



Goa University

D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies

Sociology And Social Work Discipline

**VISITING FACULTY LECTURE TITLED "CHANGING CONTOURS OF
ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH." On 19/08/2026**

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Visiting Faculty Lecture titled "Changing Contours of Ethnographic Research." by Professor Nilika Mehrotra, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, on 19 August 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in BG 03, Faculty Block B
2. Date and Time	19 August 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies (DDKSSSBS)
5. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Nilika Mehrotra is Professor at the Centre for the Study of Social Systems (CSSS), School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, with over three decades of teaching and research experience in sociology and social anthropology. She holds an M.Sc. in Anthropology and a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from the University of Delhi. Her research focuses on gender and development, tribal studies, disability studies, ethnographic methods, and food and rituals. She was awarded the prestigious Fulbright-Nehru Senior Research Fellowship (2013–2014) at the University of California, Berkeley, USA and has served as Editor of the journal <i>Indian Anthropologist</i>. Professor Mehrotra has supervised numerous M.Phil. and Ph.D. scholars, authored and edited

	several books, and published extensively in leading national and international journals on themes such as disability, gender, ethnography and tribal communities, making her one of India's distinguished scholars in qualitative and ethnographic research.
6. Number of Faculty attended/participated	10
7. Number of students participated	37 (M. A. students)
8. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	1. To familiarize students with the changing nature and contemporary trends in ethnographic research in the social sciences. 2. To enhance students' understanding of classical and emerging approaches to ethnographic fieldwork, including digital, multi-sited, collaborative, and reflexive ethnography. 3. To encourage students to critically appreciate the relevance of ethnography in understanding complex social realities and informing social interventions.
9. Description of the Program/activity/event	A Visiting Faculty lecture on “Changing Contours of Ethnographic Research” was organized by the Discipline of Sociology and Social work. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Nilika Mehrotra , who provided valuable insights into ethnography, its changing nature and its significance in sociological and anthropological research. The lecture began with a discussion on the meaning and significance of ethnography as a method of studying society and culture. Prof. Mehrotra explained the importance of entering the field and understanding the everyday experiences of people. She emphasized that ethnographic research requires the researcher to engage closely with the field rather than simply collecting information from a distance. One of the

important aspects discussed was thick description.

The lecture highlighted that ethnographers need to understand not only what people do but also the meanings and contexts behind their actions. The speaker further discussed the importance of fieldwork and access to the field.

The lecture emphasized that the researcher's relationship with the field can influence the knowledge produced through ethnographic research. Prof. Mehrotra discussed the role of subjectivity, reflexivity, introspection and self-criticism. Researchers need to be aware of their own position, assumptions and influence while conducting fieldwork and interpreting their findings.

Another significant area of discussion was the changing contours of ethnography. The lecture examined how ethnography has expanded beyond conventional approaches and increasingly engages with different social groups and perspectives. The discussion also touched upon issues related to colonial knowledge, representation and marginalised voices. The lecture introduced students to auto-ethnography and explained how personal experiences can also become a source for understanding wider cultural and social processes. The importance of studying social groups and understanding knowledge from different perspectives was also emphasized. The speaker discussed gender and feminist perspectives, including the understanding of gender as a social construct. The lecture encouraged students to critically examine whose voices are represented in research and whose perspectives may remain unheard. Questions of power, positionality and representation were therefore important themes of the discussion.

The lecture provided students with an opportunity to think critically about the nature

	of ethnographic knowledge and the changing role of the researcher. It encouraged students to ask important questions about whose knowledge is produced, who has access to knowledge, whose voice is represented and how researchers themselves influence the research process.
10. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	1. Trace the evolution of ethnographic research and identify contemporary developments in ethnographic methodology. 2. Develop a critical understanding of the application of ethnographic methods in Sociology and Social Work research. 3. Apply ethnographic perspectives in designing research projects and addressing contemporary social issues through qualitative inquiry.
11. Enclosures with report	Student Attendance and Geo-Tagged Photographs.

Name of the Coordinators:  Dr. Mozinha Fernandes Assistant Professor of Sociology  Mr. Keval K. Naik Assistant Professor Social Work	 Prof. Nagendra Rao Dean, DDKSSSBS, Goa University 
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D. D. KOSAMBI SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND BEHAVIOURAL STUDIES
SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMME
Guest Lecture titled "Changing Contours of Ethnographic Research" held on
19 August 2026 in classroom BG 30

ATTENDANCE SHEET

Sr. No.	Name of the Participant	Designation	Programme/School	Signature
1.	Kirti Patil	Student	Sociology, D.D.K.S.S.B.S	Patil
2.	Shruti Agarwadekar	student	" "	Shruti
3.	Tanvi Chibde	student	" "	Chibde.
4.	Manina Fengao	student	" "	Manina
5.	Nilkam Gaonkar	student	" "	Gaonkar
6.	Deana F. Fernandes	student	" "	Fernandes
7.	Shruti Naik	student	" "	Naik
8.	Gautami Korgaonkar	student	" "	Korgaonkar
9.	Sakshi Gupta	student	" "	Sakshi
10.	Ms. RAKSHANJA MAYEKAR	PH.D SCHOLAR	" "	Mayekar
11.	Joline Fernandes	student	" "	Fernandes
12.	Shaina Jangli	student	" "	Jangli
13.	Gayatri Bandlekar	student	" "	G.Bandlekar
14.	Zuhesriya Narangi	student	" "	Narangi
15.	Threveri Hadapad	student	" "	Hadapad
16.	Muehjiha Mulla	student	" "	Mulla
17.	Sana Balbatti	Student	Sociology, D.D.K.S.S.B.S	Sana

18.	Prasheant Jangali	Student	21	<u>P</u>
19.	Dr. Mozinha Fernandes	Faculty	Sociology DDKSSSBS	<u>Hernandes</u>
20.	Pooja Pradeep Asolkar	Faculty	Sociology DDKSSSBS	<u>Asolkar</u>
21.	Keval K. Naik	Asst. Prof	Social Work DDKSSSBS	<u>Naik</u>
22.	Joanna Coelho	Prof	DDKSSSBS	<u>Coelho</u>
23.	Devika Gaunkar	Student	Sociology DDKSSSBS	<u>Gaunkar</u>
24.	Dr. Abigail Fernandes	Research Associate	Philosophy	<u>Abigail</u>
25.	Ms. Fabiola A. F. Fernandes	Faculty	Sociology DDKSSSBS	<u>Fernandes</u>
26.	D.S. Bawis	Student	Sociology	<u>Bawis</u>
27.	Nooshin Roostaei	PhD Student	Sociology	<u>Nooshin</u>
28.	Raisa Cardozo	Asst. Prof.	Sociology / Rosary College	<u>Cardozo</u>
29.	Rajavi Naik	Faculty	Philosophy, SSPIS	<u>Naik</u>
30.	VIDHI JOSHI	Student	PHILOSOPHY, SSPIS	<u>Joshi</u>
31.	SAYEEDA SHAIKH	Student	PHILOSOPHY, SSPIS	<u>Shaikh</u>
32.	ABHAY PATIL	Student	PHILOSOPHY, SSPIS	<u>Patil</u>
33.	SOURMENDRA PATNAIK	Faculty	Anthropology DU	<u>Patnaik</u>
34.	Kaavya Ananthu	Student	SSPIS, Philosophy	<u>Ananthu</u>
35.	Soachi Naik	Student	SSPIS, Philosophy	<u>Naik</u>
36.	Evelyn S. Fernandes	Ph.D. Research Scholar	DDKSSSBS, Sociology	<u>Fernandes</u>
37.	Sayali K. Gaunkar	Ph.D. Research scholar	DDKSSSBS, Sociology	<u>Gaunkar</u>
38.	TANVI V. BONDRE	Student	DDKSSSBS, Sociology	<u>Bondre</u>
39.	PUSHPA PARAB	STUDENT	DDKSSSBS Sociology	<u>Parab</u>

40.	Amanda Costa	Student	DDKSSSBS Sociology	Aosta
41.	Rajwala Naik	student	DDKSSSBS Sociology	Naik
42.	Walter Menezes	Faculty	Philosophy	cf. all
43.	Arvind M. Kollakken	Faculty	DDKSSSBS Sociology	Ar.
44.	Heera Shabali	Student	DDKSSSBS Phd Sociology student	He.
45.	Rida Sonawane	Student	Philosophy, SSPIS	Rida
46.	Vinay Sharmapant	Student	Philosophy, SSPIS	Vinay
47.	Govin Fernandes	student	Sociology	Govin
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