



NIAS ANNUAL STUDENTS' COLLOQUIUM 2026

5, 6, and 7 January 2026
Venue: J R D Tata Auditorium, NIAS

05 January 2026				
	9.00-9.15 a.m.	Welcome Address by Academic Head, NIAS Doctoral Program		
	9.15-9.30 a.m.	Address by Director, NIAS		
	Time	Speaker	School	Title
Chair: Prof. Suba Chandran	9.30 - 9.50 a.m.	Megha Poonia	School of Social Sciences	Collective Memory and Social Identity: A Study of Denotified Tribes in Rajasthan
	9.50-10.10 a.m.	Shubhangi Srivastava	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	A Tail of Two Cities: Ecological, Socioeconomic and Political Dynamics of Human-Dog Relations in Urban India
	10.10-10.30 a.m.	Tea Break		
	10.30-10.50 a.m.	Akriti Sharma	School of Conflict and Security Studies	Climate Change and the Himalayas: A Case for Regional Governance Framework
	10.50-11.10 a.m.	Anna George	School of Humanities	Reverberations of Cilapatikaram and the Worship of Kannaki in Caste, Gender and Regional Identities of Kerala and Tamil Nadu
	11.10-11.30 a.m.	Sreshtha Mondal	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	Determinants of the Protective Action Decision-Making during Floods and Cyclones: A Study of Kerala
	11.30-11.50 a.m.	Anmol Chowdhury	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	Rethinking the Urban 'Wild' Animal: Ethnologies and Ethnographies of Nonhuman Primates in Indian Cities
	11.50-12.10 p.m.	Abhijit Konwar	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	Distributional Patterns and Ecology of Scaly Anteaters in India
	12.10-12.30 p.m.	Anand Ganesh	School of Humanities	Topics in Model Analysis
	12:30 – 12.50 p.m	Sneha Gutgutia	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	Life at the Urban Margins: Human- Animal Relations and Precarity in Indian Cities

	12-50 – 1:05 p.m.	Saketh Kumar	School of Humanities	Relationship between Rural Settlements and Urban Centres of Harappan Civilization
	1.05 - 2.00 p.m.	Lunch Break		
Chair Prof. Sangeetha Menon	2.00 - 2.20 p.m.	Varun Sudhakaran	School of Social Sciences	Higher Educational Aspirations of Thiyya Youth: A Study among Early College-Going Students across Higher Educational Institutions
	2.20 - 2.40 p.m.	Tirthankar Chakravorty	School of Social Sciences	The “Self” in Classrooms – Exploring Identities through Narratives from Teaching of Social Sciences
	2.40-3.00 p.m.	Ankita Sharma	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	The Arthropod City: Taxonomic and Functional Diversity of Ant and Spider Species Assemblages across an Urban Gradient in Guwahati, Northeastern India
	3.00 - 3.30 p.m.	Tea Break		
	3.30-3.50 p.m.	Aishwarya Prashant Mhaske	School of Humanities	Settlement Archaeology of Kutch Harappan using Geospatial Analysis
	3.50-4.10 p.m.	Mahendra Singh Rawat	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	Out of sight, out of mind: Communicating Mahseer conservation for positive behaviour change
	4.10-4.30 p.m.	Virain Mohan	School of Conflict and Security Studies	Assessing Chinese Maritime Diplomacy in Southeast Asia from 2012-2022
	4.30-4.50 p.m.	Joyeeta Dey	School of Social Sciences	Tracing the Digital Transformation of Education Governance: India as a Case Study
	4.50 -5.05 p.m.	Shivansh Pareek	School of Humanities	A Study of Military History and Heritage in Mewar region, Rajasthan
	5.05-5.20 p.m.	Summaiya Khan	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	Climate change Governance: Synergies and Contradictions between the Global, the National, and the Local
	5.20 – 5.35 p.m.	Sarah Mahajan	School of Humanities	Performing Writing: Exploring Space, Memory and Genre Construction using Autofiction and Auto theory in Select Texts by Women.

06 January 2026				
		Speaker	School	Title
Chair: Prof. Anitha B K	9:00 - 9.20 a.m.	Joan Shilpa Kiran	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	Energy Dependence and Just Transitions: A Study of Developing and Developed Countries
	9.20-9.40 a.m.	Athira Balakrishnan	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	From Wild to Vermin: A Study on Human–Wild Pig Conflict in India
	9.40 – 10.00 a.m.	Karshita Bharati	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	Living with the Enemy? Parasite Networks in Alloprimate Communities in the Lowland Rainforest Fragments of the Upper Brahmaputra Valley, Assam, India
	10.00-10.30 a.m.	Tea Break		
	10.30-10.50 a.m.	Kumar Saurabh	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	Energy Transition Pathway for the Indian Road Transport Sector
	10.50-11.10 a.m.	Zakhiya P C	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	Primate Worlds: Demographic Structure and Dynamics, Social Networks and Life-History Strategies of Wild Bonnet Macaques
	11.10-11.30 p.m.	Ashisha K	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	Ecological Flexibility and Gut Microbial Dynamics in the Gray Slender Loris
	11.30-11.50 p.m.	Anjali Anil	School of Social Sciences	Examining the Heteronormativity in Indian Education: Perspectives from the Transgender Community
	11.50-12.10 p.m.	Meera Vishwanath	School of Humanities	The Influence of External Temple-Building Traditions on the Indigenous

				Laterite-Timber Tradition in the West Coast of India
	12.10-12.30 p.m.	Hashim Mohammed	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	Landslide Risk Perception Communication in Kerala, India: Understanding Public Awareness and Community Response Strategies
	12.30-12.50 p.m.	Himangshu Kalita	School of Social Sciences	Rethinking Human-Wildlife interface from a Feminist Political Ecology Approach: A Study of Three Communities in Assam, North-Eastern India
	12.50 – 01.05 p.m.	Ayana Krishnan	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	The Study on Freshwater Resources Conservation.
	1.05 - 2.00 p.m.	Lunch Break		
Prof. R Srikanth	2.00 - 2.20 p.m.	Vishal George	School of Social Sciences	Youth, Sports, and Urban Space: An Ethnography of Youth Sporting Culture in Urban India
	2.20 - 2.40 p.m.	Titir Debnath	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	The Mountain Primates: Distribution, Ecology and Human - Relationships of the Macaques of the Eastern Himalayas, Arunachal Pradesh, North-eastern India
	2:40 – 3:00 p.m.	Nitin Rawat	School of Conflict and Security Studies	Interrogating Security Situations in Jammu and Kashmir: A Human Security Perspective
	3.00-3.30 p.m.	Tea Break		
	3.30-3.50 p.m.	Jenish Anil Trivedi	School of Conflict and Security Studies	Contours of Conflict: Exploring Dynamics of Development and Democracy in India.
	3.50-4.10 p.m.	Arslan Wali Khan	School of Social Sciences	Negotiating for Space: Violence, Segregation and Urban Social

				Movements in Contemporary India
	4.10-4.30 p.m.	Divya Anupama Hoskere	School of Humanities	Deconstructing Choreography in Performances of the Nāṭya Tradition: A Practical Criticism in the Context of Indian Aesthetics
	4:30 – 4:50 p.m.	Julian Lambolem Roy Jyrwa	School of Social Sciences	In the Shadows of Fetishization: Examining the Intersections of Race, Desire, and Masculinities in the Lives of Migrant Queer Men from North-East India
	4:50 – 5:05 p.m.	Manjusha A	School of Social Sciences	Understanding Immobility in the Context of Climate Change: A Mixed Methods Study of Dhanushkodi Fisherfolk
	5:05 – 05:20 p.m.	Annalisa Rapphap	School of Social Sciences	Navigating Kinship, Gender and Agency; An Ethnographic Study of the Khasi Matrilineal Socie
	5:20 –5:35 p.m.	Santa Ghosh	School of Humanities	Landscape Archeology of Cultural Heritage Sites in Coastal Odisha: A Geospatial Analysis

07 January 2025					
		Speaker	School	Title	
Chair: Prof. Sindhu Radhakrishnan	9:00 - 9.20 a.m.	Souri Majumdar	School of Social Sciences	Mythology, Learning and Identity: A Study in West Bengal	
	9.20-9:40 a.m.	Shashank S R	School of Social Sciences	Interrogating the Politics of Religious Philanthropy in Indian Higher Education: A Case Study of Lingayata and Veerashaiva Matha-Run Higher Educational Institutions in Karnataka	
	9:40 – 10:00 a.m.	David Jangminlien	School of Conflict and Security Studies	Ethnic Identities and Conflicts: The Case of Kuki and Naga Conflict in Manipur 1992-2020	
	10.00-10.30 a.m.	Tea Break			
	10:30 – 10.50 a.m.	Aiswarya T	School of Social Sciences	Life and Learning on the Move: A Study of Murshidabad Perumbavoor Migration Corridor and Family Strategies for Education	
	10:50 – 11:10 a.m.	Surachita Lal	School of Social Sciences	Travelling through the Portals of an Engineering College: Experience of Dalit Girls in India (A Study of Uttar Pradesh)	
	11:10 – 11:30 a.m.	Ramkumar K G	School of Conflict and Security Studies	Maritime Security of India: Study of deployment patterns by extra-regional powers in the Indian Ocean Region	
	11.30-11.50 a.m.	Ankit Singh	School of Conflict and Security Studies	Political Economy of External Public Debt of Pakistan	
	11.50-12:10 p.m.	Ekasmayi Naresh	School of Social Sciences	Understanding the conceptualization and experience of 'psychotherapy' among Sexual and Gender minorities'	
	12.10-12.30 p.m	Anjali Bharati	School of Natural Sciences and Engineering	Impact of Citizen Science Engagement on Participants' Scientific Knowledge, Scientific Sense-Making and Trust in Science	

	12.30-12.50 p.m.	Rahula Kumar Swain	School of Conflict and Security Studies	Structural violence, Social suffering and Subjectivity: A study of the lived experiences of migrant workers from Ganjam
	12:50 – 1:05 p.m.	Rudrakshi	School of Humanities	The Impact of yoga on cognitive function and physiological well-being
	1.05-2.00 p.m.	Lunch Break		
Chair: Prof. Nithin Nagaraj	2:00 – 2:20 p.m.	Saransh Kumar	School of Conflict and Security Studies	Towards Integrated Impact Assessment Studies: Interrogating the impacts of Char dham Project in Uttarakhand.
	2:20 – 2:40 p.m.	Chaithanya K	School of Social Sciences	Transnational Migration and Motherhood: A Study of Experiences of Malayali Nurses in the Gulf Countries
	2:40 – 3:00 p.m.	Anoop M	School of Social Sciences	Social Exclusion and Ghettoisation of Manual Scavengers in Coimbatore city: The Case of Arunthathiyar Community
	3:00-3:30 p.m.	Tea break		
	3:30 – 3:50	Pornima Rajkarne	School of Humanities	Understanding religious transmission in the Varkari Sampradaya: A cognitive approach
	3:50 – 4:10 p.m.	Rohini Reenum	School of Conflict and Security Studies	The idea of Ocean Governance and the High Seas Treaty.
	4:10-5:30 p.m.	First Year Poster Session Paavana Varma , Sangeeth Saji Varma, Akhil Mythri, Sachin Kumar, Koel Ray , Rupsa Karmakar, Prasanna Narendra Khanvilkar, Manikranth Chakravarthula, Suhas Muralidhar, Sayantani Chakraborty, Mandar Rajendra Ransing, Harshvardan Kaur Chahal, Vaidheeswaran Ganapathy		