

journal of humanities and social sciences

**An International Refereed journal annually published by the Scottish Church
College, Kolkata**

Introduction:

The *journal of humanities and social sciences*, an international refereed journal, is annually published by the 183-year old Scottish Church College [affiliated to University of Calcutta], for interdisciplinary studies of humanities like literature, language, literary criticism, philosophy, religion, cultural studies, etc as well as social sciences like political science, linguistics, psychology, psychoanalysis, juridical science, sociology, economics, geography, history, anthropology, film studies, etc. The divisions are of course tentative, arbitrary and overlapping. The journal discusses issues from various points of view, such as- liberalism, empiricism, positivism, marxism, structuralism, psychoanalysis, postmodernism, deconstruction, feminism, subaltern studies school, postcolonialism etc.

History:

The journal was first published in 2004 with Dr. Pradip Basu as the Chief Editor and Dr. Supratim Das and Dr. Smita Nath as Associate Editors.

About the journal:

- It is a theme based journal. Every year a theme is set by the Editorial Board inviting articles on it from all corners of the world. Articles are subject to strict peer review before being approved for publication. The peer reviewing is done by eminent scholars of respective fields but in complete anonymity.
- Over the years response to the call for articles has improved tremendously.

- We have often received articles from international scholars.
- This is a journal which is one of its kind in the academic map of Kolkata especially among the undergraduate colleges. We have been successfully publishing this for the last ten years and hoping to take it forward to greater heights of intellectual and scholarly excellence in the future.

Instructions to the Authors:

The next number of the *journal of humanities and social sciences* will be published in June 2017.

The theme of the number is: '**Protest and Mass Movement**'. There is no particular time or geographical frame in this regard. The articles may address the issue from perspectives of context, form, ideology, leadership, practice, relevance, or impact. It is preferred that the contributions would refrain from any unnecessary political innuendo. We welcome constructive responses from the contributors.

Contributions are invited from researchers working in different fields of humanities and social sciences. Contributions must reach the editorial board latest by **31st January, 2017**. Notes and references should follow as end notes and numbered serially. We invite research papers which should be original, hitherto unpublished, well-documented, consistent with the scope of the journal and should not normally exceed 5000 words including notes and references. The contributions should be emailed to:

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It should be noted that we will publish only the first ten articles which receive positive referee report.

Guideline for the referee:

1. Check whether the contents are compatible with the theme of the journal. The present theme (2017) is 'Protest and Mass Movement'
2. Check word limit (5000 words including notes and references). Do not reject if its simply over or way under. Please judge the contents then decide and suggest accordingly.
3. Be strict with language. Too many grammatical mistakes and very poor language can be considered as grounds for rejection.
4. Please check the references ----whether proper references with page numbers, publisher, year, etc. is given. If not, strong recommendation for their inclusion should be made.
5. If referencing is poor or absent, article may be rejected.

6. Please mention clearly whether the article is publishable or not.

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Lt. Kalyan Sanyal (CU, Kolkata), Asghar Ali Engineer (CSSS, Mumbai) and Sukumari Bhattacharji (JU, Kolkata.), also acted as our advisers in the recent past. We deeply mourn their death.

Circulation of the journal

- The journal committee works hard to build a wide circulation for the journal. All the prominent colleges in Kolkata have been approached and most of them have agreed to and have purchased copies of the journal for their respective libraries.
- The National Library is also presented with a copy every year.
- We have also reached out to international institutions with positive response including one American university purchasing all available copies of the journal.

The Numbers of the journal:

No. 1, 2004, Theme: India Today

No. 2, 2005, Theme: East and West

No. 3, 2006, Theme: Modernity

No. 4, 2007, Open Theme

No. 5, 2008, Theme: Contemporary Issues: 1

No. 6, 2009, Theme: Contemporary Issues: 2

No. 7, 2010, Theme: Culture and Society

No. 8, 2011, Theme: Politics and Society

No. 9, 2012, Theme: Issues in History

No. 10, 2013, Theme: Issues in Philosophy

No. 11, 2014, Theme: Gender and Society

No. 12, 2015, Theme: Questions of Development

No. 13, 2016, Theme: Postmodernism and its Critique

No. 14, 2017, Theme: Protest and Mass Movement

Activities of the Journal Committee other than publishing journal annually:

➤ Organizing International Symposiums:

Two symposiums were organized on 20th June 2008 and 10th July 2008 by the *jhss* committee. The basic idea was for academic researchers addressing ‘Contemporary Issues’ irrespective of their own specialized fields of research and taking positions as well as expressing their opinions on those issues. The overall idea was ‘**Young Foreign Researchers meet Researchers of Journal on Contemporary Issues**’.

The theme of the first day was ‘Contemporary Issues and India’ and that for the second day was ‘Contemporary Issues and the world’.

The participants for both days included: Alberta Ferrario, Jennifer Oetken, John Stevens, Kelsea Ballantyne, Martin Aranguren Ben Baer, Sjahari Pullam, Joel Bordeaux, Andy Liu, Shrimoyee Guha Thakurta, Esita Sur, Monalisa Basu.

The first Symposium was chaired by Prof. Kaberi Chatterjee of the Department of English, Scottish Church College, Kolkata.

The second Symposium was chaired by Prof. Ben Baer, Faculty, Princeton University, U. S. A.

➤ Study Circle

The *jhss* had organised a study circle which existed from March 2008- February 2010. This circle used to meet every Friday from 3pm - 5 pm. It was a circle for the members of *jhss*. The study circle held lectures delivered by the then Chief editor Prof. Pradip Basu, as well as the other editors and members of the *jhss*. The circle held lectures and discussion on various academic topic which included- modernity, post modernism, feminism, various aspects of Marxism, different dimensions of globalization, subaltern history, gender studies, current affairs and epistemology. This study circle become very popular amongst its members but unfortunately couldn't be continued due to certain logistical problems. The present editors of *jhss* and its members are keen to revive this study circle which had

Future Plans:

- The journal has completed a decade this year and has earned a prestigious reputation in the academic world by its own virtue. This is proven by the fact that many individual scholars and institutions ask for subscriptions for the journal. Therefore, we plan to work out the logistics behind starting a subscription for the same.
- As a corollary to the above mentioned plan, digitalization of the journal including the previous numbers will be worked upon. This would enable us to reach out to a larger audience.

- To commemorate the completion of ten years' of the journal the Editorial Board plans to publish an edited compilation of the previous numbers in a book form titled *Selections from the journal of humanities and social sciences*.

Photo gallery:



1. Amartya Sen, our Advisor, was presented with journal by chief editor Pradip Basu on 09.08.08.



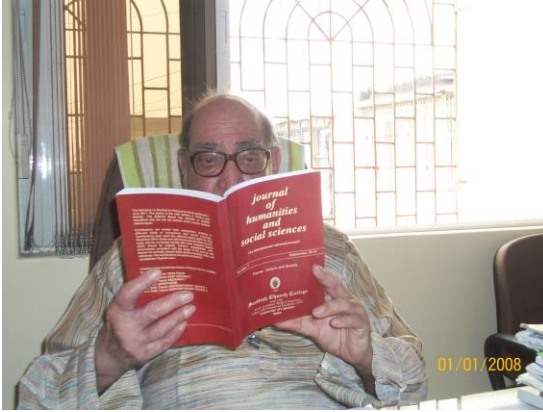
2. Ashis Nandy, our Advisor, being presented with his complimentary copy by Shrimoyee Guha Thakurta.



3. Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, our Advisor, was presented with journal by associate editors Varbi Roy and Shrimoyee Guha Thakurta on 15.12.08.



4. Amartya Sen, our Advisor, was presented with journal by journal staff Lalita Ray on 30.12.10.



5. Lt. Prof. Asghar Ali Engineer, the eminent scholar and one of the Advisors of the *jhss* with his complimentary copy.



6. Prof. Alok Ray, eminent scholar and one of the Advisors of the *jhss*, was presented with his complimentary copy by Prof. Lalita Ray of Bengali and *jhss* committee member.



7. Prof. Shefali Moitra, one of our Advisors being presented with a copy of the journal by Varbi Roy, one of the Joint Editors of the journal in 2013.

