

The 2016 Telos India Conference
Democracy and Secular Sectarianism

17–18 November, 2016
Lecture Hall-I, Convention Centre
Jawaharlal Nehru University

Final Programme

17th November

9.30 AM: Registration

9.45 AM: Inaugural Comments: Ajay Gudavarthy, CPS, and David Pan, Telos-Paul Piccone Institute

Sessions

10 AM to 11.30 AM: **Theory of Sectarianism**

Chair: *Anupama Roy*

Secularism, Sectarianism and Ideology:

Might a New Sectarian Divide Replace the Old Left-Right Opposition?

Adrian Pabst, Reader in Politics, School of Politics & IR, University of Kent

The Political Dilemmas of Contemporary India

Neera Chandhoke, Former Professor, University of Delhi

The Politics of Community Identity

David Pan, University of California, Irvine

11.30 to 12 PM: Tea Break

12 to 1.30 PM: **Limits of Minority-ism**

Chair: *Arfa Khannum*

Understanding the Analytics of Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and Pasmanda Frame

Afroz Alam, Associate Professor, MANUU

Ghar Wapsi, Conversion and the Neoliberal Politics of Debt

Samir Gandesha, Department of Humanities, Simon Fraser University

Rethinking Minority Politics in India

Shadab Arab, Assistant Professor, TISS

1.30 to 2.30 PM: Lunch Break

2.30 to 3.30 PM: **Dalits and Sectarianism**

Chair: *G. Haragopal*

The Political Construction of Dalit Identity in India

K.Y. Ratnam, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad

The Interplay of Culture and Political Economy of Dalit-Muslim Clash:

A Study of Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

Sajjan Kumar, Research Scholar, JNU

3.30 to 4.00 PM: Tea Break

4 to 5 PM: **Theory beyond Sectarianism**

Chair: *Gopal Guru*

Sectarian Secularism? Or, Experiential Disenchantment? An Exploration in Ambedkar's Engagement with Muslim Politics in India

Dr. Satish K Jha, Associate Professor, Aryabhatta College, University of Delhi

Brahminism, Liberalism and Postcolonial Theory

Ajay Gudavarthy, CPS, JNU

18th November

10 AM to 11.30 AM: **Left and Sectarianism**

Chair: *Dwaipayan Bhattacharya*

Redefining Labour

Supriya Roy Chowdhury ISEC, Bangalore

Governance as Practice and Politics as Intersectionality:

Socialising Governance, Localizing Theories

Anindya Sekhar Purakayastha, Associate Professor, Kazi Nazrul University

Left after Singur and Nandigram

Dhritiman Chakrabarty, Associate Professor, Kazi Nazrul University

11.30 to 12 PM: Tea Break

12 PM to 1.30 PM: **Forms of Sectarianism**

Chair: *Rajarshi Dasgupta*

Resisting Minoritisation: Postcolonial Muslim Politics and Indian Democracy
Md Mursed Alam, Assistant Professor, Gour College, University of Gour Bangal

The Forgotten of the Conflict in Indian Jammu and Kashmir:
On the Exile of the Pandit Minority
Nathalene Reynolds, Independent Scholar, Paris

Multitudes, Coalitions and Theory of Action
Debarati Dutta, Research Scholar, IIT Kharagpur

1.30 to 2.30 PM: Lunch Break

2.30 to 3.30 PM: **Discussion on a Book by Adrian Pabst: *The Politics of Virtue: Post-liberalism and the Human Future*** (Rowman & Littlefield, 2016)

Chair: *Shefali Jha*

Discussant: *Gurpreet Mahajan*

3.30 to 4.00 PM: Tea Break

4 to 5 PM: **Valedictory Talk**

Chair: *A.P.S. Chauhan*

The Elephant That Did Not Move! Adivasi Mobilization and the State in India
Prakash Kashwan, University of Connecticut, Storrs