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Max Weber Forum
FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Symposium

SUBALTERNs AND HISTORIES IN THE PRESENT

**5-6
February
2026**

Venue

Willow Hall, Habitat World at India Habitat Centre,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003

Day 1: 5 February 2026

10.00 - 10.30 a.m.

Registration

SESSION 1: 10.30 AM - 1.00 PM

Chair: Nivedita Menon, Jawaharlal Nehru University

10.30 - 10.40 a.m.

'Opening Remarks' by Saurabh Dube, El Colegio de Mexico
& MWF Delhi and Ishita Banerjee El Colegio de Mexico & MWF Delhi

10.45 - 11.15 a.m.

'Cultivating the Social Imaginaries of Democracy'
Mukulika Banerjee, London School of Economics

11.15 - 11.45 a.m.

'Subalterns and the State'
Ishan Mukherjee, O.P. Jindal Global University

11.45 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. Tea/Coffee break

12.00 - 12.30 p.m.

'Ethnogenesis and Political Economy: The Question of Indigeneity in Subaltern Studies'
Sanghamitra Mishra, University of Delhi

12.30 - 1.00 p.m.

'Indigeneity-Servitude-Caste-Gender'
Sachin Sourabh, MWF Delhi

1.00 - 2.30 p.m. Lunch

SESSION 2: 2.30 - 5.00 P.M.

Chair: Tanika Sarkar, Jawaharlal Nehru University & Ashoka University

2.30 - 3.00 p.m.

'Subaltern Studies/Post-colonial Studies and Decolonial Perspectives'
Nivedita Menon, Jawaharlal Nehru University

3.00 - 3.30 p.m.

'Once a Subaltern, Always a Subaltern? Tenzing Norgay Before and After the Conquest of Everest'
Gaurav Garg, Ashoka University

3.30 - 3.45 p.m. Tea/Coffee break

3.45 - 4.15 p.m.

'Refusals of Subalternity'
Nandini Sundar, University of Delhi

4.15 - 4.45 p.m.

"Only Connect": Subaltern Histories and Literary Practice'
Antara Datta, Janki Devi Memorial College

4.45 - 5.00 p.m.

General Discussion

Day 2: 6 February 2026

10.30 - 11.00 a.m.

Registration followed by Tea/Coffee

11.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Chair: Sebastian Schwecke, MWF Delhi

11.00 - 11.30 a.m.

'Subalterns and the Civil War'
Mallika Shakya, South Asian University

11.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

'Subalterns and the Spectre of Democracy'
Uday Chandra, Ashoka University

12.00 - 12.30 p.m.

'Reimagining Caste Sensoriums'
Shivani Kapoor, Centre for Studies in Developing Societies

12.30 - 1.30 p.m.

General Discussion

1.30 - 3.00 p.m. Lunch

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