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TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR

ON
Unravelling the Layers: Trauma, Memory and Rehabilitation in Punjab's Partition History

University Institute of Humanities
Department of History

ICSSR sponsored



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The Sant Baba Bhag Singh Memorial Charitable Society, under the dynamic leadership of Sant Baba Malkit Singh Ji, has been providing essential infrastructure facilities to the people living in the vicinity of Dera Sant Pura Jabbar, near Adampur Doaba, Dist. Jalandhar. This includes constructing bridges and roads and providing street lights to villages. The Society began offering formal education by establishing the SBBS Institute of Engineering & Technology in 2003. This was followed by the establishment of SBBS International School in 2004, SBBS Institute of Education in 2005, SBBS Institute of Nursing in 2005, SBBS Research & Development Centre in 2010, SBBS Post Graduate College in 2011, and SBBS Public School, Binjon in 2011. Rural healthcare has been provided through Guru Nanak Sadh Sangat Charitable Hospital, Kalra, since 2003.

In pursuance of the vision: "To encourage each and every child to get educated, acquire knowledge and wisdom so as to learn the art of leading a happy, successful, and meaningful life," all these institutions established their presence in the field of education, leading to their flowering into Sant Baba Bhag Singh University, established under the Sant Baba Bhag Singh University Act, 2014. The institutions have made significant contributions in the field of education, as evidenced by excellent results and placement records. With state-of-the-art infrastructure catering to the needs of students, a pollution-free and drug-free campus, a focus on excellence in teaching, and the active involvement of students and faculty in co-curricular and extracurricular activities—including NCC, NSS, industrial visits and a remarkable presence in sports among educational institutions—along with a culture of imbuing ethical values, Sant Baba Bhag Singh University is an ideal choice for quality education.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The University Institute of Humanities at Sant Baba Bhag Singh University serves as a premier interdisciplinary center dedicated to advanced teaching, learning, and scholarly research. The institute offers comprehensive academic programs at the undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels, fostering a robust intellectual ecosystem designed to broaden academic horizons and drive impactful research. A degree from the institute equips students and research scholars with profound theoretical knowledge, advanced analytical skills, and the critical framework necessary to achieve academic and professional excellence. The institute cultivates diverse research pathways and academic inquiries across key disciplines, including: • History • English • Economics • Punjabi • Political Science • Fashion Designing

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The Department of History strives for excellence in creating, applying and imparting knowledge in History through comprehensive educational programs. Currently the Department of History offers UG, PG and PhD Programmes. The range of teaching and research includes Ancient, Medieval, Modern and Contemporary Indian History. Given its geographical location most of the research concerns the study of the broad North-Western Region (including the present Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan Punjab). This region is being studied comparatively and in relation to the neighboring areas within India (i.e. Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir) and countries outside India (i.e. Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran and Central Asia) that interacted closely with North-Western India.

ABOUT THE ICSSR

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), established in 1969 by the Government of India, promotes research in social sciences across the country. It supports seminars, conferences, research projects and academic collaborations aimed at strengthening interdisciplinary scholarship and policy-oriented research.

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ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The Partition of India in 1947 remains one of the most defining and traumatic events in South Asian history. Punjab witnessed unprecedented violence, displacement and social rupture. The seminar seeks to explore the human, emotional, political and cultural dimensions of Punjab's partition history.

It aims to examine:

- Collective and intergenerational trauma
- Memory, silence and narration
- Rehabilitation and refugee resettlement
- Political dynamics of partition
- Cultural representations in literature and cinema
- Migration, borders and diasporic identities

This seminar will bring together scholars from History, Sociology, Political Science, Economics, Psychology, Literature and Anthropology to foster interdisciplinary dialogue.

CONCEPT NOTE

The Partition of India in 1947 remains one of the most defining and traumatic events in the history of South Asia. Punjab witnessed unprecedented violence, displacement and communal rupture, leaving deep psychological, social and political scars that continue to shape regional identities and collective memory.

The proposed seminar seeks to examine the multidimensional impact of Partition in Punjab through the lenses of trauma, memory, rehabilitation and political dynamics. It aims to explore how experiences of violence and displacement were negotiated, narrated, remembered and institutionalized in public and private spheres.

The seminar further intends to situate Punjab's experience within broader discussions on migration, border formation, refugee crises and diasporic identities. By bringing together scholars from History, Sociology, Political Science, Psychology, Literature and Cultural Studies, the seminar aspires to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and contribute to ongoing debates on reconciliation, remembrance and peace-building.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

1. To analyze the multidimensional trauma experienced during the Partition of Punjab.
2. To examine the role of memory in shaping historical narratives and collective identity.
3. To study rehabilitation policies, refugee resettlement and reconstruction processes.
4. To explore gendered experiences of violence and displacement.
5. To investigate cultural representations of Partition in literature, cinema, museums and archives.
6. To encourage interdisciplinary scholarly engagement on migration and border studies.
7. To promote empathetic understanding and peace-oriented historical discourse.

THEMES AND SUB-THEMES

THEME I: TRAUMA, MEMORY AND GENDERED EXPERIENCES

- Intergenerational trauma
- Women's experiences of violence
- Coping mechanisms and resilience
- Silence, narration and contested memories
- Emotional healing

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THEME II: DISPLACEMENT, REHABILITATION AND CULTURAL RECONSTRUCTION

- Refugee camps and land allotment policies
- Economic and social rehabilitation
- Gendered dimensions of rehabilitation
- Cultural memory and reconstruction

THEME III: GLOBAL MIGRATION, BORDERS STUDIES AND DIASPORIC MEMORY

- Migration and borders in world history
- Global refugee crises
- Diasporic memory and identity formation
- Community rebuilding and social solidarity

THEME IV: NARRATIVES, ARCHIVES, MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL REPRESENTATION

- Partition museums and memorialization
- Oral testimonies and community archives
- Literature, cinema and artistic representations

IMPORTANT DATES

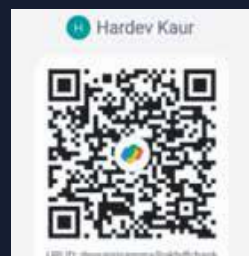
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