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# ONE-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR

# Space, Identity, and the Idea of North East

The concept of North East as a distinct 'space' is debated and conceptualised at multiple levels. It has been witnessing a complex process of negotiations of multiple and overlapping identities, often categorised as sub-nationalities. These assertions force the nation state to reconsider the question of governmentality restructuring the instrument of autonomy worked out by the Constituent Assembly at the time of independence. The 'sub-national' or 'ethnonational' identities are now quite vocal about multiple questions of governmentality. Careful studies of the North East in their historical contexts often reveal its dynamics as a 'shared political space' of multiple identities, with each having a distinct trajectory of development.

In the given socio-political as well as historical context, the pertinent questions are, when political assertions of multiple identities have long been a visible phenomenon, what constitutes the 'core' of such identities? How have the identities been restructured? How have such identities become the centre point of political mobilization cutting across the hitherto existing boundaries of caste or class? What are features of cultural and popular mobilisations that provide the fuel and symbol pool for the identity assertions in the North-East.

The option for **online presentation** can be availed by **out-station participants only**; however, participants from Assam are encouraged to present their papers **offline**.

An abstract volume will be published and circulated on the day of the presentation. The organisers aim to conduct a seminar that facilitates and enhances academic discussions and critical thinking.

## Timeline

- Abstract Submission:  
**June 16, 2023**
- Notification of selected abstracts via email/call:  
**July 10, 2023**
- Final Submission of Paper:  
**August 15, 2023**
- Date of Seminar:  
**August 26, 2023**

The objective of the seminar is to address such crucial questions with the help of deliberation on the following broad sub-themes:

- 1. Space, Politics, Power and Marginality: The socio-political/ethnic/sub-national identities in North-East.**
- 2. Contemporary North-East and the questions of governmentality and para-diplomacy.**
- 3. Contribution of socio-religious and cultural discourses in shaping and reshaping the community and ethnic identities.**
- 4. Political-economy of identity assertion and politics in a plural society.**
- 5. Gender: History, politics, performative and lived experiences.**
- 6. Environmental history in the assertion of identity and community experiences.**
- 7. The evolution of the Education, educational institutions and practices in the North East.**

## Guidelines for submission

- Abstracts and papers can be submitted in both English and Assamese
  - For submission of a 300-word abstract, kindly add Abstract for DMC Seminar as the subject of the e-mail.
  - In the body of the mail, please mention your name and contact details.
- The abstract should be attached in Word document format. The sub-theme under which the abstract is submitted must be mentioned in both the body of the mail and the Word document.
  - All abstracts must be mailed to – [snigdha7.sb@gmail.com](mailto:snigdha7.sb@gmail.com) and [birajdas996@gmail.com](mailto:birajdas996@gmail.com)
- The selected abstracts will be notified via call/email.
  - The word limit for the final paper is 3000-5000.
  - The font should be Times New Roman, size 12, and the lines must be double-spaced.
- All papers must be submitted to the same email ids (mentioned above).
  - The paper should be attached in pdf or Word document format. Please ensure that the subject of the submission mail is Paper for DMC Seminar. The sub-theme under which the paper is placed must be mentioned in the body of the mail.
- The papers must follow the latest API or MLA styles of citation.
  - **Plagiarism is strictly prohibited.** A plagiarism check report must be submitted along with the paper; <https://www.duplichecker.com/>, <https://www.grammarly.com/plagiarism-checker>, or other such websites may be used for the same.

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**NOTE: Submission of papers is mandatory before presentation**