

YOUNG RESEARCHERS' WORKSHOP 2010
Culture, Experience and Knowledge Production



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The Young Researchers' Workshop is an event initiated by the research students of the Centre for the Study of Culture and Society (CSCS), Bangalore since 2003. It aims to engage with critical research in contemporary Social Sciences and Humanities in India focussing on interdisciplinary projects and new methodological tools.

Cultural Studies has over the years challenged the rigid boundaries of disciplines by insisting on the need for inter-disciplinary research that can actively engage with the question of culture as an organizing principle of human societies. However, new challenges seem to be emerging today from diverse locations about the descriptive and explanatory capacities of Cultural Studies' frameworks and methods in its ability to map and respond to social realities and lived experiences. The 2010 Young Researchers' Workshop which works with the broad thematic '**Culture, Experience and Knowledge Production**' wants to further critical engagement with the question of knowledge and experience by attempting to go beyond cultural relativism or an unproblematic rendition of differences. This requires a closer look at the founding assumptions and presuppositions that animate present day cultural theory and practice as also newer and better epistemological grids that can reconfigure research towards greater usefulness in understanding varied experiences. Such an exercise would also demand a clearer understanding and perhaps recasting of the questions raised by domains such as gender, politics and ethics and a fresh engagement with new spaces such as the digital. The workshop is also an attempt towards a dialogue with emergent research from disciplines such as law, medicine, science and technology that foreground questions related to culture and experience.

The workshop aims to bring together research that provides new insights into the above concerns from areas related to democracy, development, gender, caste, ethnicity, urban/rural spaces, visuality, media, cyberspace, politics, law ethics, science and society, and education. The workshop will provide an opportunity for doctoral and post-doctoral researchers from different parts of the country to discuss their areas of study and enrich the methodological and theoretical rigour of their work. It will be structured around presentations by resource persons on selected sub-themes followed by presentations of the research work of the doctoral students with focussed responses from individual respondents, and general discussions. The finalized programme schedule with the list of sub themes and possible resource persons will be sent soon after receiving the applications.

Interested doctoral and post doctoral researchers please write in/or send an e-mail with an abstract of **400-600** words (or no more than two typed pages) of the paper you intend to present which draws on your current research work, along with your current c.v. indicating academic affiliation, postal address and email IDs latest by **February 1, 2010** to the address/email id given below. Selected participants will be informed via e-mail within a week of receiving the applications. The final paper to be presented in the workshop would be expected by March 15, 2010. Travel and accommodation will be provided for the participants.

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Workshop date: March 25 to 27, 2010 (final date to be confirmed) at CSCS, Bangalore

Date for receiving the abstract: **February 1, 2010**

Intimation to selected students: **February 4, 2010**

Date for receiving final papers: **March 15, 2010**