

Department of Sociology
Jesus and Mary College
University of Delhi
New Delhi
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The Dept. of Sociology, in addition to academic excellence, aims to provide its students opportunities to participate in events, competitions and lectures by eminent scholars to enhance their understanding of the discipline of sociology and enable interaction across the three batches. Throughout the year, both inter-college and intra-college events were organised by the Dept. of Sociology in the year 2019-2020.

The Fresher's Debate

The session starting July 2019 began with the Fresher's Debate, an annual event held as a first step to the sociological approach. The debate had the two motions:

1. This house believes that India needs a stronger law on sedition.
2. This house regrets the Eurocentric assertion of feminism.

The debate included from participation from students of both honours and programme courses.



A participant at the debate



Interjections from the audience at the Debate



Winners of the Fresher's Debate with Judges and Faculty Members

The Fresher's Welcome

The Fresher's Welcome was a day full of enthusiasm, fun and engaging activities to make the first years feel at ease and to get to know their seniors and teachers. The theme required the 'Freshers' to dress up as a song or music artist that best represented them. This year's theme was: *Life is a Mixtape*



The Fresher's Welcome venue decorated as per the theme *Life is a Mixtape*



Freshers dressed as per the theme in retro mode enjoying the performances put up by their seniors



A medley of songs performed by students of second and third year




A dance performance at the Fresher's Welcome

The Dept of Sociology Inaugural Lecture

The Inaugural Talk was given by Prof. Susan Visvanathan, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 13th September 2019 on the topic 'Methodological Questions in the Analysis of Religious Experience'. Prof. Visvanathan is one of India's leading sociologists and a renowned fiction writer. It was an educational and an eye-opening talk.

Department of Sociology
Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi
Semester Inaugural Lecture-2019
Title:
Methodological Questions in the Analysis of Religious Experience



Prof. Susan Visvanathan
Professor of Sociology, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

About the speaker: Susan Visvanathan is one of India's leading sociologists, and a renowned fiction writer. She is the author of various books including, 'The Christians of Kerala: History, Belief and Ritual among the Yakoba' (OUP, 1993), 'Friendship, Interiority and Mysticism: Essays in Dialogue' (Orient Blackswan, 2007), and 'The Children of Nature: The Life and Legacy of Ramana Maharshi' (Roll, 2010). Recently, she had edited a three-volume festschrift in honour of Prof. T. K. Oommen (2019). Prof. Visvanathan is the recipient of the prestigious Research Excellence Fellowship at Central European University, Budapest (2018-2019), and the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from Delhi School of Economics (2018).

Prof. Susan Visvanathan writes fiction during winter and summer breaks from the university, extending sociological and theoretical concerns in the more vivid prose of literary fiction including short stories and novels. She is the author of many works of fiction, including, 'Something Barely Remembered' (Flamingo, 2000), 'Phosphorus and Stone' (Penguin and Zubaan, 2007), and 'Adi Sankara and Other Stories' (Papyrus Scrolls, 2017).

DATE: Friday, 13 September, 2019
TIME: 9:30 AM
VENUE: MPH

The poster for the lecture by Prof. Visvanathan



Prof. Visvanathan delivering the lecture on 'Methodological Questions in the Analysis of Religious Experience'

Talk

A talk was organised for the second year students of the department titled 'Politics of Translation' by Dr. Kiran Keshavmurthy. A writing exercise was conducted with the class putting light on how translation is political and how narrative changes due to translation from one language to another.

Sociology Department Annual Festival "CARPE DIEM 2019"

The Sociology Department Annual Festival "CARPE DIEM 2019" was organised on 3rd October 2019 on the theme "Multiculturalism: Negotiating Cultural Diversity". The fest saw involvement of students from all three years along with collaborations with various societies, participation from colleges in Delhi in the competitions organised for the event. Cultural performances were put up by the students of the sociology dept as well as by societies like the 'Ethnic Eight'. The events organized as part of the fest are mentioned below:

1. Talk on 'Pluralism, Tolerance and Multiculturalism' by Prof. Gurpreet Mahajan, Prof, Centre for the Study of Political Systems, School of Social Sciences, J.N.U.
2. Paper presentation on the theme Questions of Identity: Visions of India.
3. Slam poetry competition, 'Virodh' with the theme Dissent in Diversity.
4. Debate competition on the motion: This house believes that the state should legally recognize traditional Adivasi religions.
5. Cultural Miscellany: Performance by students of the Department of Sociology.



**Department of Sociology,
Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University
Presents**



CARPE DIEM'19

**Theme: 'Multiculturalism: Negotiating
Cultural Diversity'**

3 October 2019



**Talk on
"Pluralism, Tolerance and Multiculturalism"
By**

**Prof. Gurpreet Mahajan
Professor at the Centre for Political Studies, School of
Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**

**Time: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Venue: MPH**

Paper Presentation

Theme:

**'Questions of Identity:
Visions of India'**

**Time: 12:30 PM onwards
Venue: HALL**

Debate Competition

**Motion: The house believes
that the state should legally
recognize traditional adivasi
religions**

**Bilingual competition
Time: 12:30 PM onwards
Venue: Seminar Room and
language lab**

"VIRODH"

**The poetry slam
competition**

**Theme: Dissent
Sub Theme: Dissent in
diversity**

**Bilingual competition
Time: 12:30 PM onwards
Venue: MPH**

'Cultural Miscellany'

**Performance by students of Department
of Sociology**

**Closing Ceremony
Time: 3:00 PM
Venue: MPH**

The poster for the Sociology Dept. Annual Festival Carpe diem 2019



The inaugural ceremony with the lighting of the lamp



Prof. Mahajan delivering the talk on 'Pluralism, Tolerance and Multiculturalism'



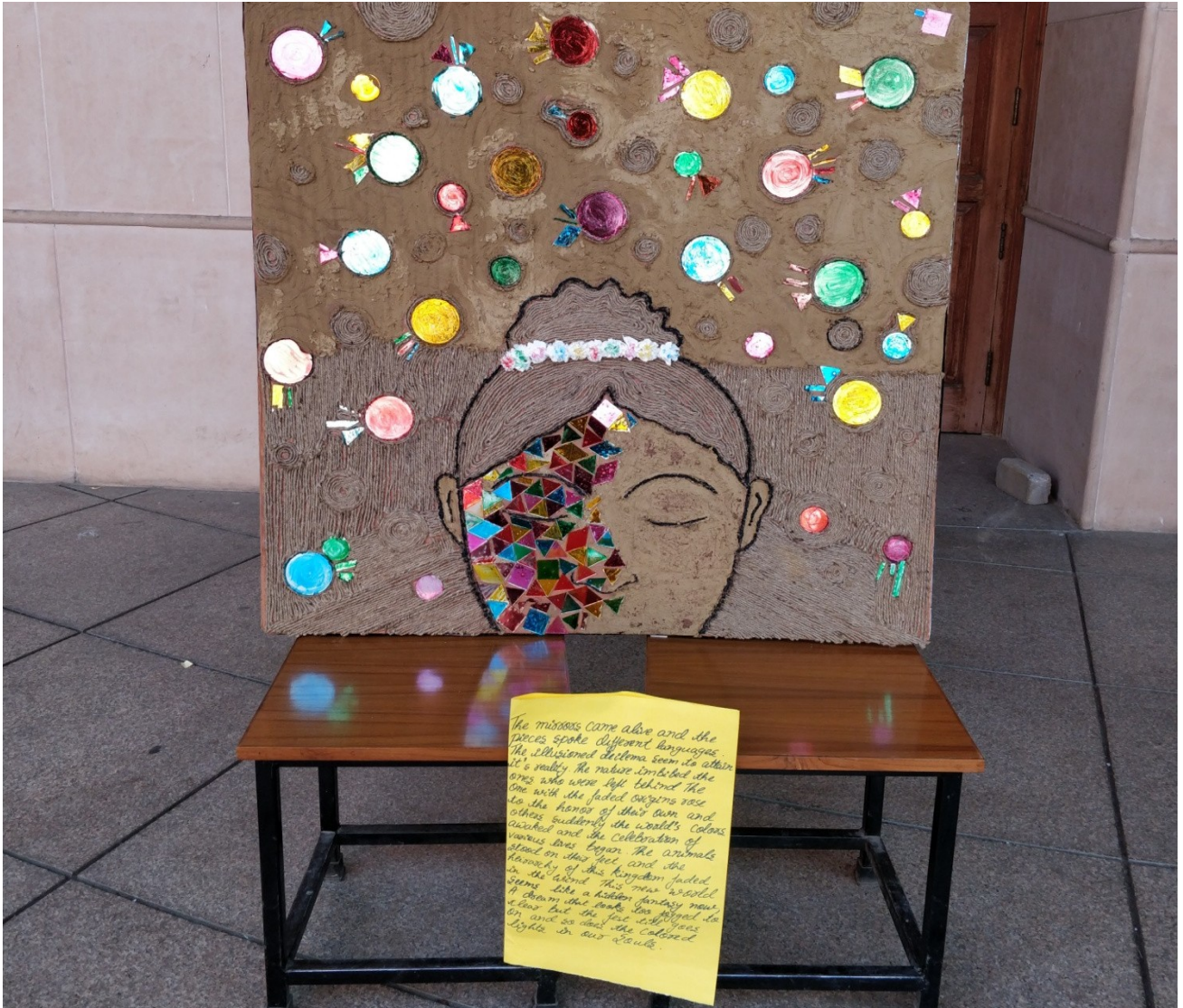
Prof. Mahajan delivering the talk



Sociology students registering participants for the Competitive events at Carpe diem 2019



**A Rangoli made by Students of the Sociology Dept on the theme of the Festival:
Multiculturalism: Negotiating Cultural Diversity**



The misceans came alive and the
pieces spoke different languages.
The illusioned systems seem to attract
it's really the nature combined the
ones who were left behind the
one with the faded origins rose
to the hands of their own and
others suddenly the world's colors
awakened and the celebration of
various days began. The animals
steal on their feet and the
hierarchy of the kingdom faded
seems like a hidden fantasy now.
It dawn like a hidden fantasy now,
where the books are kept to
be and so did the colored
light in our world.

Artwork on the theme of the festival



**An Odissi performance Manglacharan performed by Taralika Sharma, a student of Sociology
Hons Third Year**

Cultural Miscellany

Dances and Music from different regions of India including Kerela, Gujarat, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and the North-East by Sociology Students of JMC



Garba from Gujarat



Bhangra from Punjab



Dances from the North-East performed by the Student Society 'Ethnic Eight', JMC



The Margamkali dance performed by sociology students



Songs in different regional languages by sociology students



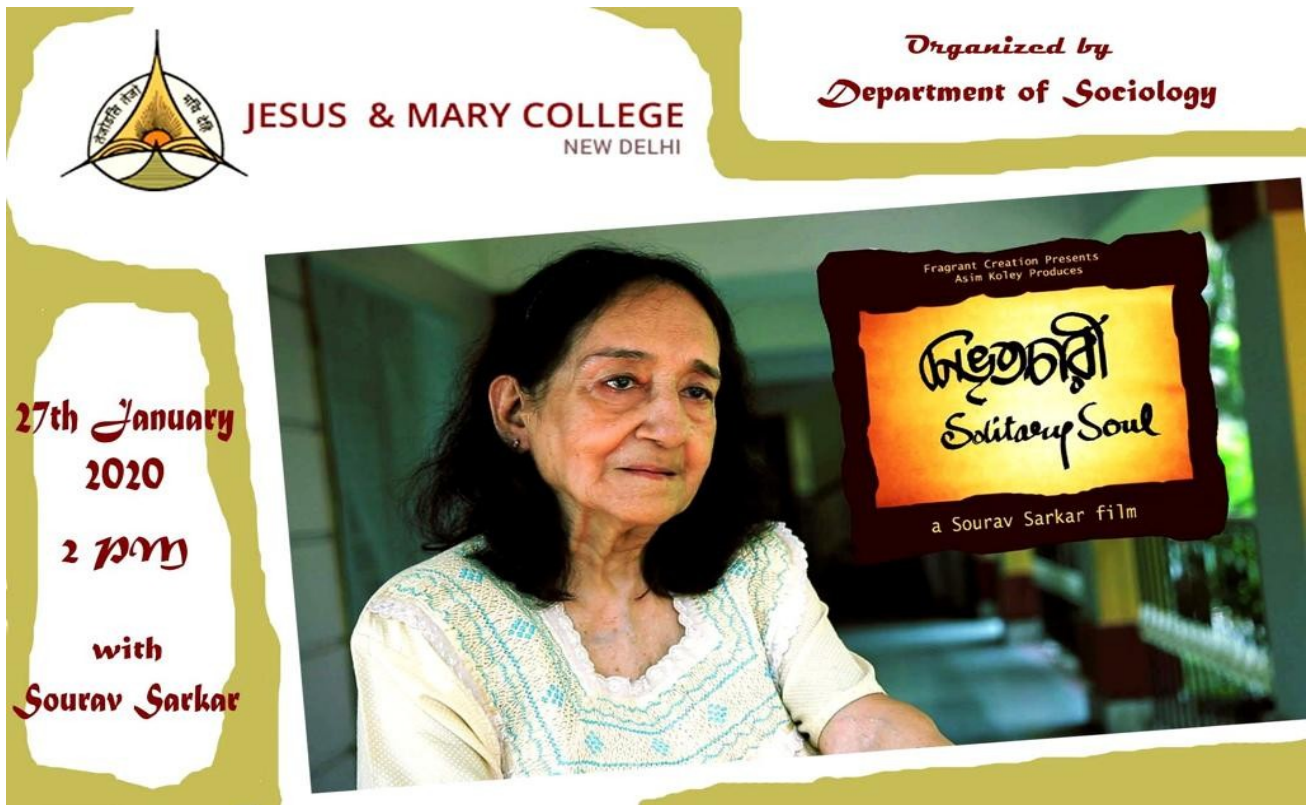
Winners of the debate competition with the judges



Certificates and prizes presented to the winners of the debate, slam poetry and paper presentation competitions

Film Screening

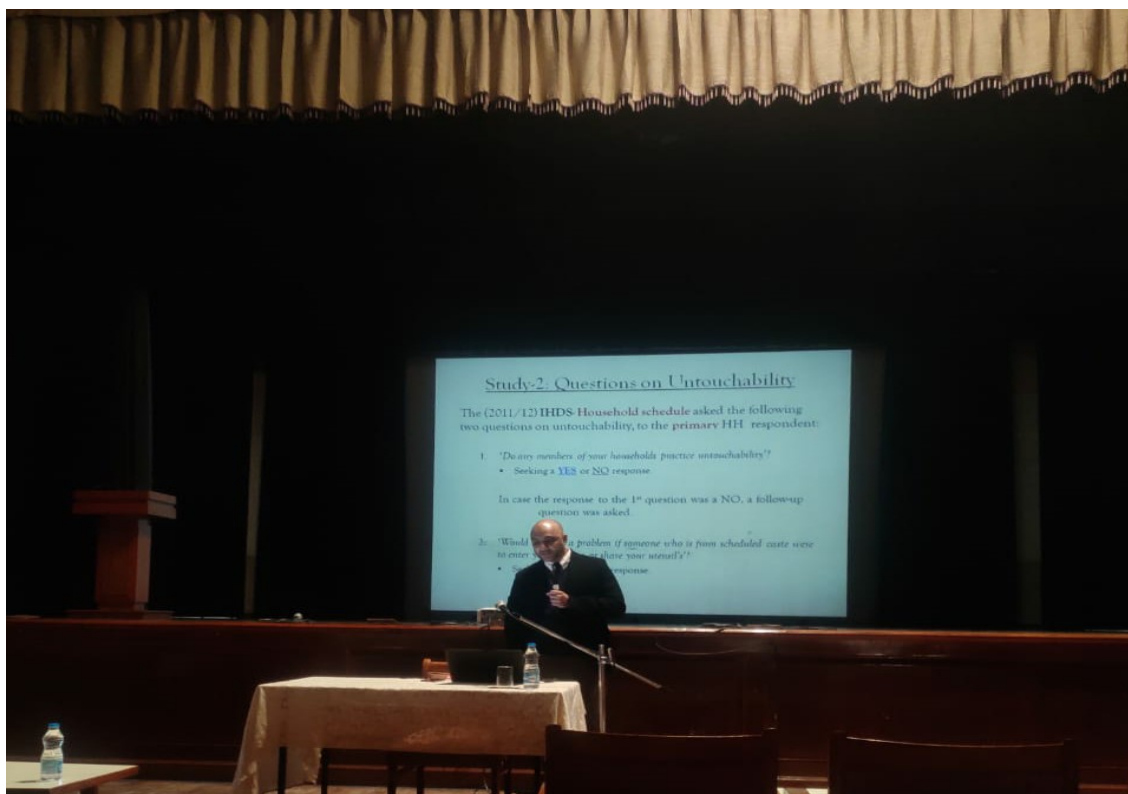
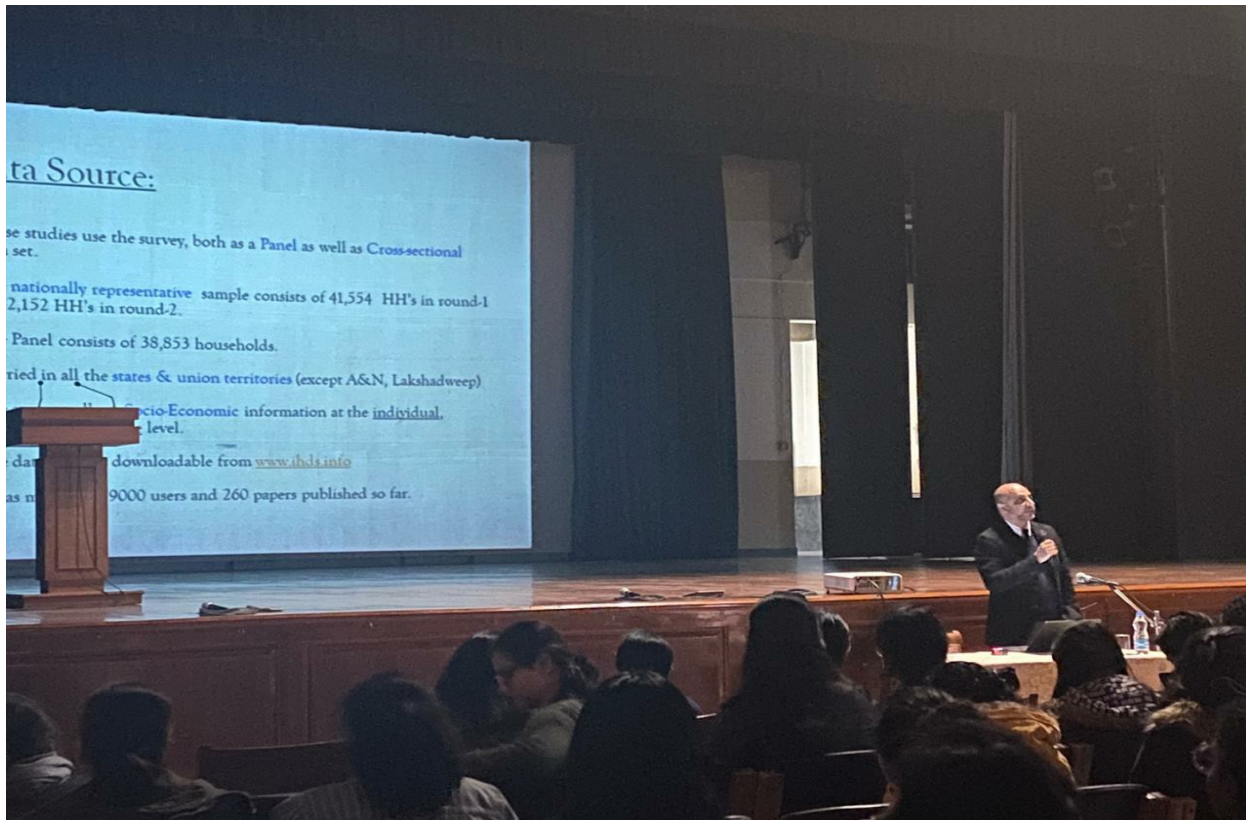
Screening of a film titled 'Solitary Soul' followed by a discussion with the director, Mr. Sourav Sarkar was organised on 27th January 2020 by the Dept of Sociology.



The poster of the Film Screening Event

Lecture

A lecture – ‘Mindsets, Beliefs and Outcomes’ by Dr. Amit Thorat, Assistant Professor, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, J.N.U. was organized on 11th February 2020. Dr. Thorat is widely known for his publications on Inequality, Poverty and Social exclusion and Discrimination. It was a very enriching experience for the students of the department.



Departmental Assembly

The Department assembly took place on the 20th of February 2020 on the topic ‘Forgiveness Changes the Past and Enlarges the Future.’ The assembly included musical performances by students from all the three years. The wall magazine was prepared on the theme: ‘Development or Sustenance: what the Priority?’.

Sports Day

The department’s students enthusiastically took part in the Annual Sports Day on 6th March 2020. They displayed team work marching in red and green on the day of the March Past.

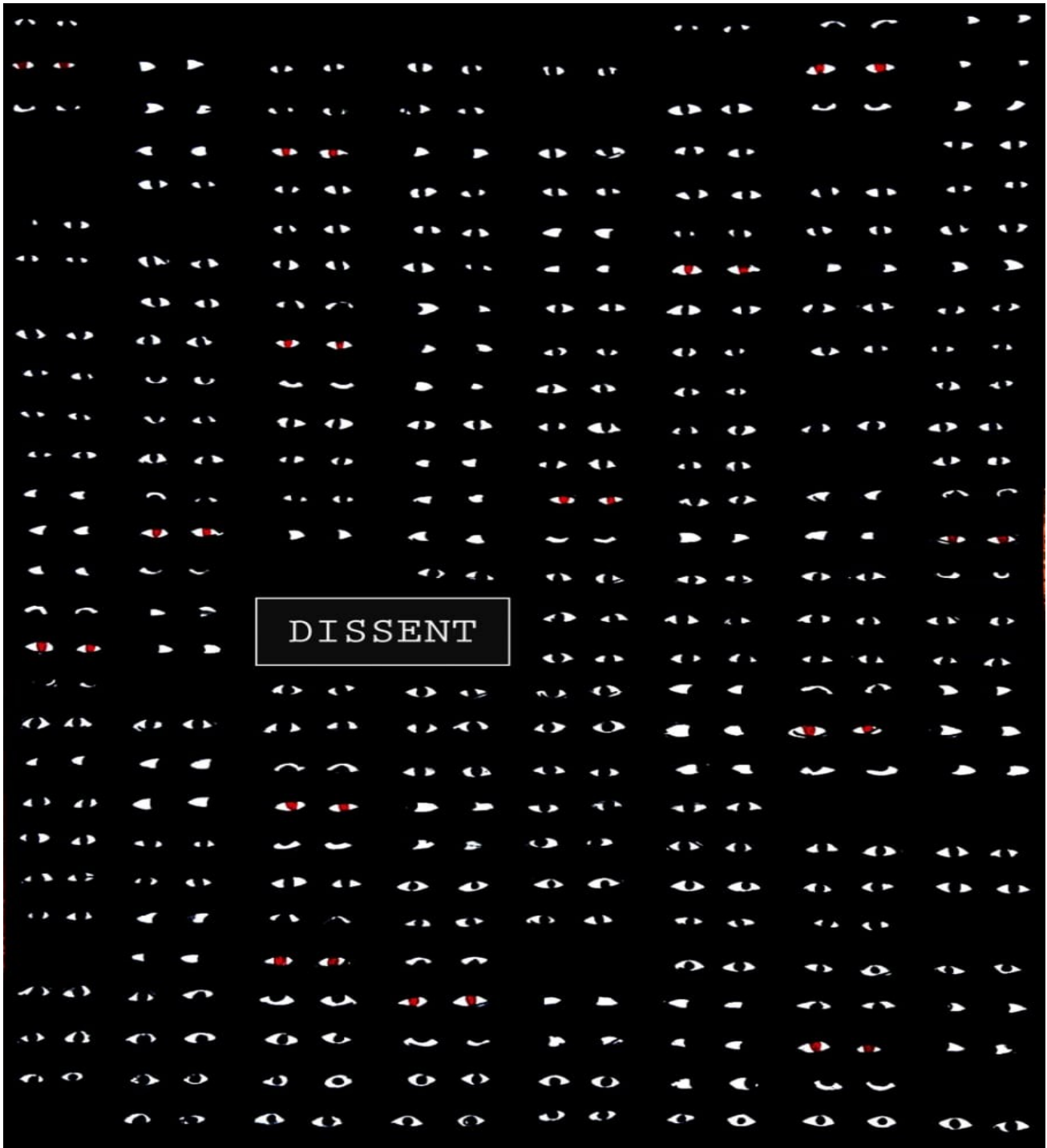


The Dept. of Sociology March Past Squad, JMC



Meraki: The Annual Magazine of the Dept. of Sociology

The Dept Magazine “Meraki” on the theme ‘Dissent’ was to be released on the month of March 2020. Forever, to the Cononavirus pandemic, a webinar was instead organised by the Dept of Sociology on 13th June 2020. The magazine was released by Prof. Sundar Sarukkai, a distinguished philosopher and social theorist. Prof. Sarukkai also gave a talk titled ‘Are Others Necessary?’ at the webinar.



Cover of Meraki 2020 designed by Ishita Mohan, a Sociology Honours student of Third year

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ON THE RELEASE OF IT'S ANNUAL MAGAZINE

MERAKI

PRESENTS A LECTURE

'ARE OTHERS NECESSARY?'



BY

PROF. SUNDAR SARUKKAI

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Sundar Sarukkai was, till 2019, a professor of philosophy at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore. He was also the Founder-Director of the Manipal Centre for Philosophy and Humanities. His work is primarily in the philosophy of natural and social sciences. He is the author of the following books: *Translating the World: Science and Language*; *Philosophy of Symmetry*; *Indian Philosophy and Philosophy of Science*; *What is Science?* and two books co-authored with Gopal Guru: *The Cracked Mirror: An Indian Debate on Experience and Theory* and most recently *Experience, Caste and the Everyday Social*. His book titled *JRD Tata and the Ethics of Philanthropy* will be published this summer. He has also been active in outreach programs to take philosophy to different communities and places, including philosophy workshops for children and bringing philosophy to the public through his writing in the media and through his initiative Barefoot Philosophers.

11:30 AM, SATURDAY, 13 JUNE 2020

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Poster of the talk by Prof. Sarukkai

