness, influencing individuals' perceptions of inclusion and exclusion within their societies. This seminar aims to delve into the complexities of identity politics in the context of the globalized world, analyzing how it amplifies and challenges traditional understandings of ethnicity, nationalism, and belongingness. It seeks to explore how a country can facilitate and promote equal space for flourishing ethnicity, and religious and cultural harmony. Furthermore, it investigates the role of political actors, institutions, and ideologies in mobilizing or mitigating identity-based tensions.

In this scenario, IIPDS, Bangkok in collaboration with Swahid Peoli Phukan College, Namti, India aims to have deliberations on multiple perspectives of the seminar by bringing together scholars, activists, policy-makers, and practitioners from diverse disciplines and regions.

Seminar Objectives:

1. To **analyze** the inter-sectionalism of ethnicity, nationalism, and other identity markers.
2. To **explore** the role of globalization in shaping collective identities and belongingness.
3. To **assess** the impact of identity politics on social cohesion, human rights, and peace.
4. To **look into** the economic issues and roots of disparity in the politics of Identity, Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Belongingness.
5. To **identify** the best practices and innovative approaches for addressing identity-based discrimination and marginalization.
6. To **develop** strategies for reconciling competing identities and fostering inclusive citizenship.

Sub-Themes of the Seminar:

1. Historical Perspectives on Ethnic Identity and Nationalism: Roots and legacies of identity politics.
2. Ethnic Conflict and Nationalism: Dynamics of identity-based violence and secessionist movements.
3. Diaspora Communities and Transnational Belongingness: Challenges and opportunities of belongingness across borders.
4. Intersectionality and Identity Politics: Gender, race, class, and other axes of identity.
5. Citizenship and Inclusion: Policies and practices for accommodating diverse identities.
6. Media, Representation, and Identity: Influence of media narratives on identity construction.
7. Indigenous Rights and Sovereignty: Struggles for self-determination and cultural preservation.
8. Migration, Refugees, and Identity: Identity challenges faced by displaced populations.
9. Education and Identity Formation: Role of education in shaping collective identities and values.
10. Economic issues in the politics of Identity, Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Belongingness
11. Any other topics related to the central theme of the Seminar

Seminar Format:

The Seminar will feature keynote addresses by renowned scholars and activists, providing insights into cutting-edge research and practical experiences. Concurrent panel sessions and roundtable discussions will offer opportunities to explore specific themes and issues in-depth.

Target Groups:

The Seminar is open to academics, researchers, activists, policymakers, students, and practitioners with an interest in identity politics, ethnicity, nationalism, multiculturalism, human rights, and related fields. Participants

from diverse backgrounds and disciplines are encouraged to contribute their perspectives and experiences through research papers.

Anticipated Outcomes:

By fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration, the Seminar aims to:

1. Generate new insights and theoretical frameworks for understanding the identity politics of the globalized world.
2. Facilitate networking and exchange of best practices among scholars, activists, and policymakers.
3. Identify practical strategies and recommendations for promoting inclusive societies and social cohesion.
4. Inspire future research, advocacy, and action towards addressing identity-based discrimination and marginalization.

Paper Submission Guidelines:

Interested participants are invited to submit abstracts and full papers for presentations, panel discussions, and poster sessions by 30th June 2024. Abstracts should not be more than 300 words and should clearly outline the research objectives, methodology, and key findings. The acceptance of the abstracts shall be scrutinized and promptly intimated to the contributors. The paper contributors should follow the following rules:

- The paper must be typed in **Times New Roman Format** with 1.5 line spacing.
- The paper presenter must ensure in the Abstract itself if it is a **Poster presentation**.
- The writer's name, designation, and affiliation should be typed in **BOLD** at the right-hand side of the page just below the paper's main Title.
- The Title/Name of the paper must be in **BOLD** with a formatting of 12 points.
- All Papers must strictly follow the **MLA Seventh Edition** Style in case of reference and type.
- The contributors must also furnish a brief **Bio-note** (furnishing a valid **Email ID**) within 150 words.
- All papers submitted for **Consideration of Publication** must be within 2500-3500 words limit.
- Only selected papers will be published in the **Proceeding Volume**.
- For any modifications, the organizers will contact the writers via email only.
- Please click on the link for submitting your abstract and full paper <https://forms.gle/g1oQ6AVXfURaQBRb9>
- All queries (if any) must be directed to the following Email Id: iconferencejuly24@gmail.com

Seminar Publication:

Peer-reviewed Seminar papers shall be published in the proceeding with an ISBN by a reputed publisher of international repute.

Registration Fee:

The registration fee for participating in the Seminar is USD 150/-. The registration fee will cover the local transportation, accommodation, food, seminar kit, certificate, and the proceeding volume. Participants may pay the registration fee on their arrival at the venue.

Transport facility:

The organizers will arrange pick-up and drop-off facilities for the participants from the airports in Bangkok on receiving their travel itinerary. All international participants are requested to book their tickets to reach the venue on 22nd July 2024 and leave the venue by the morning of 26th July 2024.

Tours & Travels:

The organizers plan to give exposure to the Thammasat University, Bangkok and have an academic session there. The participants will also get an opportunity to witness a glimpse of the beautiful historic city of Bangkok and its adjoining tourist locations.

About IIPDS:

The International Institute of Peace and Development Studies (IIPDS), administered by ARF, has offered courses and runs workshops across Asia on peace studies, development, and human rights. It provides training for peacebuilding, conflict transformation, negotiation, and reconciliation. It also hosts interfaith forums and dialogue exchanges to create practical solutions to pressing social issues. Through these activities, IIPDS aims to create a new generation of peace workers, peace defenders, and peace negotiators towards the prevention of conflict and the promotion and sustenance of peace in multi-ethnic, multi-cultural Asia and beyond. Each year around 150 youth and mid-level professionals from different countries take part in those training courses and workshops offered by IIPDS.

About the College:

Swahid Peoli Phukan College has earned the accolade of being one of the pioneering institutes of higher education in Upper Assam and has perpetually strived to nourish and kindle the wholesome dreams and academic aspirations of a multitude of people of Sivasagar and the adjoining districts. It is a matter of sweet pride that four decades of persistent struggle and dogged endeavor from us have yielded substantial results in the form of excellence in academic performance, art, sports, and other distinguishing pursuits. Stoic in its zealous determination and fortitude, the primary motif of Swahid Peoli Phukan College is to transcend all barriers in expanding the horizons and vistas of knowledge, channeling and chiseling even the most rugged form of object within its purview. Hundreds of enthusiastic students join the college every year and the faculty along with the sincere devotion of the office staff extend their wholehearted cooperation to realize the collective dream. It has been an absolute privilege that the untiring efforts of the college faculty toward academic excellence have been recognized by the **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)** who adjudicated “A” Grade to the college in 2024.

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Please click on the link for submitting your abstract and full paper <https://forms.gle/g1oQ6AVXfURaQBRb9>

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