

**UGC – Human Resource Development Centre  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**

**1<sup>st</sup> Interdisciplinary Course in Contemporary Studies**  
(Natural sciences, Biological Sciences, environmental Sciences, Demography, Education)  
8<sup>th</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

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**1. Summary**

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| Total no. of applicants Selected by selection Committee | 50  |
| Total no. of Special requests considered                | 4+2 |
| Total no. of confirmations received                     | 35  |
| Total no. of cancellations/No response                  | 19  |
| Total no. of applicants reported                        | 30  |
| Total no. of last minute cancellations                  | 7   |

## 2. List of participants

| Sr. No. | NAME                   | STATE             |
|---------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1       | ABHAY KUMAR            | MEGHALAYA         |
| 2       | BARIKOR C. WARJRI      | MEGHALAYA         |
| 3       | BHOOPANDER GIRI        | DELHI             |
| 4       | BIR ABHIMANYU KUMAR    | DELHI             |
| 5       | BRAJ BIHARI SINGH      | DELHI             |
| 6       | DINABANDHU DAS         | DELHI             |
| 7       | FAROOQ HUSSAIN BHAT    | JAMMU & KASHMIR   |
| 8       | FAYAZ AHMAD LONE       | JAMMU & KASHMIR   |
| 9       | HALMANDGE. B. V        | MAHARASHTRA       |
| 10      | HEMAN CHANDRA MAJUMDAR | ASSAM             |
| 11      | IRSHAD AHMAD LONE      | JAMMU & KASHMIR   |
| 12      | KOMILLA SURI           | DELHI             |
| 13      | MANOHAR DEKA           | ASSAM             |
| 14      | MANOJ MUNDE            | DELHI             |
| 15      | PADMINI PANI           | DELHI             |
| 16      | POONAM GUPTA           | UTTAR PRADESH     |
| 17      | POONAM SHARMA          | DELHI             |
| 18      | RAKHI DWIVEDI          | UTTAR PRADESH     |
| 19      | RUPA UPADHYAY          | DELHI             |
| 20      | SANDEEP KUMAR          | UTTAR PRADESH     |
| 21      | SUBHANKAR CHATTERJEE   | HIMACHAL PRADESH  |
| 22      | SUREKHA RAMRAO GAIKWAD | MAHARASHTRA       |
| 23      | SUSHILA SRIVASTAVA     | HARYANA           |
| 24      | SUSMITA DEY SADHU      | DELHI             |
| 25      | TEMIN PAYUM            | ARUNACHAL PRADESH |
| 26      | VIJAY PAL YADAV        | DELHI             |
| 27      | YUSUF AKHTER           | HIMACHAL PRADESH  |
| 28      | YVONNE BANISHA NONGRUM | MEGHALAYA         |
| 29      | SHRADDHA DHIWAL        | DELHI             |
| 30      | DINESH GANOTRA         | DELHI             |

### 3. Schedule

#### WEEK – I

#### Theme: Contemporary India in a Globalized World: Issues and Challenges

| DATE  | 9:00am-10:30am  | 11:00am-01: 00pm  | 01:00pm-2:00pm | 2.15pm to 3.30pm   | 3:45pm-5:00 pm  |
|---|---|---|----------------|--|---|
| Monday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> February 2016     | Registration  | “Combined Inaugural Session”<br><b>Dr. Dinakar M. Salunke</b><br>&<br><b>Prof. Peter Ronald DeSouza</b> | Lunch          | Interaction with the coordinators  |   |
| DATE  | 9:30am -11:00am   | 11:30am-01:00pm   | 01:00pm-2:00pm | 2.15pm to 3.30pm   | 3:45pm-5:00 pm  |
| Tuesday<br>9 <sup>th</sup> February 2016    | <b>Prof. Gopal Guru</b><br><br>“Epistemological Challenges before the Sciences and the Social Sciences in Contemporary India” |   | Lunch          | <b>Prof. Partha Ghosh</b><br><br>“India, South Asia and the Globalized World”  |   |
| Wednesday<br>10 <sup>th</sup> February 2016 | <b>Dr. T.G. Suresh</b><br><br>“Global Production Networks in Contemporary India”  | <b>Dr. Rohini Muthuswami</b><br><br>“Stem Cell Research & Regenerative Medicine in India”               | Lunch          | <b>Prof. Deepak Kumar</b><br><br>“Science and Society”                         | <b>Prof. Dhruv Raina</b><br><br>“Critical Perspectives on Science & Technology” |
| Thursday<br>11 <sup>th</sup> February 2016  | <b>Prof. Sudha Pai</b><br><br>“Trends in State Politics in India”   | <b>Dr. Lata Singh</b><br><br>“Challenges before the contemporary women’s movement in India”             | Lunch          | <b>Prof. K. Srinivas</b><br><br>“Web Linked and MOOC Lecture Workshop”         |   |
| Friday<br>12 <sup>th</sup> February 2016    | <b>Dr. Rinku Lamba</b><br><br>“Reflections on Political Ideas in Modern India”  | <b>Dr. Rajarshi Dasgupta</b><br><br>“Bodies without Boundaries”   | Lunch          | <b>Dr. Ramesh Gaur</b><br><br>“Lecture on Plagiarism and demo of the software” |   |

**WEEK II**

| <b>DATE</b>                                   | <b>9:30am-11: 00 am</b>   | <b>11:30am-01:00 pm</b>   | <b>01:00pm-2:00pm</b> | <b>2:15pm to 3:30pm</b>   | <b>3:45pm-5:00pm</b>   |
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| Monday,<br>15 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016    | <b>Prof. Anupama Roy</b><br><i>“Citizenship in India: Contemporary Debates”</i>                 | <b>Prof. Sucheta Mahajan</b><br><i>“Idea of India and Its Critics”</i>    | <b>Lunch</b>          | <b>Prof. D.K.Lobiyal</b><br><i>“Mobile Communication”</i>   | <b>Prof. K. J. Mukherjee</b><br><i>“Democratizing &amp; Technology”</i>              |
| Tuesday,<br>16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016   | <b>Prof. Ujjwal Singh</b><br><i>“Truth, Power and Methodological Enquiry”</i>                   | <b>Prof. Rana Pratap Singh</b><br><i>“How to Control Cancer?”</i>         | <b>Lunch</b>          | <b>Prof. Surajit Majumdar</b><br><i>“Globalization and the Indian Economy : Emergence and Divergence”</i> | <b>Prof. Arun Attri</b><br><i>“Contemporary Environmental issues”</i>                |
| Wednesday,<br>17 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016 | <b>Dr. Shushil Kumar Jha</b><br><i>“Recent Trends in Neuro-Science Research”</i>                | <b>Prof. Anu Venugopalan</b><br><i>“Coming of Age in a Quantum World”</i> | <b>Lunch</b>          | <b>Prof. Manindra Nath Thakur</b><br><i>“Science, Mythology and Politics”</i>                             | <b>Dr. Meenakshi Munshi</b><br><i>“R&amp;D Initiatives in DBT”</i>                   |
| Thursday,<br>18 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016  | <b>Dr. Rajshree Chandra</b><br><i>“The Inscription of “Life” in Legal and Political Theory”</i> | <b>Prof. V. Sujatha</b><br><i>“How does sociology study medicine?”</i>    | <b>Lunch</b>          | <b>Ms. Ritu Nidhi Jha</b><br><i>“Web design issues and tools”</i>   | <b>Prof. P.K. Joshi</b><br><i>“Biodiversity characterization in landscape level”</i> |
| Friday,<br>19 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016    | <b>Dr. Harish S.Wankhede</b><br><i>“Understanding Caste in Contemporary Indian Politics”</i>    | <b>Dr. Soumya Prasad</b><br><i>“Visit to Biodiversity Park”</i>           |                       |   |  |

**WEEK III**

| DATE  | 9:30am-11: 00 am  | 11:30am-01:00 pm   | 01:00pm-2:00pm | 2:15pm to 3:30pm  | 3:45pm-5:00pm  |
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| Monday,<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2016    | <b>Dr. Sushil Kumar Jha</b><br><br><i>"Why Do we Sleep?"</i>  | <b>Prof. Sachidanand Sinha</b><br><br><i>"Dialectics of Global and Local: The Geographical Epistemology"</i> | <b>Lunch</b>   | <b>Prof. Sachidanand Sinha</b><br><br><i>"Landscapes of Marginalization: Education, Space and Community in India"</i> | <b>Prof. Mammo Muchie</b><br><br><i>"Moving from Eurocentric Science to World Science"</i>             |
| Tuesday,<br>23 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016   | <b>Dr. Saradindu Bhaduri</b><br><br><i>"Science, Technology &amp; Innovations: Connections &amp; Disconnects"</i> | <b>Prof. Sanjay Pandey</b><br><br><i>"Understanding Naga Separatism"</i>                                     | <b>Lunch</b>   | <b>Prof. Nandini Singh</b><br><br><i>"Music and the Brain"</i><br><b>Lecture Hall III,<br/>Convention Centre JNU</b>  | <b>Prof. Nivedita P. Haran</b><br><br><i>"The Role of the Non-State Actors in Disaster Management"</i> |
| Wednesday,<br>24 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016 | <b>Dr. Sudhir Kumar Suthar</b><br><br><i>"Agrarian Question in a Globalized World: The Indian Case"</i>           | <b>Prof. Rama Baru</b><br><br><i>"Social inequality and Health"</i>  | <b>Lunch</b>   | <i>Hands on workshop on plagiarism software</i>   |  |
| Thursday,<br>25 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016  | <b>Dr. Amir Ali</b><br><br><i>"Secularism, Religion &amp; Toleration"</i>   | <b>Prof. Narender Kumar</b><br><br><i>"Social Exclusion in Contemporary India"</i>                           | <b>Lunch</b>   | <b>Dr. Sujith Kumar Parayil</b><br><br><i>"New Media, Visuality &amp; the Political Subject"</i>                      |  |
| Friday,<br>26 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016    | <b>Prof. K.C. Upadhyaya</b><br><br><i>"GM Technology &amp; GM Crop Plants"</i>                                    | <b>Prof Achin Vanaik</b><br><br><i>"The Global War on Terror"</i>  | <b>Lunch</b>   | <i>Visit to AIRF, JNU</i>   |  |

**WEEK IV**

| DATE                                       | 9:30am-11: 00 am   | 11:30am to 01:00pm  | 01:00pm to 2:00pm | 2:15pm to 3:30pm  | 3:45pm-5: 00 pm                      |
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| Monday,<br>29 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016 | <b>Prof. Ashwani Pareek</b><br><br><i>“New Excitements in Plant Biology”</i> | <b>Dr. Sneh Lata Panwar</b><br><br><i>“Emergence of multidrug resistance: issues and challenges”</i>  | <b>Lunch</b>      | <b>Prof. Alok Bhattacharya</b><br><br><i>“India and Rare disease policy”</i>  | <i>Preparation for presentations</i> |
| Tuesday,<br>1 <sup>st</sup> March , 2016   | <b>Prof. Pawan Dhar</b><br><br><i>“The making of a scientist”</i>            | <b>Dr. Ajay Gudavarthy</b><br><br><i>“John Zerzan, Rethinking Civilization”</i>                       | <b>Lunch</b>      | <b>Prof. S. Gourinath</b><br><br><i>“Visualization of Molecules : latest developments in structure determination methods”</i> | <b>Prof. Rupamanjari Ghosh</b>       |
| Wednesday,<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2016  | <i>Evaluation</i>  |   |                   |   |                                      |
| Thursday,<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> March , 2016  | <i>Evaluation</i>  | <b>11:30 AM</b><br><br><i>Group Photo</i>   | <i>Evaluation</i> |   |                                      |
| Friday,<br>04 <sup>th</sup> March, 2016    | <b>9:30 am</b><br><br><i>Feed Back</i>                                       | <b>11:00am to 12:00pm</b><br><br><i>Combined Interactive Session<br/>in the Committee Room (HRDC)</i> |                   |   |                                      |