

CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL STUDIES (CESS)

The endeavor of nation building can happen through education. In the post-independent period education, has been regarded as a primary focus of our country and efforts have gone into providing access to education. The State has set a goal of 100% education through Universalization of school education, also, the Indian higher education system has evolved over a period of time with quantitative expansion providing access to a larger population with a broad spectrum of courses. With the quantitative growth and emerging trends in education at all levels, there are several challenges that pose the nation to make education more suitable to the context and needs of the Indian society. This envisages a felt need for the establishment of research organizations carrying out quality research that can provide evidence based insights enabling informed policy decisions. This envisages a felt need for the establishment of research organizations carrying out quality research that can provide evidence based insights enabling informed policy decisions.

In this context, Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS) was established in 2006 and is a Registered Society that has been working with Indian Education system from inception. CESS engaged in myriad activities in the domain of education for over a decade and positioned itself to meet the current challenges in the society keeping education as a focal point. CESS has actively engaged in various research pursuits and has successfully completed several projects in the area of education, social sciences, culture and Indic studies. The Centre has strived to draw the attention of stakeholders, including State and Central Governments, on vital issues of education through series of National and State level seminars and publications. It aims to become a catalytic force influencing the policy makers and to be a top think tank in the country.

CESS is committed to bringing about 'Social Transformation through and with Education' through Research, Policy Advocacy and Capacity Building in the fields of Education, Health and Public Services.

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Organises

RETHINKING

INDIA Workshop on
demystifying the ideas on India
India Culture, Religion
History and Society

15th June 2019 10AM to 16th June 2019 4.30 PM

Prajanam, 6/6, Behind Telephone Exchange, 10th Block
Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru

One of the key challenges we face today in media, public forums and several other platforms including Universities and other Educational Institutions is about confronting the absurdity of the claims about India. There is a large chunk of perceptions about India and her culture which have to be critically analysed. This is primarily the result of the developments that have happened in humanities and social sciences over centuries by Europeans and these ideas today exist as the commonplace to talk about ourselves. The available research from the past three decades shows that fundamentally our intellectual world is the result of the experiences of Europeans which are basically built on the foundations of the development within the Christian theology in Europe. One of the most important things for non-western culture is to recognize the fact that our common sense about ourselves is the product of Secularisation of Christian theology. Now, there is a need for us to rediscover ourselves and clarify our basic understanding about India and its culture.

In this background, this workshop is an attempt to enable the scholarly community in India to build a reflection on the things that bother us and also get rid of the European descriptions of Indian Society so that we have better grasp of issues at hand in order to think about ourselves. In other words, the focus of this workshop is to build a critical reflection on our own culture.

The workshop draws its inspiration from the books 'Reconceptualising India Studies and Heathen in his Blindness...' by Prof. S. N. Balagangadhara (also translated in different forms in Kannada and Hindi). A copy of the book- "Bouddhika dasyadalli Bharatha" will have to be bought by the participants for prior reading. Additional reading material will also be provided.

Methodology of the workshop

The participants will be made to discuss on how do we perceive the world. The discussions are followed by serious reading of the specified texts. Each of these discussions are carried out in separate groups and at the end of each session there will be common discussion on the issues that were discussed in the focussed groups. The debates will be around topics like Secularism and the ritual traditions. A special lecture will be held to uncover larger issues that are posed in front of India Studies.

Facilitators

Mr. Chaitra M. S, Director, Aarohi Research Foundation

Smt. Ashwini Desai, Aarohi Research Foundation

Mr. Harshith Joseph, Aarohi Research Foundation

Valedictory Talk by

Prof. Rajaram Hegde, Dean & Professor, Humanities & Social Sciences,
Dept. of history Kuvempu University, Shimoga

Come, Participate in this engaging intellectual Journey

Registration Fees:

Students and Research Scholars: Rs. 200 | Academicians and Professionals: Rs. 300
(Accommodation will be provided at the Venue)

Participants have to report at the venue by 8 am on 15th and return by 6 pm on 16th

Confirm your participation to **Dr. Shyam Bhat, 9448156060; Email: mail@cessedu.org**