



*Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur (IDSJ)*

*in collaboration with*

*Political and International Studies Association of Rajasthan (PISAR)*

*invites you for*

## **Workshop**

on

# **Reimagining a Journal and Strategies for Quality Publication in Social Sciences**

Date and Time: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025, 9:30-1:00 PM

Venue: IDS Jaipur Jhalana Institutional Area

### **Concept Note of the Workshop**

Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur (IDSJ) is in the process of establishing a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary research journal that will serve as a platform for high-quality scholarship on development theory, global governance policy, and practice, with a special emphasis on India and the Global South. The initiative reflects IDSJ's commitment to advancing rigorous academic inquiry, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue, and contributing to national and international debates on contemporary development challenges.

As IDSJ prepares to launch the journal, it is essential to articulate a clear editorial vision, define its thematic identity, and establish robust publication processes. This includes decisions related to aims and scope, editorial structure, peer-review protocols, publication frequency, digital systems, indexing, ethical guidelines, and long-term sustainability. At the same time, we also have strong feeling that the young faculty members and scholars are facing serious challenges to get quality publications. They need mentorship to navigate the process and prospects of publishing their research in globally acclaimed journals.

For this, the IDSJ will convene a **Workshop on Reimagining a Journal and Strategies for Quality Publication in Social Sciences** to engage experts, editors, scholars, and practitioners in shaping the journal's conceptual and operational foundations.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this workshop is to facilitate a structured, high-level consultation to refine the institutional vision for the proposed IDSJ journal. IDSJ seeks critical inputs from experts in academic publishing, journal management, and disciplinary scholarship to inform the journal's design, structure, and methodological orientation. The event aims to ensure that the journal emerges as a credible, professionally managed, and internationally visible publication. The experts will also guide the participants to develop their skills to articulate, analyse and structure their research papers, choosing a right journal, and techniques to tackle reviewer's feedback. The resource persons of the workshop would boost up publication potentials of the participants through providing them pointed feedback on potential manuscripts for peer-reviewed quality journals.

## **Significance**

This Workshop is a foundational step in the creation of IDSJ's journal and quipping its future contributors. By drawing upon the expertise of scholars, editors, and publishing professionals, IDSJ aims to establish a rigorous, credible, and impactful academic journal that strengthens the Institute's research profile and contributes meaningfully to development scholarship in India and the Global South. It will provide tricks and tips to the participants to make their research insightful and impactful through quality publications.

## **About the Organisers**

**The Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur (IDSJ)**, established in 1981 under the Societies Registration Act of 1958, is an autonomous research institute supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi and the Government of Rajasthan. The institute also receives periodic support from various national and international organisations for its research and academic activities.

**Political and International Studies Association of Rajasthan (PISAR)** is a registered body under Rajasthan Societies Registration Act, 1958. It is a body of academicians, practioners and researchers to nurture human agencies through multidisciplinary education. We facilitate co-learning, collaboration and networking.

### **RSVP:**

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Program Schedule

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Day and Time: December 16, 2025, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Tea and Registration	9:30 am – 10:00 am
Welcome Address <b>Dr. Varinder Jain</b> , Faculty, IDS Jaipur	10:00 am to 10:05 am
About the Workshop <b>Dr. Ladhu Ram Choudhary</b> , Faculty, University of Rajasthan	10:05 am
About the Institute <b>Dr. Motilal Mahamallik</b> , Faculty, IDS Jaipur	10:10 am
Opening Remarks <b>Prof. Sanjay Lodha</b> , Director [I/C], IDS Jaipur	10:15 am
<b>Technical Session – 1: Reimagining a Journal</b>	10:25 to 11:45 am
Moderator <b>Shri. Harsh Sethi</b> , former Consulting Editor, <i>Seminar</i> Journal	
Panelists	(10 minutes for each panelist)
<b>Prof. Sanjay Kumar</b> , CSDS, New Delhi.	
<b>Prof. Hriday Kant Diwan</b> , formerly with Azim Premji University, Bangalore	
<b>Prof. Ajay Dubey</b> , Former Rector (Pro-VC), JNU New Delhi	
<b>Prof. Ujjwal Kumar Singh</b> , University of Delhi, New Delhi.	
<b>Prof. Manju Singh</b> , MNIT, Jaipur	
Q & A	20 minutes
Closing Remarks by Moderator	10 minutes
<b>High Tea</b>	11:45 -12:00 pm
<b>Technical Session – 2: Strategies for Quality Publication in Social Sciences</b>	12:00 pm to 1:20 pm
Moderator <b>Mr. Sunny Sebastian</b> , former Vice-Chancellor, Haridev Joshi University of Journalism and Mass Communication, Jaipur	
Panelists	(10 minutes for each panelist)
<b>Dr. Vineet Thakur</b> , Leiden University, Netherlands.	
<b>Prof. Sangeeta Sharma</b> , former Head, Department of History and Indian Culture, University of Rajasthan	
<b>Prof. Ravikant</b> , CSDS, Editor, <i>Pratiman</i> Journal	
<b>Prof. Y. S. Sisodiya</b> , Director, Madhya Pradesh Institute of Social Science Research, Ujjain.	
<b>Dr. Pavan Kumar</b> , Ambedkar University, New Delhi	
Q & A	10 minutes
Workshop Report <b>Dr. Golam Rabbani</b> , Faculty, IDS Jaipur	10 minutes
Closing Remarks by Moderator	10 minutes
Vote of Thanks <b>Dr. Harchand</b> , Faculty, IDS Jaipur	1:20 pm to 1:25 pm