

REPORT
On
**7th Annual National Conference of
Loyola Forum for Historical Research (LFHR)**



On February 25th and 26th, 2022, the Department of History, Loyola College (Autonomous) Chennai, conducted a two-day conference and inaugurated the Loyola Forum for Historical Research (LFHR). The theme of the conference was ***Echoing the Subaltern Voices at the National and the Regional Levels (Writings in Modern Indian History)***.

The conference began with the inauguration of the LFHR under the blessings of Rev. Dr .A. Thomas S.J, Principal of Loyola College, followed by Dr D. Anuradha, Head of the Department, introducing the theme of LFHR for this year. The Chief Guest was Mr Sainath Palagummi, Founder and Editor of the 'People's Archive of Rural India'. Professors and students of various colleges attended the inaugural session.

The LFHR's first day had two sessions. Dr Neeta Khandpekar, Professor from the University of Mumbai, chaired the first session and discussed Exploring Subaltern Voices through Multiple Sources Channel, moderated by Dr P. J. Biju Joseph, Assistant Professor, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai. Dr M.N. Rajesh, Assistant Professor, University of Hyderabad, addressed the afternoon session on the Tibetan and Tibetan Resistance Movement, moderated by Dr I. Princes, Assistant Professor, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai.

The first day ended with a Special address given by Dr A. Gangatharan, Professor, Department of History, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, on ***History of Margins and the Quest for Identity: Was there a Paradigmatic Shift?***.

The second day consisted of two sessions. Dr S. Chandni Bi, Associate Professor, Aligarh Muslim University, chaired the morning session and his address was on Understanding 'Subaltern' in Medieval South Indian History through Epigraphical Lens. Dr C. Lakshmanan, Associate Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies, chaired the afternoon session and elaborated on the topic **Icons and Ideals of the Subaltern; Understanding Myriad Forms of their Struggles**.

Likewise, the second day of LHFR ended with a Special address given by Dr S. Anandhi, Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies, on the *topic **Dravidian Feminism: Interpreting the Sudra-Subaltern Voices from Below***.

INAUGURATION

The inaugural session of the LHFR started with the welcoming of Dr D. Anuradha, the Head of the Department by Mr A. Jeevith Anguram, Assistant Professor, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai. Dr D. Anuradha welcomed Rev. Dr A. Thomas S.J, Principal - Loyola College (Autonomous), the dignitaries, and introduced the theme for this year. The conference was felicitated by Dr A Thomas S.J., Principal, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai, he shared his thoughts on the theme and spoke a few words about the chief guest on how he spent his whole life for marginalised communities and their upliftment.

Dr Bernard D'sami introduced the chief guest Mr P. Sainath, Founder and Editor, People's Archive of Rural India, who worked tirelessly for reducing social and economic inequality. Mr P. Sainath started by saying, "If lions were historians the tales would not favour the hunter", which makes us realise that the historical works that we are coming across are subjective mostly. He shared a presentation titled **Tales of Freedom and its Foot Soldiers** where he mentioned the unsung heroes of our freedom struggle like Hausabai who played a brave role in Sathara uprising, Captain Elder Brother, Bhagat Singh Jhuggian, Salihan, Ganapati Yadav, and Laxmi Panda. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Mr J. Ranganathan, Coordinator, Department of History, Loyola College (Autonomous).

Day 1:

First Session

Dr Neeta Khandpekar, Professor from the University of Mumbai, chaired the first session and she discussed **Exploring Subaltern Voices through Multiple Sources Channel**, moderated by Dr P. J. Biju Joseph, Assistant Professor, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai. The next talk was by Dr Neeta Khandpekar. Professors and Students of various colleges, including Loyola College, made paper presentations. Around 11 members presented papers on various topics related to Women's empowerment and LGBTQ rights. Mr Hareesh delivered the vote of thanks.

Second Session

Dr M.N. Rajesh, Assistant Professor, University of Hyderabad, chaired the second session and his address was on the **Tibetan and Tibetan Resistance Movement**, moderated by Dr I. Princes, Assistant Professor, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai. After Dr M.N Rajesh's talk, there were paper presentations by Professors and students of various colleges including Loyola College. Around 17 members presented papers on various topics related to migrants and refugees. Mr Muthuraman proposed the vote of thanks.

Special Address

The first day of the LFHR conference ended with a special address by Dr A. Gangatharan, Professor, Department of History, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on the topic **History of Margins and the Quest for Identity: Was there a Paradigmatic Shift?** Ms A. KaroliyaJansi Rani, Assistant Professor, introduced the guest speaker and his achievements in the field of education. Dr Gangatharan spoke about the necessity of echoing and claiming the rights of the subalterns. Dr R. Xavier, Assistant Professor, Loyola College (Autonomous) proposed the vote of thanks.

Day 2 :

First Session

Dr S. Chandni Bi, Associate Professor, Aligarh Muslim University, chaired the first session. His address was on **Understanding 'Subaltern' in Medieval South Indian History through Epigraphical Lens**. Dr Arputha Selvi moderated the session. After a talk by Dr S. Chandni Bi, there were paper presentations by eight members on various topics related to the tribal community and other suppressed class and caste divisions. Mr Abdul Khadar delivered the vote of thanks.

Second Session

Dr C. Lakshmanan, Associate Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies, chaired the second session and spoke on **Icons and Ideals of the Subaltern; Understanding Myriad Forms of their Struggles**. Mr Ahilan Joe Woutres moderated the session. After Dr C. Lakshmanan's talk, nine members made paper presentations on various topics related to Subaltern studies. Mr Jeevith proposed the vote of thanks.

Special Session

The second day of the LFHR session ended with a special address by Dr S. Anandhi, Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies, on **Dravidian Feminism: Interpreting the Sudra-Subaltern Voices from Below**.

Mr J. Ranganathan, Coordinator, Department of History, Loyola College (Autonomous) delivered the welcome address. Mr Ranganathan introduced the chief guest and her contribution to history, especially to gender relations. Dr S. Anandhi started her lecture with the importance of Dravidian Feminism and its stand against the right-wing Hindu politics and system. She also spoke about Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar and her role in liberating women and her stand against the Hindu stratification of people.

Finally, Dr D. Anuradha, Head of the Department of History, proposed the vote of thanks. She also thanked the college management, professors, and students for their active participation.

Brochure of the Conference

Themes

- Challenges in Writing Subaltern History
- Subaltern Historians and their Contributions
- Folklore and Oral Narratives
- Cinema and the Subalterns
- Transcending Class and Caste Identities
- Subalterns Material Culture (Food, Dress, Festival, Technology and etc.,)
- Feminism (Non-Elitist Approach)
- Dalit Struggles and Movements
- Urbanisation and growth of Slums
- Peasant Resentments and Movements
- New Subaltern Groups (Migrants, Refugees, Stateless, Minorities)
- Development and Discontent in Tribal Society
- Indentured labourers
- LGBTIQ Rights
- Pandemic and the Marginalized Communities
- Fisher folk and their Struggles
- Women Liberation Movement

For Submission enquiries:

You are requested to submit the abstract/full text of your paper via email to hodhist@loyolacollege.edu

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(Please Note: Publication in UGC care Journal might attract additional charges of approx. Rs. 3000/- per paper, which will be communicated to the researcher on selection of their article for publication.)

Author Guidelines

The papers may be presented in Tamil/ English.

Length of full paper not exceeding 6,000 words (8 Pages) (excluding footnotes and title). Abstracts shall not exceed 500 words. Font should be in Times New Roman, Font Size in 12 (Line spacing 1.5 and alignment "justify"). Footnotes must be in Font "Times New Roman", font size 10, line spacing. All submissions must follow the MLA style (The Modern Language Association in 2021 Citation - 9th Edition 2021) Submissions must be original and not yet published. You are requested to submit the abstract/full text of your paper processed in MS WORD.

தமிழில் எழுதப்படும் ஆய்வுக்கட்டுரைகள் யூனிகோடு (லதா) (UNICODE [LATHA]) எழுத்துருவில் 10 அளவில், 1.5 இடைவெளியில் ஐந்து முதல் ஆறு பக்கங்களுக்கு மிகாமல் எழுதப்பட வேண்டும்.

Only presented and selected papers will be accepted for publication. Papers by authors who are not able to register will be excluded from the program.

All the papers submitted have to pass through an initial screening and will be checked through the Advanced Plagiarism Detection Software.

Dates to Remember

Submission of Full Paper : 5th January 2022

Date of Conference : 10th - 11th February 2022

Registration Fees

For Participation & Paper Presentation:

Faculty - Rs. 750/-

Research Scholars and Students - Rs. 500/-

For Registration and Payment

<https://erp.loyolacollege.edu/loyolaonline/conference/loginManager/youLogin.jsp>

7th Annual Conference

Echoing the Subaltern Voices at the National and Regional Levels (Writings in the Modern Indian History)

February 10-11, 2022

Organised by
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Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai

Loyola College, a Catholic Minority Institution, was founded by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1925, with the primary objective of providing University Education for deserving students irrespective of caste and creed. It started functioning in July 1925 with just 75 students on the rolls in three undergraduate courses of Mathematics, History and Economics. Loyola College, affiliated to the University of Madras, became Autonomous in July 1978. UGC conferred the status of "College with potential for Excellence" on Loyola College in 2004 and confirmed the same in 2010. NAAC's re-accreditation score in 2012 (Third Cycle) is 3.70 out of 4.00 CGPA. UGC has elevated Loyola College to the status of "College of Excellence" for the period from April 1, 2014 till March 31, 2019. It has been ranked third place in NIRF ranking 2021.

Department of History

The Department of History, since its inception in 1925, has been a splendour of glory and a grandeur diadem of Loyola College and is one of the oldest departments. The founding and the emergence of the department is in many respects exemplary of its age. The department is reminiscent of the contribution of its stalwarts who have paved the way to success and glory through their hardwork and sacrifices. We take pride in the illustrious alumni who have passed out of the portals of this magnificent institution. We are committed and devoted to create a student-centric environment for providing wholesome education. The department collaborates with international universities on staff and student exchange programmes. The department is accelerating its pace in the field of research with all the faculty members actively engaged in constant research work and publication, which is an added feature of excellence.

LFHR:

The Loyola Forum for Historical Research (LFHR) was founded at the conclave of the historians of Department of History, Loyola College (Autonomous), Nungambakkam, Chennai, India on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Rajendran, Professor and Head, Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.

The LFHR functions under the Department of History, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai.

The Forum functions with an objective to kindle research among budding research scholars and acts as a platform for stalwarts to showcase their acumen in research. It makes an important contribution by highlighting the significance, value and credibility of historical studies through publications with special emphasis to regional studies.

The Forum organizes annual conferences on specific titles. This year the LFHR is organizing the Seventh Annual Conference titled 'Echoing the Subaltern Voices at the National and Regional Levels (Writings in the Modern Indian History)'

About the Conference

Indian historical writings were predominantly centered on the elitist activities until the late 1970's. It was at the University of Sussex, a team of Indian scholars led by Ranajit Guha aimed at breaking away from the histories of elitist and Eurocentric groups and to document the 'unheard voices' of the marginalized. Thus, leading to a new school of Historical writing called Subaltern Studies. In the last three decades the Subaltern School has created a great impact in writing Indian history especially in its practice and approach. Seventh Annual Conference of Loyola Forum for Historical Research (LFHR) aims to discuss and highlight the contribution of this School and to explore the Subaltern voices through these two days of Conference.

Call for Papers

Research Papers are invited from the Faculty, Research Scholars/Students on any topic related to the thrust areas of the Conference. The research papers should be based on original research providing new data and interpretation on any aspect of regional, national or international history. The Papers should be original and unpublished. Certificate of Participation and Paper Presentation will be provided. Selected research articles will be published in UGC Care Journal. Ten exemplarily good papers will be published in Taylor and Francis edited book. The selection of the research paper shall be at the discretion of the Editorial Board based on the originality and quality.



Invitation of the Conference



Department of History

Loyola College, Chennai-34.



Cordially invites you to the
7th Annual
National Conference
of the
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**Echoing the Subaltern Voices at
the National and the Regional Levels**
(Writings in the Modern Indian History)

Inaugural Address

Mr. P. SAINATH

Founder Editor

People's Archive of Rural India (PARI)

25th February 2022, 09.00 A.M.



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<https://meet.google.com/nfr-mdws-jjh>

Day – I (25th February 2022)

Session – I

Time : 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM
Platform : Google Meet
Link : <https://meet.google.com/eid-kmkf-udi>

Chairperson:

Dr. NeetaKhandpekar
Professor, University of Mumbai

Chairperson's Address:

**Exploring Subaltern Voices through
Multiple Source Channels**

Session – II

Time : 02.00 PM to 04.30 PM
Platform : Google Meet
Link : <https://meet.google.com/qvk-mxek-aht>

Chairperson:

Dr. M. N. Rajesh
*Assistant Professor,
University of Hyderabad*

Chairperson's Address:

**Tibetan and Tibetan
Resistance Movement**

Special Address

Dr. A. Gangatharan

*Professor, Department of History
Banaras Hindu University(BHU), Varanasi*

Time : 06.00 PM
Platform : Google Meet
Link : <https://meet.google.com/nfr-mdws-jjh>
Topic : **History of Margins and the Quest for Identity: Was There a Paradigmatic Shift?**



Day – II (26th February 2022)

Session – III

Time : 10.00 AM to 12.30 PM
Platform : Google Meet
Link : <https://meet.google.com/eid-kmkf-udi>

Chairperson:

Dr. S. Chandni Bi
*Associate Professor,
Aligarh Muslim University*

Chairperson's Address:

**Understanding "Subaltern" in
Medieval South Indian History
Through Epigraphical Lens**

Session – IV

Time : 02.00 PM to 04.30 PM
Platform : Google Meet
Link : <https://meet.google.com/qvk-mxek-aht>

Chairperson:

Dr. C. Lakshmanan
*Associate Professor,
Madras Institute of Development Studies(MIDS)*

Chairperson's Address:

**Icons and ideals of the Subaltern;
Understanding Myriad Forms
of their Struggles**

Special Address

Dr. S. Anandhi

Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies(MIDS)

Time : 06.00 PM
Platform : Google Meet
Link : <https://meet.google.com/nfr-mdws-jjh>
Topic : **Dravidian Feminism: Interpreting the Sudra-Subaltern Voices from Below**

