



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
Assam University (A Central University)- Diphu Campus
Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam-782462, INDIA

CALL FOR PAPERS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
On
the politics of difference
(Re)Locating Subalternity/Marginality
(22-23, September, 2017)

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date of Abstract Submission(250-300 words)	15 th August , 2017
Notification of Acceptance of Abstract	2 to 3 days after submission
Early Registration	1 st July- 15 th August,2017
Late Registration	16 th August- 10 th Sept,2017
Last Date for Submission of Full Paper	10 th September, 2017
Conference Dates	22-23, September, 2017

CONCEPT NOTE

“Power is everywhere not because it embraces everything, but because it comes from everywhere”

-Michel Foucault, 1976

The term, ‘politics of difference’ primarily emerged in the context of identity politics out of the experiences of the subalternity/marginality in the late 1970s. The social movements such as ethnic, women, linguistic, third gender, ecological, peasant, tribal, caste etc, can be constructed through the experiences of those people who are instrumental to articulate their differences in terms of politics, action, ideology, recognition and representation that led to question the hegemony of the agencies. These social movements demand

for recognition of their politics and eloquent different forms of resistance against hegemonic subjects/agencies. The ‘idea of recognition’ has been influenced by the philosophical work of Charles Taylor (1992). In his leading essay, ‘The Politics of Recognition’ argued that how people get their identity from being recognized or non-recognized as the subject of the politics of difference. Thus, the identities can be shaped by recognition or non-recognition of the subjective or objective conditions.

In epistemology, the 'Politics of Difference' refers to the state of "subalternity" that argue condition of subordination brought about by various forms such as political, economic, social, racial, linguistic, geographical/territorial and cultural dominance. The hegemony/power is managed to survive in every corner of the life as Michel Foucault (1976) conceptualized. Who has it and who does not?. Who is gaining it and who is losing it? Power is intimately related to the questions of representation that express the politics of difference by questioning the authority of the text/agency which can exist in different forms. That is why the relationship between subalternity and representation is always problematic when we speak the politics of recognition of the marginal identities in multiculturalism. It is understood as a representation of the marginality shared by a group or community. It means the collective politics of the community while negating the 'dominant politics' as James. C Scott (2011) has emphasized in his work, *The Art of Not being Governed* that the politics of the marginal communities is an art for not being governed rather live in their own cultural world and express dissent in form of non-recognition from the hegemonic agencies.

This conference will give a space/platform to the scholars across the world to articulate their marginality or subalternity in different forms of resistance such as region,

community, text, agency, gender while corroborating or bringing new debates for understanding the politics of difference. Since the idea of difference or recognition can be constructed through the experiences of marginality this conference will discuss the nature of social or new social movements which are often taking place in every part of the world in diverse forms of resistance or protest. This certainly helps us to understand the paradigm shifts in identity politics that contour the existing scholarship in the present epistemology. However, the experiences of marginalization often overlap. It happens due to idiom of the politics of difference for the recognition. The discourse of dissent does not necessarily begin with clear objectives in terms of the transformation of the society. They often get shaped in the process through the leadership, nature of participation, organization and ideology.

Keeping in view of the above discourse this conference is an attempt to explore the diverse ideologies of the social movements, nature of people's participation and role of organizations as it plays an important role in order to bring a radical social change in the contemporary society. This will certainly discern subaltern voices while negating from 'dominance' that led to demand for the recognition or non recognition of their identity.

Subthemes:

1. Epistemology: Politics of Difference, the Politics of Recognition and Social Movements
2. (Re)Locations of Subalternity/Marginality/Exclusion/Discrimination etc..
3. Spatial Identities, Individual & Group Identities and Imagined Identities
4. State/Agency/Text/Power and Hegemony
5. New Social Movements and the Politics of Difference
6. Discourse of Identity Politics: 'Race', Religious Minority, Ethnic/Tribal, Dalit, Class, Caste, Women, Gender, Third Gender etc.,
7. Globalization and Marginal Voices
8. Multiculturalism /Cultural Hybridity/Third Space
9. Forms of Resistance/ Dissent/Protest
10. Literature and Marginality/ subalternity

Guidelines for Submission of Abstract:

- The abstract should not exceed 250-300 words.
- It should include title of the abstract, the author's name, designation, institutional affiliation, mailing address, E-mail ID and contact number
- Authors are requested to send the abstract through E-mail to: conferenceaudc@gmail.com latest by **15 August, 2017**.
- A Committee will review the abstracts and information regarding acceptance, rejection and presentation shall be communicated to the authors subsequently after submission of abstract.

Guidelines for full Paper:

- Write the paper keeping in view of the publication immediately after the seminar.
- The length of full paper including tables, diagrams, illustrations, references, etc. should be between to 6000 to 8000 words.
- The full paper should be in English and typed in MS-Word in Times New Roman with font size 12 and 1.5 spaced.
- References and Notes should be arranged as **Endnote Referencing Style**.
- The selected full version of papers should be submitted in soft copy through E-mail latest by **10th September, 2017**.

Outcome of the Conference:

1. The seminar will take up plenary discussion from the resource persons on the central theme of the seminar which attempts to review the themes of the conference and hope to relocate subalternity/marginality in contemporary societies.
2. The seminar will also publish selected papers that will be of high quality by reputed publisher. The publication will be used by research scholars, academicians and policy makers as source of information for various purposes.

Hospitality and Traveling Allowance:

- The organizing committee will make modest arrangements for boarding and lodging to the outstation paper presenters in local Hotels in Diphu, Karbi Anglong. We may not reimburse the travel expenses to the outstation delegates due to the budget constraints. You are requested to arrange travelling expenses from their respective institutions/organizations.

About Assam University, Diphu Campus:

- Assam University (Central University), Silchar, Assam was established by an Act of Parliament promulgated in 1989(Act 13) and enforced by a notification of the Government of India on 21st January, 1994. It was during the Vice-Chancellorship of Prof J.B. Bhattecherjee a campus at Diphu was conceived. And in the last week of March 2007, the University Grants Commission, New Delhi, approved six academic departments to be set up for a campus at Diphu in Karbi Anglong District, Assam, India-782460. Now it is consisting of 12 academic departments and centers .
- The Diphu campus envisages excellence in learner centric pedagogy with vibrant and innovative curriculum designed and developed to match the challenging scenario of contemporary corporate and academic world. The campus is a pioneering higher-level study centre in this remote eastern part of the country inculcating a unique value system of rich Indian culture and ethos for an amiable and socially dynamic academic atmosphere.
- The Diphu Campus has carved a niche for itself since inception by offering different Post-Graduate courses and research facilities. Many of the departments propose different study centres. The campus with different departments provides state-of-the-art facilities to students coming from

different parts of the state. From the beginning the campus has become vibrant in academic and extracurricular activities.

- The Department of History was started on the opening of the Diphu Campus of Assam University (Central University) in 2007. The Department offers M.A, M.Phil & PhD courses. The programs are being designed to provide students with both basic historical theory and a rigorous grounding in historical method. The combination of theory with training in historical method reflects the Department's dedication that students and scholars should be encouraged to deal with critical thinking about the past and present. The Department is small enough to offer close attention to students' specific needs but large enough to function as an intellectual research community. The Department offers a range of inter-disciplinary courses to meet the needs and interests of students with differing levels of learning in the life. The Department regularly organizes seminars, symposiums, workshops etc. At present the Department is having five faculty members.

About Conference Venue -Diphu (Karbi Anglong):

- The Diphu town is the head quarter of Karbi Anglong district in Assam State. Karbi Anglong is the largest amongst the 27 administrative districts of Assam state in north-eastern India. The Karbi tribe (Mikir) is one of the major tribes of Karbi Anglong, Diphu. The Diphu town is home to many indigenous communities and other communities from rest of the country. Other tribes include; Dimasa, Bodo, Garo, Rengma Naga, Adivasi etc and other communities includes Assamese, Bengalis. The town truly exhibits the peaceful and harmonious coexistence among them. It houses temples, churches, mosques and also a gurudwara. The town celebrates all the major festivals together with much fun-fare. Rongker, Bishu-Dima, Wangala, Bihu, Christmas, Durga Puja, Diwali and other festivals are celebrated with fervour and joy.
- In the middle of the town there is a great statue of *Rongpharpi Rongbe* and her comrades- a grand sculpture enlivened in the hand of its sculptor. It has immortalized a glorified page of Karbi history. Rongpharpi Rongbe was the first woman who rebelled against exploitation and oppression in Karbi Anglong. *Taralangso* is in the heart of Diphu. The headquarters of "Karbi Cultural Society", which is an established democratic cultural organization, is permanently set here. The Karbi Youth Festival is celebrated in Taralangso every year. During the festival the place becomes a cultural pilgrimage. About 7 km away from Diphu, there is a botanical garden of Forest West division. The garden is rich in many valuable trees, herbs and orchids. Recreation Park is situated on the Diphu-Manja road. It is a very beautiful garden set up by the forest department. The park is full of natural scenery, valuable trees and herbs which attracts many people.

How to Reach Diphu Town:

- Diphu town is well connected by road, train and by air. Diphu town is connected with two airports. The nearest airport is Dimapur (Nagaland) located about 65 kilometers and Guwahati International airport which is located about 250 kilometers from Diphu town. Train connectivity is available from Guwahati and Dimapur to Diphu. Direct train services are also available from the rest cities of the country.

NOTE: If any query /Enquiry/Doubts/clarification regarding conference you are requested to mail queries to the conference E-Mail (**conferenceauc@gmail.com**)

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Delegates	Early Registration	Late Registration
	1 st July- 15 th August,2017	16 th August-10 th Sept,2017
Faculty, Lecturers, Teachers, Academicians, NGO's and other Employees (Indian)	Rs.2000	Rs.2500
Research Scholars, Unemployed Students and Students (Indian)	Rs.1500	Rs.Rs.2000
Listeners without Paper Presentation (Indian)	Rs.1500	Rs.Rs.2000
Foreign Delegates- Faculty, Scholars, Students and other Organizations, NGO's etc,	US \$ 50	US \$ 75
Foreign Listeners without Paper Presentation	US \$ 50	US \$ 75

Note: Registration Included Conference Kit, Local Transportation, Free Accommodation, Tea & Snacks, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner during two days conference.

MODE OF REGISTRATION FEE

- Online Transfers – Internet Net banking -NEFT or RTGS Transfer
Or
- Direct Cash Deposit in the below mentioned bank account
Or
- Demand Draft drawn in the favor of 'International Conference-AUDC' payable at Diphu (Main Branch), State Bank of India (SBI), (Branch Code-01170)

BANK DETAILS

Account Name	International Conference-AUDC
Account Number	34450631917
Branch Code	SBI- Diphu Main Branch (01170)
IFSC Code	SBIN0001170
MICR Code:	782002002
Bank SWIFT Code (foreign delegates/participants)	SBININBB159

Note: Kindly mail the proof of the payment (Scanned copy) details and Registration Form (Scanned copy) form to: conferenceaudc@gmail.com

Note: If Foreign Participants face the problem while doing registration they are to allowed to do the registration during the conference. In such case, they should mail/inform the conference coordinator before commencement of the conference.

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For More Details-See Conference Website: <http://www.aus.ac.in/seminars-at-assam-university>

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Signature of the Participant