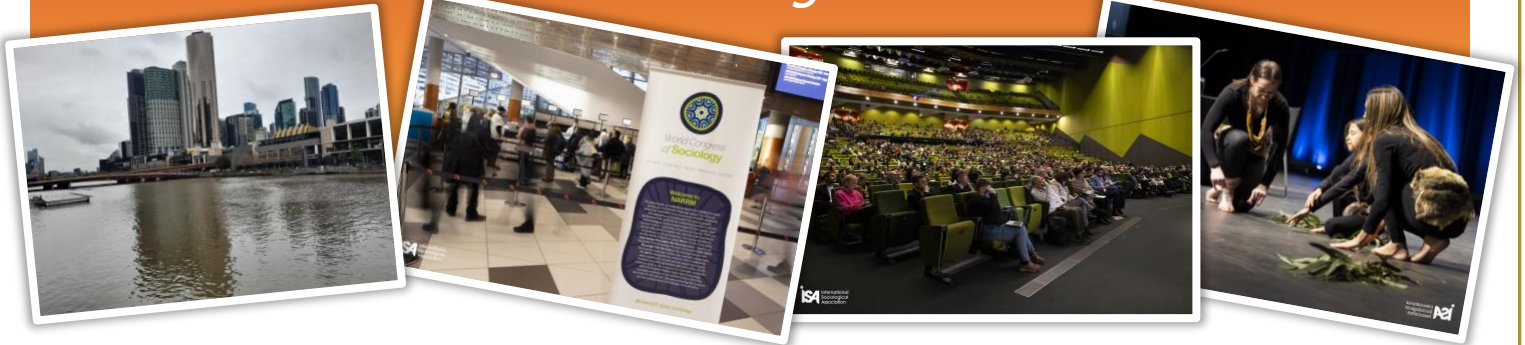


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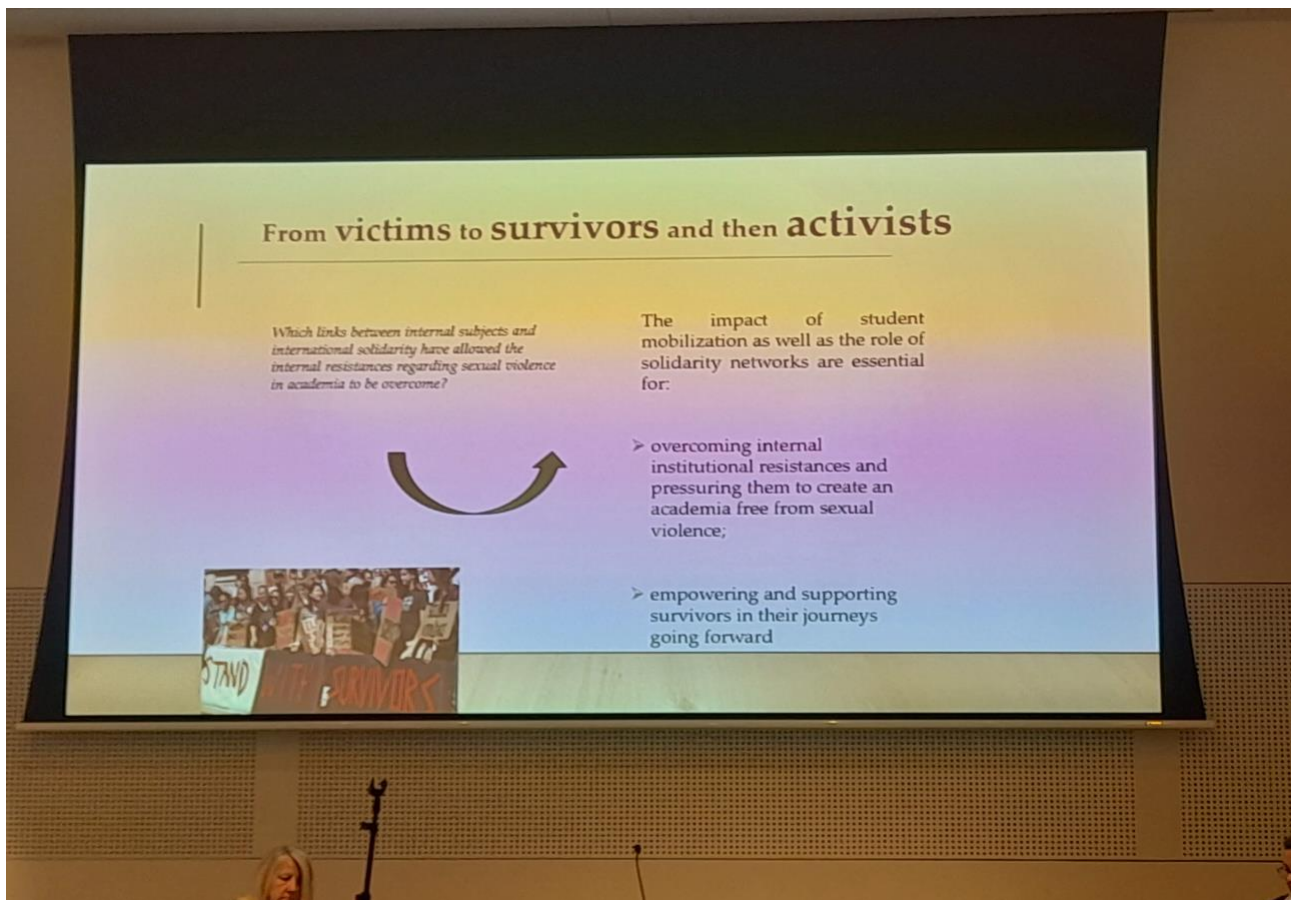


TG03

Human Rights and Global Justice-TG03, catalogued as the research academia within the social scientists fraternity of the International Sociological Association (ISA). The unique streamlining of the diverse Thematic Groups, each with its unique speciality in sociology organically binds and bonds on a single platform, comprising scholars endearing to explore, study, whilst comparing historical research transcending domestic frontiers for assessing contemporary research.

The TG03 contextualizes International Human Rights and aligns its forte towards correctional Global Justice. The TG03 newsletter will be a bi-annual feature. It is a modest attempt to establish a regular web-platform to forge a flow of fluid networks for transmission and accessibility of international rational reliable research, secure scholarly information exchange and philosophise cerebral ideas.





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From the President

Revelations

Beginning this year, the global citizenry witnessed the draconian desecration and armed aggression in the Moscow-Kiev conflict while the year-end continues to relentlessly reveal the ghastly Israel-Palestine debacle. These countries confronting conflict, sadly, render humanity with discretionary human rights. In this turbulent global climate where global regimes struggle to define 'victory' & righteousness of war' social scientists ought once more to explore sustainable congenial solutions to strengthen comity amongst nations, in the midst of crumbling and misguided administrative governments. After all, war, by its very nature, only boasts of collateral culprits, culpable governments and critical lessons in international humanitarian law of armed conflict.

The TG03 fraternity, feels saddened about the recent catastrophic internal and cross-border displacement of people who are compelled to flee their homes and abandon hope for basic survival. We stand in solidarity with the holistic social scientist academia defending human rights and voicing out against the massacre, de-humanizing helpless victims, mindless bombing of civilian infrastructure and kidnapping of protected persons by rogue militia and states who unapologetically flout rules of humanitarian warfare.

World Congress of Sociology

In hindsight, the XX World Congress of Sociology, held at Melbourne, Australia, June 25 - July 1, 2023 paraded a pertinent theme, 'Resurgent Authoritarianism: Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies, Authoritarianism' where the global academia once more united against the indifference of administrative functionaries and irrationality of combatants. The Congress sessions effectively mapped globally diverse agendas while also fervently addressing pressing regional and local issues. The Thematic Group, TG03 - Human Rights and Global Justice is devoted to demystifying discrepancies through sustained academic research by a devoted family of social scientists.

The sessions full of rigour and versatility in their pioneer hybrid-ensemble, reflected a progressive step forward towards a close-knit digital international fraternity in the post-pandemic academic arena. I would like to extend my earnest gratitude towards all members who synergized precarious details from planning, chairing individual & joint sessions to presenting incredibly well-researched papers. The contribution of TG03 was conspicuous in the plethora of sessions, well-attended and acknowledged by the social science congress.

Way Forward

The global academia covets an engagement dialogue transcending geographical frontiers giving way to prudent humanitarian perspectives. For all the scholars, seeking significant role to play in TG03 upcoming issues, please keep us posted pertaining to particularly specific items over the coming months:

1. Collect and distribute syllabi linking courses on global justice and human rights; and,
2. Identify a specific issue.

Remembering Mark

Thematic Group Human Rights and Global Justice, TG03 fondly reminisces its former President, Mark Frezzo, a distinguished human rights social scientist who was passionately involved in the sociology of human rights. Mark's life was devoted to learning and teaching at Florida Atlantic University (2003-2010) and at the University of Mississippi (2010-2020). I fondly recall my interactions with Mark, vibrant with humility, wit, humour and profoundly being committed to justice. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Mark Vincent Frezzo
(December 3, 1968 – May 11, 2020).

Acknowledgments & Achievements

To all our dear TG03 members, we hope this newsletter serves as a vital knowledge forum and request you all for any information pertaining to new publications (articles, book chapters, etc); any media appearances, op-eds/editorials; any recent accomplishments or recognitions (awards, scholarships, etc.). This platform will be duely acknowledging such imperative academic milestones. We heartily welcome requisite information exchange regarding upcoming conference announcements, call for papers / book contributions, job opportunities; any funding/scholarship/fellowship opportunities, you would like other TGO3 members to be acquainted with.

Hope everyone had a stellar Christmas celebration. Here's wishing all our dear TG03 members, across the globe, a very Happy New Year in advance! Heartily welcoming all new members. Grateful for the support and excitedly looking forward to forging stronger and lasting associations.



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Summary: XX ISA World Congress of Sociology

The TG03 Program Coordinator for Individual and Joint Collaborative Sessions, Loretta BASS, University of Oklahoma, United States coordinated a total of **16 sessions**, of which four sessions were held in joint collaboration with other thematic working groups of the ISA.

Papers Presented at Independently Organized Individual Sessions TG03

- i) *The first individual session of TG03 #804, titled ‘**Marginalization, Wellbeing, and Justice**’* was organized by Lukasz Kzeryc RZYZOWSKI, The University of Western Australia, Australia and Chaired by Brent SHEA, Sweet Briar College, USA. A total of five papers were presented by Maiara CORREA, PhD student at University of Sao Paulo, Brazil; Naresh KUMAR, Central University of Gujarat, India; Sudha KHOKATE, Bangalore University, India; Brent SHEA, Sweet Briar College, USA Social Justice and Ongoing Healthcare Financialization and Spyros GANGAS, DEREET-The American College of Greece, Greece.

- ii) *The second individual session of TG03, #805, titled ‘**Gender, Sexuality, and Social Justice**’* was organized by Louise BAUMANN, University of Auckland, New Zealand and chaired by Ahmed HAMILA, University of Montreal, Canada. There were a total of five papers presented where vital issues impacting rights of transgenders, differently-abled, reproductive rights as well as assessment of human rights mechanism of functioning of Universal Periodic Review were delved upon by Suprava KHUNTIA, Vashi, India; Nidhi MOSHERO, Mahila MAHAVIDYALAYA BHU , Varanasi, India; Kashmira KHANAM, Ph.D. Research Scholar Dept of Sociology, Central University of Haryana, Haryana & ICSSR Doctoral Research Fellow, India; Saskia RAVESLOOT, Sciences Po - Paris School of International Affairs, Belgium; and Ahmed Hamik HAMLIA, University of Montreal, Canada; Edward Ou J, University of Montreal, Canada and Roxane CARON, University of Montreal, Canada.

iii) *The third individual session of TG03 #807, titled ‘Human Dimensions Of Sustainable Development’* took up potent topics of Technology aiding Data Gathering of Third-Country Nationals, human rights of indigenous people and sustainability of resources for community development. The Session Organizers were Apostolos Papadoplus Harokopio University of Athens, Greece and Loukia-Maria FRATSEA, European Sociological Association (ESA), France and Chaired by Ahmed HAMILA, University of Montreal, Canada. A total of four papers were presented by Vilde WINGE, University of South-Eastern Norway, Norway; Alessia MARZANO, University of South-Eastern Norway (USN), Norway; Ayumi Sugimoto, Akita International University, Japan; & Sanae YAMAMOTO, Tokoha University, Japan.

iv) *The fourth individual session of TG03 #808, titled ‘Status, Discourse, and Authoritarianism’* was organized by Namita GUPTA, Panjab University, India & Chaired by Eric BRANDAO, Rio de Janeiro State Court of Justice, Brazil. The organisers delved imperative issues of Gender, Hate crimes amongst the Queer group, Restrictions & Freedom of Chinese Media, Dignity & Justice in Democratic regimes . A total of five papers were presented by Alexander KONDAKOV, University College Dublin, Ireland; Ding-yi LAI, National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan; Wen-Cheng LIN, National Chengchi University, Taiwan and Wen-chin WU, Academia Sinica, Taiwan; Binoyjyoti DAS, International Institute of Cosmic Sciences, India; Eric BRANDAO, Rio de Janeiro State Court of Justice, Brazil and Rosario FIGARI LAYUS, Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany and Narda Henriquez Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Peru.

v) *The fifth individual session of TG03 #809, titled ‘Global Human Rights and Children’ with Yvonne VISSING, Salem State University, USA as the Session Organizer and Chaired by Eric BRANDAO, Rio de Janeiro State Court of Justice, Brazil.* There were 4 papers presented spanning over critical issues of child institutional abuse, Black children of one child policy in China, India as haven for Refugee children and Mental health Racial ethnic discrimination issues among U.S adolescents presented by Katie WRIGHT, La Trobe University, Australia; Jingxian WANG, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom; Sumant KUMAR, Alliance

University, India and Loretta Bass, University of Oklahoma, United States Oyindamola Okuwa, University of Oklahoma, Nigeria.

vi) *The sixth individual session of TG03 #810 titled **'Justice Systems, Reform, and Human Rights'*** was organised by Ana Paula Deladgo , Tribunal de Justiça do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Chaired by Cristina Gauhia GAULIA, Escola da Magistratura do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (EMERJ), Brazil with Ana Paula DELGADO, Tribunal de Justiça do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil as discussant. The session had comprised of two paper presentations by Niborna HAZARIKA, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India centered on understanding India's Northeast in terms of Identity Politics of Identity; and Mauricio PADRON-INNAMORATO, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico emphasizing the analysis of determinantes of access to justice in Mexico.

vii) *The seventh individual session of TG03 #811, titled **'Locating Human Rights In Globalized World'*** Was Organised By Deepti KAUSHIK, Ismail National Mahila PG College Budhana Gate, India And Bhup SINGH, Maharshi Dayanand University, India. It Was Chaired By Mahesh SHUKLA, Govt. TRS College For Excellence, Rewa (M.P.) India, And Co-Chaired By Ajailiu NIUMAI, Centre For The Study Of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, University Of Hyderabad, India. The Session Panelists Were Manmeet KAUR, Punjabi University, India And Durgesh Tripathi, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU), India Comprising 4 Paper Presentations on imperative Human rights issues revolving around Pensions in Mexico, Need for Social Justice among Marginalized Sections in India; as well as Inequities of Labour in India presented by Ronald ANGEL, University of Texas at Austin, USA and Veronica MONTES DE OCA ZAVALA, Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales, Mexico; Deepti KAUSHIK, Ismail National Mahila PG College Budhana Gate, India; Ranjit SINGH, Guru Nanak Dev University, India and Rekha SUMAN, SHIMLA, India; and Ritu SHARMA, University of Delhi, India.

viii) *The eighth session #812, titled **'Pluriversal Approaches to Human Rights and Sdg's'*** was organised and chaired by Gabriela Mezzan OEZZANOTTI, University of South-Eastern

Norway, Norway & Alyssa Marie Kvalvaag VALVAAG Nord University, Norway. Critical issues entering on theme of Missing/Murdered Indigenous Women in Canada; Assessment of Sri-Lankan anti-government protests as well as exploring Migration as a possible avenue for reducing inequalities within nations presented by Paulina Garcia-Del Moral, Department Of Sociology & Anthropology, University Of Guelph, Canada; Malini BALAMAYURAN, Department Of Political Science, Faculty Of Arts, University Of Peradeniya, Kandy, Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka And Malek Ben achout Chouchop Hachour Social science and cultural studies, Norway.

ix) *The ninth session #813, titled ‘Rising Authoritarianism and Perspectives on Democracy in Globalized World’* was organised by Bhup SINGH, Maharshi Dayanand University, India and Binoyjyoti DAS, SSS/CSSS, JNU New Delhi, India. It was chaired by Manish K. VERMA, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, India and Co-Chaired: Durgesh TRIPATHI, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIU), India the Panelist for the session was Bali BAHADUR, Central University of Punjab, India along with Discussant: Jagsir SINGH, Bebe Nanaki University College, India. There were a total of four paper presentations highlighting issues of environment in rural and urban central; Europe by Krunoslav NIKODEM & Tijuana Trako Poljak, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Croatia; sustainable development for right of future generations by Jhoner PERDOMO, Central University of Venezuela. Institute of Economic and Social Research, Venezuela; Repression of Academic Freedom in Indonesia by Stefani NUGROHO, Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia, Indonesia; and concept buildup by Joshua KLEIN, Iona University, USA; Daniel PATTEN, Purdue University, USA; Puneet KAUR, Iona University, USA; Myles CHIARELLO, Iona University, USA; Trent CRESPO, Iona University, USA; Rachelle LACROIX, Iona University, USA and Jason PETERMANN, Iona University, USA of how Authoritarianism Legitimizes Imperialism.

x) *The tenth session, #814, titled ‘Perspectives on Mass Migration, Refugees, and Prisoners of War’* was organised by Sumant KUMAR, Alliance University, India and Chaired by: Ivana RUIZ-ESTRAMIL, Centre for Social Studies University of Coimbra - Institute for

International Cooperation and Development Studies University of the Basque Country, Portugal. Four papers centering on issues of International Protection in the European Union by Ivana Ruiz-Estramil, Centre for Social Studies University of Coimbra - Institute for International Cooperation and Development Studies University of the Basque Country, Portugal; Queer migrants from Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovnia in Austria by Sladana Adamovic, University of Vienna, Austria; Challenges of Migrant workers in India's unorganised sector by Sumant KUMAR, Alliance University, India; and issues pertaining to Prisoners of war in American civil war by Carlos Alberto SILVA, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil.

xi) The eleventh session #815, titled 'Precarious Workers, Precarious Residents and Authoritarian Politics' Organized by Sayamol Charoenratana, Human Security And Equity Research Unit, Social Research Institute, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand And Chohnapa Anukul, Foundation of Just Society Network, Thailand. The session was Chaired by Ngamjahao kipgen, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India comprising 4 papers on critical issues of Urban food workers by Chohnapa Anukul, Public Sociological Association (Thailand), Thailand and Sayamol Charoenratana, Human Security and Equity Research Unit, Social Research Institute, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; issues of Biodiversity & Livelihoods of Kuki People by Ngamjahao Kipgen, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India; issues of certified and unskilled migrant workers by Chika Shinohara, Momoyama Gakuin University, Japan; Kumiko Tsuchida, Komazawa University, Japan; Sanae Sugawara, Tohoku Gakuin University, Japan; Takako Kawai, St. Andrew's University, Japan and Ni Nengah Suartini, Ganesha University of Education, Indonesia; and Human rights issue from a global justice perspective in nomadic tribes India by Deepali Wighe, Department of Sociology, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany.

xii) The twelfth and final session #813, titled 'Rising Authoritarianism and Challenges before Marginalized Communities in Globalized World' was organized by Binoyjyoti DAS, SSS/CSSS, JNU New Delhi, India, Chaired by Shweta Prasad, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India and Co-Chaired by Rajni Bala, Baring Union Christian College,

Batala, India. The Session Panelists were Deepti Kaushik, Ismail National Mahila Pg College Budhana Gate, India; Bhup Singh, Maharshi Dayanand University, India and Anupam Bahri, Panjab University, India. The session had 4 paper presentations by Bhup Singh, Maharshi Dayanand University, India on Marginalisation of Sanitation workers : A Human Right concern; Jagsir Singh, Bebe Nanaki University College, India; Lovepreet Singh, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India, India and Ramanjeet KAUR, Social Security, Women and Child Development Department, Government of Punjab, India on Educational Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Punjab; Manmeet KAUR, Punjabi University, focussing on Marginalized Community and Economic Justice; and Unaloam Chanrungmaneekul, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand discussing a comparative analysis between Myanmar and Thailand in Reaction to Documentary As Social Practice for Advocating Human Rights.

Papers Presented at TG03 Joint Sessions

These sessions were incredibly significant in their impact owing to their profound relativity of Human Rights with plethora of sociological issues like Political Democratization, Global Justice, Social Welfare, Poverty, Environment, Climate Change.

1. *The first Joint Session #JS-13 ‘Securitizing the State? the Challenges of Illiberal Democracies and Authoritarian Benevolence’* was in collaboration with five Research Committees; RC18 Political Sociology (Host); RC09 Social Transformations and Sociology of Development; RC19 Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy; RC20 Comparative Sociology; RC56 Historical Sociology and TG03 Human Rights and Global Justice. Abu Bah, Northern Illinois University and Cyril Obi, Social Science Research Council were the Session Organizers with Temitope Oriola, University of Alberta as the Session Chair. A total of five papers were presented by Abu BAH; Enock NDAWANA; Cristina BOBOC; Piotr KULAS; Pedro CAMARGOS.

2. *The second Joint Session of TG03, #JS-18, titled ‘Collaborative Research I: Critical Reflections on Research Ethics and Methodological Practices’* was organized by Human

Rights and Global Justice (Host) in collaboration with RC03 Community Research. The Session Organiser, Tanja Gangarova, German Center for Integration and Migration Research; and Session Chair, David Redford, University of South Australia organized this joint collaborative session with 4 paper presenters, Beatriz PADILLA; Krista BYWATER; David RADFORD; and Alexandra KASSIR.

3. *The third Joint Session of TG03, #JS-26, titled ‘Human Dimensions of Development and Sustainable Development Goals’* was coordinated by *TG03 Human Rights and Global Justice (Host); and RC 24 Environment and Society.* The Session Organiser, Mohinder Kumar SLARIYA, Government College Chamba HP effectively coordinated the session with Chair, Bhup SINGH, Maharishi Dayanand University and Co-Chair Hans Raj, Government of Himachal Pradesh. The Panelists of the session were Harjinder SINGH, Punjabi University, Patiala, India; Jasbir SINGH, Punjab Institute of Oriental and Indian Languages; and Varinder SINGH, Northern Regional Languages Centre, Patiala, India and Kaur, Association of Medical Social Workers, PGIMER, Chandigarh and Jaspal SINGH, Northern Regional Language Centre were the Discussants of the Joint collaborative session with four paper presentations by Sebat MALIK; Mohinder Kumar SLARIYA; and Sreyasi CHATTERJEE.

4. *The fourth Joint collaborative session #JS-106, titled ‘Climate Change, Poverty and Inequality in Globalizing World: Changing Socio- Economic, Environmental Fabric of Human Settlements, Neglect of Human Rights and Marginalization of the Poor’* was hosted by *Research Committees: WG05 Famine and Society (Host) with TG03 Human Rights and Global Justice.* Four papers were presented in the session by Manish K. VERMA; Eduardo ALMEIDA; Shweta PHULWARI and Ramesh KHANAL respectively; with Kashmir KASHYAP as Discussant along with Minakshi RANA & Rimma AKHMETIANOVA as the Panelists. The session was chaired by Rani Mehta, Panjab University, India and co-chaired by Jagdish Chander MEHTA, DAV College, Chandigarh with effective coordination by Session Organizers Manoj Kumar TEOTIA, Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development & Namita GUPTA, Centre for Human rights and Duties, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India.

Happenings

This newsletter, TG03's website and social media handles are key means by which we want to communicate with all TG03 members and other agencies, participants interested in human rights and global justice. Please let us know what are the best means to reach you. We are committed to trying different formats, including hybrid and virtual meetings and webinars over Webex Cisco, Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Google Meet etc. This segment will entail requisite information reservoir for all forthcoming as well as a recapitulation of previously organized conferences.

- Amity University, Noida, India organized an international conference titled ***'Social and Political Institutions, Human Rights and Global Justice from Indian and Europe'***, organized by Department of Sociology, October 9-10, in alignment with TG03's goal, of Human Rights and Global Justice, which pragmatically elaborated, the theoretical as well as empirical implications of law and policy. It also identified the need for developing legislations for strengthening Human rights and social welfare in the plethora of papers presented.

From the Editor's Desk

Salutations dear members! This newsletter is a modest initiative to strengthen connect, streamline information channels and give a platform where knowledge can be accessed seamlessly. Human right violations are not singularly confined to an identified region or relative to a specific culture and forums like these provide unique opportunities for local issues to be acknowledged globally via academic avenues which look into sustainable solutions to demystify human right violations and catering to global, regional and local needs.

'Outward appearances can be quite deceptive, skimmed milk often masquerades as cream'. This quote is more than relevant when international events spin, spiral and have a direct or incidental impact on human rights and global justice. An embargo on women's liberty by the Taliban question's not just women's human rights in Afghanistan but also threatens political sanctity of neighbouring secular liberal regimes; Excesses in ongoing armed conflicts inadvertently escalate smuggling of weapons, drugs and sadly trafficking of women & children; Religious altercations lead to irrational ideological divides between communities engendering separatism which override moral humanitarian values.

The diverse global spectrum of TG03 seeks to explore and unify, diverse human rights on an all-inclusive platform. Post Pandemic Technology showed us diverse and versatile ways of global connect. Do tweak your preferences and easy access physical/virtual modes & means to build up networking & knowledge exchange platforms.

Looking forward to cosmic transmission of love, light and information this year!



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