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Concept of the Workshop

In 1998, under the initiative of Christophe Z. Guilmoto, at that time head of the *Social Sciences Department* of the *French Institute of Pondicherry* (IFP), the young researchers' workshops organized their first session.

Its first and foremost vocation was to connect often isolated young researchers, from the MA to post-doctoral students, doing their fieldwork in different parts of India.

After the first workshop, the **Association Jeunes Etudes Indiennes** (AJEI) has been created in order to make such meetings easier for those interested in exchanging fieldwork experiences.

These workshops rapidly proved to be very fruitful both for MA students, who could then share with their more experienced counterparts the ways and means of productive fieldwork, as well as for the Ph.D. students who got the opportunity to present, some of them for the first time, the preliminary results of their work.

These yearly sessions have created a mobile, interdisciplinary meeting of researchers from different horizons initiating fruitful institutional and scientific exchanges.

AJEI's Workshops are given the opportunity to create a scientific network, and more largely to create contacts between French and Indian Institutions. Since recent years, this event which was initially devoted to French students and young researchers only, has result to an important French-Indian exchange due to the *host of this event by some Indian Universities*, and mostly due to the participation of Indian students and young researchers (Kolkata, Poona, Delhi, Kottayam, Pondicherry, Shillong, Varanasi). From now, French-Indian exchange is as much important as the meeting of French young researchers in India. Then, the call for paper for this event is diffused in French and in English language in both countrys' institutions.

The Workshop's progress is divided into multiple contents. It is alternatively formed by oral presentations of young researchers in French and in English, and by small groups workshops based on the selected thematic. These workshops are providing the students applied examples of fieldwork survey thought the use of different methodological tools. Workshops are animated by a Senior Research Fellow helped by Doctorate students. The duration of the workshop is usually around three to five days.

Previous Workshops

Since 2000 with the creation of the **Association Jeunes Etudes Indiennes** (AJEI), the committee organizing the workshops has always relied on the active collaboration of Indian and French institutions.

AJEI have also received the institutional support from various French research centers in Paris and in India such as the Centre for Indian and South Asian Studies (CEIAS), the CNRS, Paris, France; French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP), Pondicherry, India; Centre of Human Sciences (CSH) in the French Embassy in New Delhi, India; French School of the Far East (EFEO), Pondicherry, India.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Thematic</i>	<i>Partners</i>
1998	Pondicherry	Free	French Institute of Pondicherry, Centre of Human Sciences (Delhi)
1999	New Delhi	Free	French Institute of Pondicherry, Centre of Human Sciences (Delhi)
2000	Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)	The Questions of Limits in Social Science	Centre of Human Sciences (Delhi), French Institute of Pondicherry, EFEO, Museum of Mankind of Bhopal, French Alliance of Bhopal
2001	Chennai (Tamil Nadu)	Field Work in Social Science	Madras University, MAE, French Institute of Pondicherry, Centre of Human Sciences (Delhi), EFEO
2002	Pondicherry	Studying Health in India	French Institute of Pondicherry, Pondicherry University
2003	Kolkata (West Bengal)	Identities and Territories in India	Ministry of Research (France), University of Calcutta, French Embassy in India, French-Indian program from MSH (Paris), Centre of Human Sciences (Delhi), IFP, French Alliance of Kolkata
2004	Poona (Maharashtra)	Doing fieldwork and discursive speech in South Asia	Centre of Human Sciences (Delhi), CEIAS, SCAC, MSH, University of Paris X, Poona University, French Alliance of Poona
2005	New Delhi	Data restitution in social sciences: stakes and techniques.	AUF, Centre of Human Sciences (Delhi), CEIAS, SCAC, MSH, CSDS, EHES, French Institute of Pondicherry, JNU, French Alliance of New Delhi.
2006	Kottayam (Kerala)	Religion and religious communities in South Asia	CSH, French Institute of Pondicherry, French Alliance of Trivandrum, University of Paris X, School of Social Sciences Kottayam, French Embassy in India, MSH
2007	Pondicherry	Conflict, Negotiation and Cooperation. Tools for studying Social Relations in India.	CSH, IFP, French Alliance of Pondicherry, University of Paris X, French Embassy in India, EFEO, MSH, CEIAS
2008	Shillong (Meghalaya)	Practices, policies and transformations of nature in the South-Asia continent.	Shillong North-East Hill University, CSH, IFP, French Alliance of Pondicherry, University of Paris X, French Embassy in India, EFEO, MSH, CEIAS
2009	Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)	Public Policies in India. What are their Specific Traits?	CSH, IFP (CRDI), GECKO (Paris Ouest Nanterre), ED Milieux et Sociétés (<i>Ib.</i>), MSH, CEIAS

Valorization of the Workshop

Promoting the publication and the diffusion of young researchers works

AJEI values the diffusion of young researchers' works. Following the Workshop held in 2003, AJEI has published a Symposium including all the papers presented in Kolkata as well as a repertory of young researchers in the audience. It was followed by an online publication on the website, which reinforces the visibility of the participants' researches.

A Symposium with all the papers presented in Pondicherry in 2007 will be shortly published by l'Harmattan (collection "Point sur la vie"). This book will include the contributions of 12 doctorate students and young researchers introduced by 5 senior researchers.

The work presented in the Workshop held in 2008 in Shillong will be published with the contribution of Shillong University by either NEHU University Press or Orient Longman. The structure of the volume will be similar to the Pondicherry publication: each section is introduced by a senior researcher and each of the contributions of the doctorate students has been reviewed by a researcher before final submission.

For the 2010 edition, we are looking for new possibilities as for example a publication in a periodical with an editorial board and a reading committee.

The experience gained throughout the workshops emphasis the need of a practical knowledge of specific realities to go along with theoretical knowledge. Hence, the publication of our work in English must reflect an honesty towards the country and the scholars who welcome us as much as the assessment of its scientific value.

Developing the Website of the Association

Following the first Workshop held in 1998, a website was created, both in French and English, in order to continue the discussions held during this event. Some papers presented during the Workshop and a directory of young researchers working on Indian Subcontinent are published online along with useful information for students (administrative procedures, affiliations, funding, important addresses, etc.) and regular update regarding upcoming seminars, conferences and workshops, held in France and India, in the field of social sciences. More than 130 links with publishers and research centers on Indian studies are also available.

Various modernization project for the website are in progress: buying a domain, publishing an interactive directory and a mailing list, widening the size of the website. Thus, www.ajei.org reflects three main objectives: information (on seminars, conferences, etc.), communication (open to all, online discussions, propositions of scientific projects) and publication (articles and students work online).

For more information, please consult www.ajei.org.



**13th Workshops Young Researchers of AJEI
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Social and political movements in South Asia

Call for Contribution

The Association of Young Indian Studies (AJEI) gathers students in social sciences working on South Asia from MA level to postdoctorate. Each year, it organizes a one-week workshop in India and a one-day seminar in France. These events offer opportunities for young researchers and students to present their work and to have them discussed by experienced scholars. The 2010 edition of the workshops, which will be held in Nagpur in Maharashtra from 7th to 13th February 2010 in collaboration with *Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University* and the *department of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Thought*, will revolve around the question of “*social and political movements in South Asia*”.

In an international context of production wherein social sciences approaches multiply and renew their perspectives on political organizations and social movements, this generic theme covers a great number of research topics of young researchers working on India and/or South Asia. Through the respective communications, the aim of the workshop is to mobilize interdisciplinarity in social sciences in order to integrate the different contributions coming, among others, from history, sociology, anthropology, political sciences and geography.

South Asia knows many particularly complex situations which has led to the emergence and/or (trans)formation of political and social movements with regard to different specific struggles and stakes. Social and political movements thereby, whatever their forms and manifestations may be, participate to the (re)definition of the configurations from where they once emerged: reservation policies and importance of categorial movements (castes and tribes), juridical struggles around the events of interconfessional riots, land conflicts and movements against dispossession, environmental movements, people’s movements for democratization, family recompositions, etc.; these dimensions all equally concerning the proposed theme and constitute possible fields of exploration.

The contributions can position themselves in one or many of the axes outlined below.

Tools and theoretical perspectives to apprehend universes of social struggles

This first axis interrogates the possibility, both critical and cumulative, to work with a certain number of tools of knowledge and theories with regard to the analysis of social and political movements beyond the restricted context of South Asia. Under what conditions can the categories mobilized in South Asia be considered operational in the analysis of the region sociohistorical contexts? Likewise, can the categories crafted and used in Europe help to understand the events specific to this region? What are the dominant analytical paradigms considered to be particularly heuristic in the study of these social phenomena which, in South Asia, evolve rapidly even as they witness strong regularities? What kind of (epistemological) tension is the researcher confronted with when studying social and political movements: for instance when he or she takes sides and even takes up the cause of the people studied?

Defining social and political movements

What constitutes a social or political movement? It appears necessary to raise different questions relative to the definition of events normally categorized as social and/or political movements. From the basis of what criteria can we qualify a fact or an event as a social movement? Understanding political and social transformations requires accounting for the genesis and the contextual structure of the key forces at play in a given space. This implies to come back upon the identification of the historical trajectories of places and people who have contributed to generate new configurations in social space or in the political field. Some struggles take the form of virulent protests or specific claims while others take place in a transformation of modes of doing and thinking pertaining more to a global reorganization of social space. These struggles do or

do not reach certain outcomes akin to the formulation of clearly defined claims. They can also appear as a manifest or latent transformation in a certain order of things. At last, to what extent do these transformations become durable? What are the social structures that favour these evolutions and inscribe them in an ensemble of processes of formalization, consecration, ritualisation and even institutionalization (for example when a social movement structures itself as a political party)?

The symbolic construction of social and political movements

The complexity and diversity of social and political movements in South Asia calls for the examination of their *symbolic construction*, that is of the practices, beliefs and rituals that culturally institute their existence. A social and/or political movement takes different forms: whether one deals with protests, in the restricted sense, or with the creation of networks of power at different scales and in different spaces, or even through the repositioning of particular agents (such as the position of women in Indian society, ascending administrative careers among lower castes and “untouchables”, etc.). In the case of actions endowed with contesting objectives, what one designates as social and political movements crystallize different forms of questioning of the social world. In South Asia, it seems particularly important to raise the question of their symbolic construction inasmuch as relational aspects of daily life remain structured in specific categories and schemes of perception often embedded in religious conceptions (especially gandhian conceptions in their diverse forms, but also ambedkarite Buddhist conceptions, social struggles related to Hindu nationalism, etc.). These schemes and categories do however coexist with other patterns and modalities of collective action specific to syndicalism, or even close to insurrectional forms of movements: naxalites, talibans or neo-talibans, private high caste militias, etc. It is therefore necessary to circumscribe the range of distinctive properties displayed by different forms of activism in South Asia and to analyse the circulation of modes of action and of the symbolic styles of mobilization generally inherited from the struggles against colonial domination. The latter might as well be the products of new scopes of action able, among other things, to display certain new forms of mediation due to the reinforcement or emergence of transnational modes of struggle.

The economy of activist practices

The study of the different phenomena that can be categorized as “social and political movements” requires paying attention to the *economy of activist practices*. This does not only imply a study of the social properties of the groups involved into these restructuration or of the agents participating to these different movements, but also, depending on the cases, it calls for examining the origin(s) and position(s) of the leading agents, that is to say of the various leaders who claim to carry out social salvation and often are self-consecrated as prophets in their spaces of influence. Whether one deals with a weakly structured social space or namely with a social field, such as the political one, the practices of participating agents and movements leaders need to be described and analyzed from the angle of a symbolic economy of activist practices. This implies the identification of the different species of resources (cultural and educationnal, political, economic, social, etc.) and interests mobilized in the diverse spaces or sub-spaces of practices of contestation in order to unveil the necessities and logics explaining a more or less strong investment for a precise cause or the unequal propensity to be able to know how to lead a movement. It is for example possible to talk of activists careers and even of an *activist capital* indicative of spaces of struggles where a protesting knowledge becomes a specific type of resource itself, the product of a prior acquisition of skills transposed in other spaces.

The propositions of contribution (300 words approximately) ought to be sent before the 30th November at the following adress: ateliers@ajei.org. Each presentation will last 20 minutes, and will be discussed by a specialist. The complete articles (20 000 signs) will have to be sent before the 15th January 2010.

Please mention with your propositions your last name, first name, your study level and your institution(s) of affiliation.

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Social and Political Movements in South Asia

Programme

Sunday, 7th of February 2010

Place: Pragati Sanstha, Lonara, Nagpur

7 to 9 pm	Welcome and registration of the participants Dinner
Monday, 8 th of February 2010	
Place: Pragati Sanstha, Lonara, Nagpur	
8.30 to 10 am	Introductory speech Presentation of AJEI and of the 13 th workshops by the organizers Presentation of our partner (Nagpur University)
10 to 10.30 am	Break
10.30 to 12 pm	Round Table: Presentation of young researchers' work (MA/Mphil & PhD)
12 pm to 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 to 2.15 pm	Dr Bertrand Geay (Université de Picardie – CURAPP) - Le Mouvement Etudiant comme Fait Social Total. A propos de la Mobilisation de 2006 en France (The Student Movement as a Total Social Fact. About the 2006 Mobilisation in France)
2.15 to 3 pm	Dr Shrinivas Khandewale (Department of Economics - Nagpur University) – The regional inequalities in the process of globalization: a case study of the demand for a Vidarbha State
3 to 3.30 pm	Break
3.30 to 5 pm	Mr Vijay Jawandhia (Shetkari Sanghatana/All India Kisan Coordination Committee) - Farmers' Movement in India: Past, Present and Future Dr Pradeep Aglave (Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Thought Department - Nagpur University) – The Ambedkarite Movement in Maharashtra
5 pm	High Tea

Tuesday, 9th of February 2010

Presentation of PhD work by senior researchers

Place: Pragati Sanstha, Lonara, Nagpur

9 to 10.15 am	Presentation of MA/Mphil and PhD researches by French students	Parallel sessions for Indian participants: <i>Social scientists and social activists: What relations? What collaboration?</i> (w/ Dr Aglave, Dr Kumar, V. Jawandhia, V. Bhongade, J. Hardikar)
10.15 to 10.45 am	<i>Break</i>	
10.45 to 12 am	Presentation of MA/Mphil and PhD researches by French students	Parallel sessions for Indian participants: <i>Social movements and downtrodden sections of society: the ways to move forward</i> (w/ Dr Aglave, Dr Kumar, V. Jawandhia, V. Bhongade, J. Hardikar)
12 am to 1.30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
1.30 to 3 pm	Naiké Desquesnes – Stratégies et Savoir-Faire Militants des Etudiantes « Naxalites » à New-Delhi. Comment être Révolutionnaire lorsqu'on appartient à l'Elite Urbaine Féminine? <i>Discussant: Dr Nicolas Jaoul</i> (CNRS – IRIS) Arnaud Kaba – Mouvements sociaux dans les plantations de thé de Darjeeling: l'exemple d'une plantation convertie au commerce équitable. <i>Discussant: Dr David Picherit</i> (University of Sussex)	
3 to 3.30 pm	<i>Break</i>	
3.30 to 4.15 pm	Aude Reygades – La Scène Syndicale Etudiante à Osmania University, Hyderabad: le Poids des Logiques Communautaires dans la Mobilisation. <i>Discussant: Mrs Dalel Benbabaali</i> (CSH)	
4.15 to 5 pm	Screening of "The Dalit Panthers' Administrative Know How in UP", a documentary by Dr Nicolas Jaoul and extracts from "Khairlanji", a documentary by Pratap Patil	
5 to 6 pm	Dr Nicolas Jaoul (CNRS – IRIS) : "The Dalit Movement and the State: Comparative Perspectives from UP and Maharashtra" <i>Followed by a discussion</i>	

Wednesday, 10th of February 2010

International Day

Venue: Dr Ambedkar College, Dikshabhumi, Nagpur

9 to 9.30 am	Introduction
9.30 to 11 am	<p>Charlène Simon - Dera Sant Sarwan Dass of Ballan: Invention of a New Form of Community-Affirmation experienced and perceived as an Individual Spiritual Quest</p> <p><i>Discussant: Dr Pradeep Aglave</i> (Department of Ambedkar thought - Nagpur University)</p> <p>Shaileshkumar Darokar - Victimized by Hindu Social Order: The Manual Scavengers and their Struggle for Dignity in Maharashtra.</p> <p><i>Discussant: Dr Nicolas Jaoul</i> (CNRS – IRIS)</p>
11 to 11.30 am	<i>Break</i>
11.30 am to 1 pm	<p>Ingrid Le Gargasson – The Institutionalization of Hindustani Music During the 20th c.: A Social rather than a Musical Movement?</p> <p><i>Discussant: Mr Julien Jugand</i> (University of Paris Ouest)</p> <p>Shirish Athawle - Historical Marginalization, Social Exclusion and Inclusive Efforts towards De-notified Tribes in Maharashtra: the Case of the Kaikadis</p> <p><i>Discussant: Dr Ajit Kumar</i> (Matru Sewa Sangh Institute of Social Work – Nagpur)</p>
1 to 2.30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2.30 to 4 pm	<p>Khushboo Jain - Winds of Change and the Question of Women's Empowerment in Nepal.</p> <p><i>Discussant: Mrs Naiké Desquesnes</i> (Sciences-Po) and Mr Joel Cabalion (EHESS/CSH)</p> <p>Sundeep Paulose - Women Self Help Group as a Social Movement and its Impacts in the Rural Areas – Some Cases from a Tribal Belt in Maharashtra.</p> <p><i>Discussant: Dr Cyril Fouillet</i> (SIAS – University of Oxford)</p>
4 to 4.30 pm	<i>Break</i>
4.30 to 5. 15 pm	<p>KP Rajesh - New Social Movements, State and Civil Society in Kerala: A Critical Engagement with Adivasi Gothra Maha Sabha (AGMS) as a 'New Social Movement'.</p>

	<i>Discussant: Dr David Picherit</i> (University of Sussex)
5.15 to 5.30 pm	Vote of thanks and conclusion
5.30 pm to 6.30 pm	Visit of the Dikshabhumi (stupa of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar)
Thursday, 11th of February 2010	
<i>Place: Pragati Sanstha, Lonara, Nagpur</i>	
10 am to 1 pm	Workshops animated by post-doctorate scholars and researchers
1 pm to 2.30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2.30 to 5.30 pm	Workshops animated by post-doctorate scholars and researchers
5.30 to 7 pm	<i>Break</i>
7 to 8 pm	<i>Dinner</i>
8 to 10 pm	<p>Cultural program</p> <p>Social and revolutionnary songs of Maharashtra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambedkari Qawwal by Anirudha Shewale - Krantikari Git by Madhukar Gajbhiye - Bhimgit by Parmeshwar Chahande <p>Meeting and discussion with the artists</p>
Friday, 12th of February 2010	
<i>Place: Pragati Sanstha, Lonara, Nagpur</i>	
Day visit in Ramtek, district of Nagpur. Last evening at Pragati	