

Department of Political Science  
Jamia Millia Islamia  
Cordially invites you to the  
Two Day National Seminar  
(December 2-3, 2009)

On

The Human Rights Discourse in India  
Challenges for Theory and Action

Venue: FTK Centre for Information Technology  
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

# Programme

December 2, 2009

- 09.30 AM to 10.00 AM** – Registration
- 10.00 AM to 11.15 AM** – INAUGURAL SESSION
- Welcome Address** – Prof. Rumki Basu, Head,  
Department of Political Science,  
Jamia Millia Islamia
- Introducing Themes** – Prof. Nisar-ul-Haq  
Department of Political Science, JMI
- Inaugural Address** – Mr. Najeeb Jung  
Vice-Chancellor,  
Jamia Millia Islamia
- Keynote Address by  
Chief Guest** – Prof. Upendra Baxi  
Ex-Vice Chancellor of Delhi University  
Human Rights Scholar and Activist
- Vote of Thanks** – Prof. Badrul Alam  
Department of Political Science, JMI

**Tea Break (11.15 AM to 11.45 AM)**

**11.45 AM to 01.30 PM**

**The Rights Discourse – I**  
**The New Social Movements: Role and Outcomes**

Chair: Prof. T.K. Oomen,  
Professor Emeritus, JNU.

Panelists:

1. Prof. Anand Kumar (JNU)  
Continuity and Change in the  
Human Rights Movements in the LPG era.
2. Prof. Ujjwal Singh (D.U.)  
The Maoist Movement in India and the question of civil and  
Democratic rights
3. Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika (JMI)  
Negotiating space in the North-East:  
Rights, media and governance
4. Rajendra Singh (Human Rights Activist)  
Equal Access to Natural Resources:  
Livelihood Issues and Human Rights
5. Ms. Ellora Puri (University of Jammu)  
The Role of New Social Movements in the Rights Discourse

Session Coordinator : Dr. Bulbul Dhar James,

Department of Political Science, JMI

**Lunch Break (01.30 PM to 02.15 PM)**

**02.15 PM to 04.00 PM**

**The Rights Discourse – II**  
**Rethinking Theory and Practice**

Chair: Prof. Achin Vanaik,  
Head, Department of Political Science, D.U.

Panelists:

1. Prof. Gurpreet Mahajan (JNU)  
Mapping the Rights Discourse
2. Prof. Manjula Batra (JMI)  
Evolving Human Rights in India: A Legal Perspective
3. Dr. Bimol Akoijam (JNU)  
Politicized Life and State of Exception:  
Rethinking Human Rights
4. Mr. T.K. Mathew  
Human Rights implementation in India: Issues and Problems

Session Coordinator : Adnan Farooqi,  
Department of Political Science, JMI

**04.00 PM to 05.30 PM**

**The Rights Discourse – III**  
**The New Rights Agenda**

Chair: Prof. Amita Singh, Chairperson,  
Centre for Law and Governance, JNU.

Panelists:

1. Prof. Janaki Rajan (JMI)  
Right to Education: Unresolved Issues.
  
2. Mr. Atyab Siddiqui (Legal Advisor JMI)  
Right to Information: Problems and Challenges.
  
3. Dr. Kumar Suresh (Jamia Hamdard)  
Right to Development: A Critical Survey.
  
4. Dr. Anisur Rahman (Academic Staff College JMI)  
Rights of Migrant Workers.
  
5. Ms. Anita Tagore (D.U.)  
Gender politics and Reproductive rights:

A case for human rights in India

Session Coordinator : Dr. S.A.M. Pasha  
Department of Political Science, JMI

**Tea – 05.30 PM**

**December 3, 2009**

**09.30 AM to 11.30 AM**

**The Rights Discourse – IV**  
**The Rights of the Disadvantaged**

Chair: Prof. Valerian Rodrigues, Chairperson,  
Centre for Political Studies, JNU.

**Panelists:**

1. Prof. Sushma Yadav (IIPA)  
The rights of the disadvantaged: The Dalit question
2. Dr. Ajay Gudavarthy (JNU)  
Global human rights and framing the discourse in India
3. Prof. A.S. Narang (IGNOU)  
The Rights of the minorities
4. Ms. Razia Patel (Pune)  
The politics of personal laws in India and  
Human rights agenda for Muslim women
5. Mr. Mahesh Panicker (D.U.)

Disability and the rights discourse:

Some conceptual explorations

Session Coordinator : Dr. K. Savitri  
Department of Political Science, JMI

**Tea Break (11.30 AM to 12.00 PM)**

**12.00 PM to 01.30 PM**

### **The Rights Discourse – V**

#### **The role of NGO's, activists and the media**

Chair: Prof. Anjali Gandhi, Dean,  
Faculty of Social Sciences, JMI

#### Panelists:

1. Mr. Amit Sengupta (Media Person)  
People's movements, violence, non-violence and the media
  
2. Prof. Biswajeet Das (JMI)  
From Media reform to Media Rights: A critical commentary.
  
3. Dr. Muslim Khan (JMI)  
Insurgency, Military Operations and  
Human Rights violations in Manipur

4. Mr. S.K. Pande (Journalist)

The Role of the media in the Rights discourse

Session Coordinator : Dr. Krishnaswamy Dara

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**Lunch Break (01.30 PM to 02.00 PM)**

**02.00 PM to 4.00 PM**

**The Rights Discourse – VI**  
**Challenges and Issues Ahead**  
**(Special session for Research scholars)**

Chair: Prof. Ashwini Ray (Retired Professor, JNU)

Panelists:

Presentations by Research Scholars.

Sarish Sebastian

Md. Shahzad

Moitri Dey

Prahlad Giri

Shahla Tebassum

Amit Kumar

Shabnam Syeda

Sanjeev Kumar

V.M. Mahajan

Aarfa Rajput

Session Coordinator : Dr. Mehtab Manzer



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**Tea Break: 4.00 PM to 4:30 PM**

**04.30 PM to 05.30 PM**

### **Valedictory Session**

Chair: Prof. Rumki Basu, Head,  
Department of Political Science, JMI

Welcome Address – Prof. Badrul Alam,  
Department of Political Science, JMI

Rapporteur's Reports –  
By students of the M.A. Human Rights, Programme JMI

Valedictory Address – Prof. Ashwini Ray

Vote of Thanks – Prof. Nisar-ul-Haq,  
Department of Political Science, JMI

**Tea (5.30 PM)**

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