

4th National Urdu Social Science Congress 2020 (ONLINE)

(22 – 23 December 2020)

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Social Sciences: Decline and Resurgence



School of Arts and Social Sciences (SA&SS)

Maulana Azad National Urdu University

Gachibowli, Hyderabad- 500032

Telangana

Call for Papers

Profile of the University:

Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) is a central university established in 1998 by an Act of Indian Parliament, with all India Jurisdiction, to promote and develop Urdu language, impart vocational and technical education in Urdu medium through conventional and distance modes and focus on women education. The headquarter of the University is at a central location of Gachibowli in Hyderabad and spread over 200 acres. The university has been awarded 'A Grade' by NAAC in 2009 and again in 2016.

MANUU has completed 20 years in the field of education working with a strong commitment to teaching, learning, research and innovation along with a special focus on women education to fulfill its statutory mandate. It has a unique distinction of offering courses and programmes from elementary to higher education in general and professional, technical and vocational streams in particular in Urdu.

The University is catering to the educational needs of the large sections of unreached Urdu population of the society and delivering education through teaching, research, training and outreach activities with well established Schools, Departments, Centres, Satellite Campuses and offering Ph.D, Post Graduate and Under Graduate programmes and a few Diploma and Certificate Courses. Most of the schools of studies have already produced a considerable number of U.G and P.G Degree holders and M.Phil and Ph.D Scholars. Further, the university is having a Directorate of Distance Education at Headquarters with 9 Regional Centres (RCs), 4 Sub-Regional Centres and about 175 Learners' Support Centres across the country and offering several programmes in Urdu at the door steps of the learners. The University has a satisfactory record of its well placed Alumni. Moreover, the University maintains healthy male female ratio and promotes diversity by attracting students from diverse sections of the society from different states of India and also encouraging foreign students.

About the Organizers:

MANUU with the mandate to promote teaching, learning and research in Social Sciences and other disciplines in Urdu medium has successfully organized three National Urdu Social Science Congresses in 2017, 2018 and 2019 organised by the Centre for Promotion of Knowledge in Urdu (CPKU) in association with the School of Arts & Social Sciences (SA&SS), Maulana Azad National Urdu University. Further, the School of Arts & Social Sciences is going to organize the 4th National Urdu Social Science Congress (ONLINE) on 22nd and 23rd December, 2020.

The School of Arts and Social Sciences was established in the year 2006. The School currently consists of eight Departments and three Research Centres i.e., Women Education, Public Administration, Social Work, Political Science, Islamic Studies, History, Sociology,

Economics, Centre for Women Studies, Al-Beruni Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy and H. K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, actively engaged in teaching and research.

Fourth National Urdu Social Science Congress 2020 (ONLINE)

Theme of the 4th National Urdu Social Science Congress:

“Social Sciences: Decline and Resurgence”.

Social Science is all about understanding the complex human relations and activities in the physical and social environment we live in, lived in and may live in. Social Sciences as a discipline not only relevant for the moral progress of society and shaping social developments across the world but also transforms an individual to be an informed and efficient citizen to advance solutions to the emerging global, national and local issues. Above all, social sciences have a critical role to play in the development of human civilization and to ensure sustainable future. It is the case with every social science disciplines including History, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Women Studies, Islamic Studies, Social Work and many more.

Despite its innate relevance, the social sciences are facing severe challenges from the multiple corners. First, the greatest worry is the increasing prioritization of science and technology over the social sciences in contemporary times. It is reflected in the decline of funding for social researches. Second, there are serious concerns about the quality of research in social sciences. It requires methodological relook to improve the quality of research. Third, there are gradual decline in the enrolment of students for social science courses. Fourth, there is also a decline in the infrastructural support to the institutions promoting the cause of social sciences. Fifth, there are technological advances including the rise of ‘data science’ creating huge pressure on social scientists to re-orient their disciples to remain relevant. Thus, social sciences by its very nature have to offer a way to deal with such concerns and challenges.

Undoubtedly, there is realization among social scientists that the social sciences need to revive itself with more focus on interdisciplinary research and learning, integrate with applied physical sciences, promote democratic accessibility of its knowledge and resources and be far more interactive with decision-making bodies, civil society and industry. As a result, one can easily notice the shifting focus of the social scientists to make their researches more applied, impactful and timely to address some critically important aspects of contemporary change in the global society. Social sciences are now promoting digital scholarship that sharpens not only critical thinking on digital spaces but also produces knowledge that is ‘shorter, better, faster, free’. There is a greater involvement of social scientists in addressing contemporary issues. For example, pandemics or epidemics are both a biological and social phenomena. And thus global health are improved with the integrated approach of medical and social sciences as we have seen in the case of Ebola epidemic in West Africa and Covid-19 pandemic. Environmental issues are not just technical challenge but also social and thus required insights from the social sciences disciplines. Poverty, inequality and social exclusion are not only mathematical issues but required an understanding of social contexts to offer remedies.

It must be acknowledged that the discourse and resources along these lines in Social Sciences are lacking in Urdu language. To address this language gap, the National Urdu Social Science Congress aims to bring together research scholars, social scientists, academicians and policy makers trained in Urdu language to exchange and share their experiences, ideas, and research findings about the challenges encountered by the Social Sciences and the solutions adopted in 21st century society.

The Congress will engage with wide-ranging contemporary topics and scholars from various disciplines within the Social Sciences. Thus, the sub-themes of this Congress cover a range of disciplinary areas such as Women Studies, Public Administration, Social Work, Political Science, Islamic Studies, History, Sociology, Economics, Deccan Studies and Social Exclusion. These sub-themes are as follows:

1. The role of Higher Education system in strengthening the discipline of Women Studies.
2. Public Administration: Relevance & Resurgence
3. Profession of Social Work in India: Issues and Challenges
4. Politics: Contemporary Issues & Challenges
5. Islamic Studies: Contemporary Challenges & Possibilities
6. Issues in History: Challenges & Possibilities
7. Rise and Growth of Sociology in South Asia: Challenges Ahead
8. Covid-19: Perspectives & Prospects of Economic Recovery Potential in India
9. Deccan Studies: Scope and Significance
10. Politics and Exclusion: Issues and Challenges

Guidelines for Paper Submission:

Participants are requested to mail original and well researched papers on the main theme and sub-themes in Urdu for the Congress.

Abstracts of the paper should not be in more than 300 words. The abstracts must focus on the uniqueness of the topic and the theoretical, empirical or analytical grounding of the research paper. It should also include the title, name of author(s), keywords, university/institution of affiliation and detailed address.

Full length paper should not exceed 5000 words typed in Urdu In-page.

The Abstracts and Full Papers should be e-mailed to the Convener to the following mail id:

nusscmanuu@gmail.com

There is no Registration Fee for attending the Congress.

Important Dates

Last Date for Submission of Abstract : 10th December, 2020

Last Date for Submission of Full Paper : 15th December, 2020

Fourth NUSSC (ONLINE) Dates : 22-23 December 2020

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