

Invitation to the international workshop

Dalit Politics at the Crossroads

14 July 2022

Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences

Jilská 1, Prague

The results of the recent elections to the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly raise several questions concerning the Dalit politics in India. Does the unprecedented defeat of the Bahujan Samaj Party indicate a failure of the Dalit electoral politics? Or has the idea of upliftment of the unprivileged entered the political mainstream by being effectively dissolved and co-opted by the mainstream political parties, especially by the BJP? How do the traditional caste hierarchies transform themselves, how do they manifest themselves in politics and how are they being accepted by various disadvantaged groups? And finally, what are the future prospects and opportunities of the movements aiming at the emancipation of the marginalized castes and classes in India, be it through politics or through social change?

14:00–14:30

Registration

14:30–15:30

Keynote lecture: Introduction to Dalit Movement and Politics

— Badri Narayan, G. B. Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj

15:30–17:00

Issues, Agendas, Dictions, Language: Multiple Crises of the Dalit-Bahujan Movement

— Badri Narayan, G. B. Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj

Lauh Virangana Mayawati: A Critical Analysis of the Trajectory of Image Making

— Archana Singh, G. B. Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj

From Mallar to Pallar and Back: Ideology of Devendrakula Velalars

— Pavel Hons, Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences

17:00–18:00

Discussion

— moderator: Jiří Krejčík, Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences

Please register at jjiri.krejcik@soc.cas.cz by 13 July 2022.

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