



SSHP's International Webinar Series
on
Western Himalayas: Conditions and Directions
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Sociological Society, Himachal Pradesh

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Department of Sociology, Govt. PG College Seema, District Shimla

First Call for Papers

Amidst the chaotic circumstances all over the world being caused by the COVID-19, terrorism, economic crisis and political turmoil simultaneously, the drastic changes are taking place in the Himalayan region especially in the western Himalayas. It refers to the western half of the Himalayas, stretching from Badakhshan in North eastern Afghanistan/southern Tajikistan, Pakistan. This part covered three major states and one union territory of North India, i.e. Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Ladakh (UT), which is also known as the *mitochondria of the aromatic medicines*, hub of the *biodiversity and cultural diversity*.

Nature blessed the region with pure hearted people full of natural resources along with strong social fabric among them with self-contentment, aborigine life has changed completely because of modern developmental initiatives of the govt. positively as well as negatively, presently the whole region is enriched *economically, politically, socially and educationally*. It is important to note that this region is fragile and mostly falls in seismic zones-III, IV and V. All developmental initiatives are to be managed very sensibly and responsibly in the whole region.

However, in the 21st century the impact of Himalayan exploitation has come with the environmental challenges. This fragile region is highly susceptible to natural hazards, and there is ongoing concern about current and potential climate change impacts both flora and fauna of Western Himalayas, which includes, *abnormal floods, droughts and landslides, migration loss of biodiversity and threats to food security*. Now the human pressure on the natural ecosystem clash of the eco-system of mountain, ecosystem of river has badly affected and needs restoration.

Moreover, the social fabrics of relations of the tribes has drastically changed, every social system and social institution has under gone with change which is the challenge to analyse the present scenario of Western Himalayas sociologically with theoretical perspective with scientific implication of the Himalayan to evaluate the potential responses to changing climatic conditions.

The present scenario in the Western Himalayan zone seeks scholarly investigation and co-operation in response to regional environmental and cultural threats in the western Himalayas corresponding to Glaciers of the Western Himalayas, culture, tribes, religion, sustainable development, Ecology and biodiversity.

In view of this, as an initiative of "SSHP's International Webinar Series", papers are invited on the following sub-themes, though all sub-themes are indicative only and abstract can be submitted on any related themes/topic/sub-themes:

Sub-themes

- 1 Tribes of Western Himalayan: Their Problems and Developmental Concerns
- 2 Folk in Transition in Western Himalayas
- 3 Society: Then and Now in Western Himalayas
- 4 Socio-economic Concerns of Western Himalayas
- 5 Historical Narratives of Himalayan Kingdom and Their Significance
- 6 Ecological Concerns and Developmental Trends of Western Himalayas
- 7 Other

Abstracts should be submitted maximum in 250 words with 5 keywords must be typed in Time New Roman font with font size 12. Title of the paper and name of the scholar should be in the same font and size but with **bold** and in title case. The abstract should reach to us latest by 15th November 2020 IST. Following will be deadlines:

Call for Abstracts:	29.10.2020
Submission of abstract:	15.11.2020
Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts:	17.11.2020 (Through WhatsApp)
Submission of Full-length Papers:	20.11.2020
Webinar:	21.11.2020

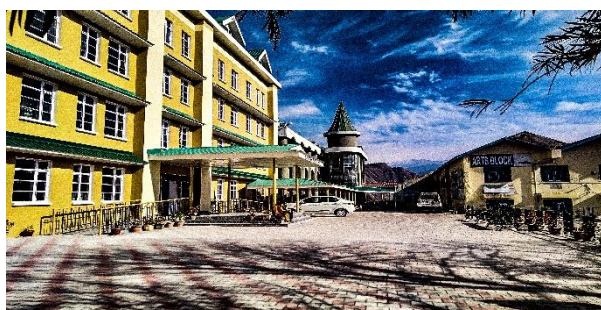
The abstract must be submitted on google form only by clicking here:
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There will also be Symposium on

Sixty Years of Sociology in Himachal Pradesh

(will be notified soon)

About host Institution



Govt. PG College Seema perched in the lap of Chanshal Valley of Rohru in District Shimla of Himachal Pradesh surrounded by snow-draped Himalayas and situated on the bank of Pabber River. This institution was established in 1988 with mere 16 students which has now become the banyan tree of 2000 students and affiliated to Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla. This college is equipped with high technology and splendid infrastructure. This institution engraved motto in its heart to **"Bring Transformation Through Education "** and has been ranked B++ institution by the testing agency NAAC. Presently, college offers the UG courses in Arts, Commerce, Science and four add on courses and post-graduation in six subjects.

About the Department of Sociology

The department of sociology was established in college with the establishment of PG College Seema in 1988. The 1st batch of the sociology was started by Dr. B.P Badola in 1989 with 22 students and presently 300 students are studying sociology. In 2018 the Govt of Himachal Pradesh has granted another post and department is capable to start post graduate course in sociology. In 2016 for the upliftment of sociology the "**Young Sociologists Association**" was formed for the overall development of personality of the students and also organised many programmes on various socio environmental issues, study tours, village visits and many more. This association is committed to understand various dimensions of society scientifically.

About Sociological Society, Himachal Pradesh

Sociological Society, Himachal Pradesh (SSHP) is registered not for profit association of people working for sociology at different levels and registered under H.P. Societies Registration Act 2006 (Act No. 25 of 2006) with Registration No. 1205/2018 and having headquartered at Dream Villa, Anand Nagar, Lower Khalini, Shimla-171009 HP. More details are available at www.sshp.co.in.

Its members include sociologists, social scientists consisting of academicians, research scholars, PG students, public servants, consultants, members of NGOs, social researchers etc. SSHP is committed to promote sociology as an academic discipline and develop sociological thinking and to facilitate sociological research and enhance professional development of its members. It aims to work for Sociology in India and the world in general and in the state of Himachal in particular providing a network of sociologists at various levels. It attempts to link students and teachers of sociology with other sociological associations at national and international level also with its sister disciplines like anthropology, psychology, environmental sociology and social demography etc. SSHP is also committed to address various issues relating to Sociology including its introduction as a subject at all levels i.e. at senior secondary, college, university and research institute etc. in the state.

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