



**Department of Political Science
&
Department of Sociology**

Serampore Girls' College

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13, T.C. Goswami Street, Serampore, Hooghly
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**Two-Day
International Seminar
on**

**Caste in India: Society and Politics
(25th & 26th April, 2023)**

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About the International Seminar

Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology, Serampore Girls' College, jointly propose to organize a two-day international level seminar on 'Caste in India: Society and Politics' on 25th & 26th April, 2023. Interested Teachers/Research Scholars/Students are requested to submit their abstracts by 12th April, 2023. The seminar will be followed by publication of a seminar proceeding with an ISBN.

Concept Note

India is a caste-based society and therefore it not only categories communities based on culture and social customs but goes further and discriminates and marginalizes certain communities based on varna-caste discriminatory mind-set and practices even today. The legacy of past continues even after more than 75 years of independence of India with a very progressive Constitution. The discriminative varna-caste system is so well established in the mindset of the Indians that even education and exposure to other countries, societies and cultures have not erased the inhuman ideology and practice. Buddha, Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Phule, Pariyar, Ambedkar have tried to do away with the system and ideology in various ways and yet the varna-caste discrimination and hatred raise its head in various forms and ways and contexts.

The varna-caste as a social system even today determines the nature and characteristic of socio-economic and political institutions in India, relations among them and dictates the

role and responsibilities of the role holders in these institutions. The varna-caste as an ideology, system, and practice has penetrated not only the social life of Indians but also the economic and political lives of Indians.

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts are invited from social scientists, researchers and other professionals on the various themes of the seminar. You can register and submit your abstract (max 300 words) for the seminar using the following link:

Sub-Themes

- 1) Untouchability, Outcastes, and the Varna system
- 2) Caste Identities & Sensitization
- 3) Politicization of Caste and Casteization of Politics
- 4) Anti-caste Movements and Dalit Identity Politics in India
- 5) Caste System and the Politics of Reservation in India
- 6) Sanskritization and Social Mobility
- 7) Legal Aspects of Caste
- 8) Caste in various Religions
- 9) Caste through the lens of Gender Identity
- 10) Any topic related to the Caste in India

About the College

Serampore Girls' College was established in 6th June, 1981 by a group of visionaries who stood

for the propagation of female education in this part of our sub-divisional town. This college, fittingly inaugurated by the noted educationist and the then President of West Bengal Higher Secondary Council late Smt. Anila Devi, catered to a long standing demand of the local people for a college exclusive for Girls' which originally started with only 47 of students on its roll and with only seven general subjects in humanities group. In 1983 the first batch of students was sent for their Graduation Examination and since then it has maintained its steady journey with an average of 2000-3000 students on its roll per year (College official Website: <http://seramporegirlscollege.org/sgc/>).

Registration Fee (online payment only):

The organising committee wholeheartedly encourages Students, Research Scholars and Faculty to participate in the upcoming Seminar. Following are registration fees details:

1. Students – Rs 600
2. Research Scholars – Rs 800
3. Faculty – Rs 1000

N.B.: Participants are requested to submit the full-paper within 20th April 2023. The selected full-papers will be published along with a book containing an ISBN and publication fees will be charged.

Please note: The authors and co-authors of a paper have to register and pay registration fee individually.

Registration Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8ef1HIY7awr332iyv-etdUAgiBFACUJypV-SFWjc4yPRHeA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Bank Details for Registration Fee Deposit

Account Name: **Serampore Girls College;**

Account No: **443010100116480;**

Name of the Bank: **Axis Bank LTD;**

IFSC Code: **UTIB0000443** (UTIB zero zero zero zero four four three)

Important Dates

Last date of Abstract Submission and Registration

12th April, 2023

Submission and Registration

Dates of Seminar 25th & 26th April, 2023

Resource Persons

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Participation Certificate

Participation certificate will be provided to registered participants only.

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