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METHODOLOGY AND FIELDWORK
Vinay Kumar Srivastava Memorial National Seminar

December 3-4, 2021

Dual Mode: Seminar Hall / Zoom

Day 1 | December 3, 2021 | [Zoom Meeting Link](#) | Meeting ID: 822 6262 3525 | Passcode: 31221

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| 09:30-11:00 AM | | Inaugural Ceremony | |
| Prof. M. P. Sachdeva Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, Delhi | Welcome Address | | |
| Prof. K. N. Saraswathy Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, Delhi | Opening Remarks | | |
| Prof. R. P. Mitra Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, Delhi | About the Seminar | | |
| Prof. Subhadra Channa Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, Delhi | Inaugural Address Remembering Vinay Kumar Srivastava as a Master Fieldworker | | |
| Dr. Chakraverti Mahajan Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, Delhi | Vote of Thanks | | |
| 11:00 -12:00 PM | | Session I Chair: Dr. Avitoli G. Zhimo Co-Chair: Suniti Yadav | |
| Prof. K.N. Saraswathy Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, Delhi | Challenges of Fieldwork and their Solutions: Teachings from Vinay Kumar Srivastava | | |
| Prof. R.P. Mitra Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, Delhi | Theory in Ethnography : Reflections from Vinay Srivastava's Work | | |
| 12:00-1:00 PM Reflections I | | | |
| Vinay Kumar Srivastava: An Anthropologist and a Humanist | | | |
| <p>Prof. P.C. Joshi Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi</p> <p>Prof. I.S. Marwah Professor Emeritus, Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi</p> <p>Dr. Kumkum Srivastava Department of History, JDMC, University of Delhi</p> <p>Dr. Vibha Joshi Research Affiliate, School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, University of Oxford</p> | | | |
| Moderator: Prof. R.P. Mitra | | | |

1:00-2:00 PM

Lunch

2:00- 3:00 pm

Session II

Chair: Prof. Manoj Kumar Singh

Co-Chair: Dr. N. Kiranmala Devi

Dr. Avitoli G. Zhimo

Nuances of Team Ethnography

Dr. Chakraverti Mahajan

When Empathy Fails: Reflections on Fieldwork in Jammu and Kashmir

Dr. M. Kennedy Singh

Learning from Field Experiences

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Reflections II

Remembering Vinay Kumar Srivastava as a Friend, Colleague and Anthropologist

Speakers

Dr. Shalina Mehta,

Professor, Formerly at the Department of Anthropology, Panjab University, Chandigarh

Prof. K. K. Basa,

Vice Chancellor, Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University, Baripada, Odisha

Dr. Subho Ray

Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta

Dr. R. Siva Prasad

Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad

Dr. Venkat Rao

Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad

Dr. Sukant Chaudhury

Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow

Moderator: Dr. Chakraverti Mahajan



Day 2



Session 3

9:30 - 11:30 AM

Chair: Prof. P.R. Mondal
Co-Chair: Dr. Vipin Gupta

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| Dr. Mitoo Das Faculty of Anthropology, School of Social Sciences Indira Gandhi National Open University | Taxing Tasks of Covering Methodology and Fieldwork in ODL Modules |
| Dr. Rukshana Zaman Faculty of Anthropology, School of Social Sciences Indira Gandhi National Open University | Open Distance Learning and Fieldwork during Covid 19 Lockdown |
| Dr Urfat Anjem Mir Faculty, School of Liberal Studies, Dr B R Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD), Delhi | Doing Fieldwork with Adolescents in a Conflict Setting: Methodological Challenges and Ethical Considerations |
| Dr. Kalindi Sharma Assistant Professor (Guest), Amity Institute of Anthropology, Amity University, Noida (U.P.) | The Art of Field-note taking in the 21 st Century |

Session 4

11: 45 - 1:00 PM

Chair: Prof. Benrithung Murry
Co-Chair: Dr. Shivani Chandel

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| Dr. Prashant Khattri, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology University of Allahabad | Ethnography of Disaster |
| Dr. Sweta Tiwari Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bihar | Fieldwork/Field: Making Sense of Culture within Spatial Boundaries |
| Dr. Debashree Sinha Assistant Professor, Amity Institute of English Studies and Research, Amity University | Archives and Bratakathas of Bengal: The Poetics and Politics of Ethnographic Research in Literature |
| Dr. G. Kanato Chophy Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology Dibrugarh University | Ethnographic Fieldwork in a Familiar Locale |

1:00-2:00 PM

Lunch break

2:30 PM Onwards

Valedictory Session

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| Prof. R. P. Mitra Department of Anthropology University of Delhi, Delhi | Opening Remarks |
| Prof. M. P. Sachdeva Department of Anthropology University of Delhi, Delhi | Convenor's Address |
| Dr. M. Sasikumar Joint Director, Anthropological Survey of India, GOI | Chief Guest's Address |
| Dr. Abhik Ghosh Professor, Department of Anthropology. University of Panjab, Chandigarh, Punjab | Valedictory Address Institutionalizing Critical Practice: A Journey from the Field to Ethnography |
| Dr. Chakraverti Mahajan Department of Anthropology. University of Delhi, Delhi | Vote of Thanks |