

*Webinar Conclave on*  
RECENT ADVANCES IN ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH  
May 8-9, 2020

Dear Research Scholars,

Ever since its origin as a child of evolution during the mid of nineteenth century, the discipline of anthropology has constantly reinvented itself in its quest for understanding of human being and its humanity. The inward gazing and the outward outreaches (often scouting and assimilating ideas from other disciplines) have made anthropology a unique discipline, unparalleled in its scope, methods, possibilities and dynamism. Once a four-field discipline, it has now flourished into a multi-disciplinary field, each with its unique perspective and set of paradigms, techniques and theories but with the same objective i.e. to demystify the enigmatic creature we call 'humans'. Complex changing nature of the world and its surrounding have made it pertinent that anthropology has to constantly keep updating itself to remain relevant as a discipline. Anthropologists have also been up to these challenges by proposing new theories, adding new methods, improvising new techniques wherever need be. If physical anthropology has added techniques of genetics, molecular biology, forensic science, and other bio-medical sciences like physiology; social anthropology has also enriched itself from economics, health sciences, sociology, psychology, political science, social work and many other allied disciplines. The same is the scenario with pre-historic archaeology which has added advanced dating methods, computer simulation modeling, and GPS techniques to unearth the nature of prehistoric human beings. Important thing to underline here is that in spite of our outreaches we have remained anchored to our quest for a holistic, empirical, grounded, cross-cultural and bio-cultural understanding of human being.

In this regard the department of Anthropology is organizing a two-days webinar Conclave on 'Recent advances in Anthropological Research' from 8<sup>th</sup> May to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020, exclusively for research scholars. In this conclave we are planning to understand the recent advancements in our theories, methods and techniques in the 'practice of anthropology'. If post-globalized, and the neo-information technology driven world has posed challenges to the concept of culture, participant observation, subjective understanding and ethnographic method of social anthropological analysis, so are the newer appraisal of population diversity at molecular levels, increasing emphasis on computational methods, newer parameters of Darwinian fitness and adaptation have all gone on to shape the new-physical anthropology in the contemporary times. As a part of this two-day program we are planning to hear from you, what recent advancement have been made in the chosen-area of your research. It could be a technique, a method, an approach or a perspective which you think have enriched your area of research interest and made a difference. We would like you to be innovative and explore possibilities which you think you can apply for a better understanding of the problem of your research.

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Looking forward to your active participation and presentation in the webinar conclave. All research scholars are advised to consult their respective research supervisor before finalizing their presentation.

You may send your paper title and abstract of 100 words to [anthro.conclave2020@gmail.com](mailto:anthro.conclave2020@gmail.com) latest by 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

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