



**JESUS AND MARY COLLEGE**  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
*in Collaboration with IQAC*



*presents*

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY FOR STUDENTS

# CONSTRUCTING THE OBJECT OF STUDY: THE CASE OF CASTE

*Keynote Speaker*

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11:30 - 12:30



Seminar Hall (L Building)

*A workshop exploring how research objects are constructed in the social sciences, and why this process raises crucial questions of ethics and honesty.*

# DEPARTMENT WORKSHOP SERIES

🕒 12:30 pm onwards

## ENGLISH

*Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Jubi Rose Vandana Minz*

Activity: Students analyze three texts: I Am Not Your Data (Abhay Flavian Xaxa), The Mystery of the Forest Bamboos (Jacinta Kerketta), and The Hunt (Mahasweta Devi) to examine how Adivasi identity is represented by Adivasi and non-Adivasi writers and how this shapes the impact and reception of the texts.

## HINDI

*Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Neelam Snehalata*

Activity: Group discussions on औरत—औरत में अंतर है, मैं तुम्हारी भूख से भयभीत हूँ, and सुनो ब्राह्मण to examine the Dalit critique in Hindi poetry and how it challenges caste hierarchies and social exclusion.

## HISTORY

*Faculty Coordinator: Mr. Dias Antony*

Activity: Analyse testimonials of Champaran Indigo farmers.

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

*Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Bipasha Rosy Lakra*

Activity: Exploring how the Indian Constitution categorizes and governs tribal communities and examines the political implications of state classification for self-designation. Participants will study key constitutional provisions to reflect on identity, land rights, political representation, and the effectiveness of current policies while proposing alternative approaches.

# PSYCHOLOGY

*Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Sarah H. Awungshi*

Activity: Looking at how dominant narratives influence understanding of psychological constructs:

- Resilience as individual capacity
- Resilience as relational and collective resistance

# SOCIOLOGY

*Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Jessy K. Philip, Ms Gabriella Thempineng Tungdim*

Activity: Focus group discussion transcripts on food practices among college-going students followed by group discussion and analysis to understand how culture is a contested terrain in which the researcher is also a participant rather than an external observer.