

UGC Sponsored Two-day National Seminar

on

“Media, State and the Marginalized: Tackling Challenges”

organised by Department of Journalism, Kalindi College, University of Delhi

The Department of Journalism, Kalindi College, University of Delhi invites submissions of abstracts for papers for the UGC sponsored two-days National Seminar to be held on **17-18 March, 2016** in Kalindi College, Delhi. The deadline for submissions is **February 20, 2016**.

Seminar theme: "*Media, State and the Marginalized: Tackling Challenges*"

Seminar key dates and deadlines:

- **20 February 2016** Last day to submit abstracts for papers
- **25 February 2016** Notification of selected abstracts
- **12 March 2016** Deadline for full paper submission with confirmation of participation
- **14 March 2016** Final conference programme published on the College website
- **17-18 March 2016** The two-days National Seminar

Call for Papers:

Media works not only as watchdog of any society, but has always been seen as an actor to form socio-cultural and political systems in the society. Where traditional media has been influential in connecting state, civil society and citizenry, the new media is looked with great hope to shape the young democracy with inclusive growth.

Over the last decades, role of media in democratic governance has been debated for the biased representation of certain classes and lack of representation of the marginalized. The relationship between the media, the state and other actors has been seen both, as a potential to tackle the challenges of all sorts of inequalities such as caste-based, religion-based, etc. which keep the weaker sections at the margins and at the same time, as creating a nexus to keep the marginalized away from the mainstreaming. Academic debates on media and governance, thus, indicate the influence of political elites, interest groups and economic powers in the performance of media outlets and journalists. And at the same time, there are the scholars who celebrate the media, particularly, for playing a positive role through investigative journalism and digital platforms in articulating social mobilisation, inclusive governance with participation of all.

In this context, the country could be seen as a rich laboratory for exploring the links between the media and the power structures of the society. The seminar will strive to find out the media processes and relationships between the media, state and the marginalized sections of the society from both, a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective. The aim is to bring together academics, media and civil society from across the country to find out the following concerns:

- The patterns of governance shaping media systems
- Media reforms strengthening democratic governance
- The extent how public and private media reproduce populist and polarising discourses
- The extent of digital media challenging traditional information flows

- The patterns emerging from the relationship between the state, civil society and the media (Public and Private)

Drawing upon these key issues, the seminar aims to explore the aspects of the relationship between media, state and the marginalized in the country:

Firstly, the mediatisation and personalisation of politics; political and media populism; digital media and political mobilisation and locating the issues of marginalized sections of the society in the whole process. Secondly, comparing public media services; comparing media markets; comparing journalistic cultures; and comparing regulatory frameworks to arrive at an inclusive media environment which may lead us towards tackling the challenge of the marginalized. And, the issue of media and governance revolving around the investigative journalism; media accountability, censorship and freedom of the press; question of authority and control by the state, communication and global change in connection with the mainstreaming of the marginalized groups so that participation of all in the democracy and governance may be ensured.

The seminar aims to revolve around a foundational impetus to shed greater light on all relevant aspects of media studies, including mass communication, media technology and all other key components of media, state and the marginalized.

The following are the themes for the technical sessions:

- Media and Political Communication
- Economy of the Media and the Marginalized
- Representation of the Marginalized and Media Ethics
- Media reforms and Issues of the Marginalized
- New Media, Social Media and Digital Activism
- Journalism and Socio-cultural Representations
- Alternative and Community Media- the media of the marginalized?
- The Marginalized Media
- Critical Theory and Media Criticism

Submissions Guidelines

All proposals must include:

1. Title, author/coordinator name(s), institutional affiliation(s) and full contact information (mailing address, email address, and telephone number)
2. Mention the theme of the technical session or 'other' related to the broad theme of the seminar.

Applicants must submit a 300-500 words abstract. The abstract should describe:

- the main question or research problem
- its significance
- the theoretical framework
- what is known from existing research
- the research method

- expected outcomes
- relation with the chosen topic area

Submitted abstracts will be evaluated on the basis of their theoretical and/or research contribution, originality and significance, sound methodology, quality of writing, relevance to the work of the section.

The submissions are accepted in Hindi/English.

All proposals must be submitted only in soft copy on journalismseminar2016@gmail.com on/before 20 February 2016. Please mention **Abstract Submission** in the subject of the E-mail. Early submission is strongly encouraged.

Only those papers will be allowed to present during the seminar which are submitted to the organizing committee by **12th March, 2016**. Please follow APA Format for the full paper. The word limit for the full paper should be from 5000 to 6000.

Decisions on acceptance of abstracts will be communicated to applicants by **25 February 2016**.

Proceedings

Selected papers will be published in an edited volume.

Registration

Category	Registration Fee (in Rupees)*
Author	1000/-
Co-Author/Deligate	700/- (Each)
Research Scholar/Student	250/-

*Demand draft to be made in favour of **Principal, Kalindi College**.

Seminar Registration Includes:

- Admission to the Seminar Welcome Reception
- Seminar Dossier and Certificate of Presentation
- Inclusion of full paper in the edited book (if selected)
- Lunch and snacks

Contact Information

To know more about the Seminar, contact through the official E-mail ID of the seminar i.e. journalismseminar2016@gmail.com and copy to kalindisampark.du@gmail.com or contact on 011-25787604

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