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International Conference: Politics, Society and Culture in South Asia

Concept Note:

Politics, society and culture have been crucial to Sociological and social anthropological researches. Today the world is under going through some what a difficult period of transition. In fact, there have been many phases of transition in the past hundred years. We saw the transition from tradition to modernity after the world wars. Many feudal hierarchies adapted to democratic set up. However, it has been very difficult on the part of the feudal states to transform themselves to nation states. It involves many issues including sovereignty and alignment with different powers. The hegemony of the super power continued and a nation building process in different countries were heavily influenced by the super powers. Consequently, there have been various political and social movements including ethnic movements.

Ethnicity has been termed as a as hindrance to nation building process. But it is said that while others are determining the process of nation building like it may be American model or Euro-centric model. Thus emerge the identity crisis of various third world countries.

Religion has been a dominating factor in determining power politics as well as voting mechanism in many third world countries. It is found at the global level as well. Undoubtedly religion has been an integral part of social structure of many societies. People's life styles and living condition are governed by religion through rituals and beliefs. Therefore religion has been linked with politics.

Further gender differences have created havoc in societies. The traditional patriarchal mind said including son preference has been dominating the less developed and developing countries. They are struggling to attain equality of sexes. Hence, attainment of power has been the chief goal of various sections of the societies including gender.

In a nutshell the impact of political processes on society and culture is a continuous process. It has always provided opportunities for creative engagements for the sociologists and social anthropologists to study various aspects of society connected with politics. It includes castes, communities, occupations, ethnic groups, religious groups and classes. It allows multiple levels of

observations and interrogations about the discourses of politics and society relationship including villages, towns, provinces, regions, nation state, civilizational zones and the world systems. South Asia is of specific concern to us because of continuously evolving social reality and the above changing character of the political processes.

In light of this, the present conference would like to find answers and solutions to various issues pertaining to politics, society and culture in South Asia. It will have the following sub themes.

Sub Themes of the Conference:

- (i) Everyday political processes
- (ii) Economy and politics
- (iii) Religion and politics
- (iv) Ethnicity, caste and politics
- (v) Domestic politics
- (vi) Gender and politics
- (vii) Politics and governance
- (viii) State policy and politics
- (ix) Reservation and politics
- (x) Inclusion and exclusion and politics
- (xi) Media and politics
- (xii) Corporate politics
- (xiii) Politics of knowledge
- (xiv) Politics and social movements
- (xv) Politics of Leisure and Tourism

(c) Duration and venue

The conference will be held at Department. Of Sociology, Lucknow University, Lucknow, India and it will be held for three days on 3-5 March, 2017. Lucknow University is one of the oldest Universities of North India, started in 1921. The Department of Sociology started in the same year, later became popular as the Lucknow School of Sociology. The Department has been enriched by the leadership of stalwarts in the field of sociology. The Department was granted by the University Grants Commission as the Department of Special Assistance (DSA) from 1992 to 2002 for a period of ten years. The Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society was established in the year 1945, and is working on various aspects of Indian Society and Culture. It publishes three journals and organizes lectures and conferences.

Lucknow, situated on the banks of river Gomti, is a perfect blending of tradition and modernity. It is famous for the Ganga Yamuni culture and tehzeeb. The delicacy of kebabs and the nazaqat of nawabi culture attract people from different countries. During third week of March the temperature could be 25 degrees to 35 degrees centigrade. We would provide guest houses and other accommodations as per University rules. However if you wish to have the comfort of hotels, they are available from Rs. 2000/- to Rs. 15000/- per day.

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We request you kindly to fill up the registration form and send it along with a cheque/DD drawn in favour of *Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society* , payable at Lucknow. Further send your abstract by **15th February, 2017** to efcsconference@gmail.com

We look forward to your participation in the Conference.

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