

**HONOURS CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME PROPOSAL
AY 2023-2024**

General Information of the Activity		
1.	Department and Hub	Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology Hub: Lingua
2.	Title of the Activity	Annual Seminar of the Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology
3.	Name of the Professor taking the course and Email address	Radhika Rani (radhika.rani@xaviers.edu)
4.	Name/s of the Resource person/s	Pranoti Chirmuley, Radhika Rani, Ankita Gujar, Sahana Sen and Anupama Ramakrishnan
5.	Name of the Dept Coordinator and Email address	Pranoti Chirmuley (pranoti.chirmuley@xaviers.edu)
6.	Name of the Hub Coordinator and Email address	Suvaiba Pirani (suvaiba.pirani@xaviers.edu)
7.	Number of credits for the activity and number of hours	2 (30 hours)
8.	Fees	1500/-
9.	Eligibility	Any undergraduate students of SXC-M
10.	Number of students	25
11.	Duration and Time	September 2023- February 2024

Details of the Activity	
1	Title: THEME: ‘Space and Spatiality’ Annual Seminar of the Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology (2023-24)
2	Learning Objectives: i) Conducting a critically nuanced academic enquiry on a topic related to the theme. ii) Developing one’s sociological imagination in the context of our everyday lives and its challenges.
3	Learning Outcomes: i) Participants will learn skills related to conducting an academically oriented research ii) Academic communication skills related to writing a research paper. iii) Soft skills related to effective presentation of one’s research.
4	Description - Participants will be assigned a faculty member who will closely supervise and support the entire process of researching and writing the seminar paper. - There will be interim deadlines related to submission of a concept note, first draft of paper, abstract, second draft, presentation and final draft of the paper.
5	Modules if any - The paper will have to be developed with diligent and consistent research (reading and writing) in the run-up to the seminar. - A day-long seminar will be organized in February 2024 for the presentation of all the research papers.



The Department of Sociology and Anthropology presents:

SEMINAR 2023-24

Theme: Spaces & Spatiality

HONOURS PROGRAM ACTIVITY 2023-24

Duration : Sept '23 - Jan '24

No. of students: 25

Credits: 2

Fees: ₹1,500



Timeline



2nd September 2023: Submission of topic (via Google Form)

8th September 2023: Allocation of supervisor

2nd January 2024: Submission of first draft to the supervisor

31st January 2024: Submission of final draft

16th February 2024: Presentation of research paper

4th March 2024: Submission of final paper for grading

Registration link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepA5wfgkuNtNswGHoltxLa1Qg6ENJLBgOoFcdL8Vo-4nqlxQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

The journey will be supported and supervised by a faculty member.
The final paper will be presented at the annual departmental seminar.

CONCEPT NOTE

Through the course of our lives, we inhabit and occupy multiple spaces, and our experiences within these spaces are influenced, to a greater or lesser degree, by the characteristics of that space. Similarly, as we interact with spaces, we also shape their characteristics, attaching varied kinds of associations and meanings with spaces. It is through the trajectories of inquiry within sociology and anthropology, that we focus on questions of power, structure, stratification, cultures, etc., along with the questions “why” and “what”.

Space and spatiality, thus no longer remain passive receptacles for our experiences but become active participants in them. These interactions with spaces thus further shape how bodies move, are marked, surveilled, policed, or liberated within different spaces. Thus, spaces become repositories of social, political, iconic and symbolic power. Through this theme, one can explore these dimensions of space, and understand multidimensional interactions between spaces, power, identity, and structures. Situate the social, cultural, economic, and political factors that lend character to certain spaces.

Within this theme, student-researchers can explore questions of ownership of space, and the contestations and conflicts that have arisen out of the quest for ownership. Right from colonisation, and conflicts over land, to the occupation of cultural and political spaces, as individuals and as groups, space and ownership become interesting elements to explore. This also leads to the question of the public and the private, and how spatiality mediates access to privacy for people from varied identities.

Numerous theoretical approaches also lend themselves to this analysis. Theories of symbolic interactionism; Marxist works on private property; multiple theories on space and gender, or space and identity; theories of the state, colonial, and postcolonial theories, and ethnographic work on land ownership; theories of urbanism and ruralism, and explorations into urban and rural sociology from theorists like Lefebvre, Harvey, Wirth etc.; theories on leisure, etc. could be applied to these analyses.



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ANNUAL SEMINAR

2023-24 :

SPACES & SPATIALITY

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO CONDUCT INDEPENDENT ACADEMIC RESEARCH ON A TOPIC RELATED TO THE THEME. THE JOURNEY WILL BE SUPPORTED AND SUPERVISED BY A FACULTY MEMBER. FINAL PAPER WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL SEMINAR.

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- **DURATION : SEPTEMBER 2023- FEBRUARY 2024**
- **ACTIVITY FEE : INR 1500***
- **CREDITS : 2**
- **NUMBER OF STUDENTS : 25**

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