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ABOUT US

Anthropos India Foundation (AIF) is a trust registered in Delhi in October 2011. The aim is to promote the discipline of Anthropology, its philosophy and methods and engagement in applied and Action Research. AIF, through its work, seeks to address issues in the local/ regional context, based on the 'emic' perspectives and bottom-up approach to solve the problems faced by the communities and its people. Taking due consideration of the local knowledge and respecting the local culture and ecology, AIF has been conducting community-based research and, in its effort, has tried to inform the Policy initiatives too.

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What the editor has to say

A decade-long journey of AIF has been slow and steady. The small steps towards quality work have been our goal. However, in the past year with the active engagement of young interns with various skills and capacities and excellent designer, we were able to bring the newsletters on time. We are happy to share our anniversary issue with all of you and look forward to more collaborations and partnerships to achieve our goal. We welcome all the readers to become members of AIF to enhance their research skills and capacity building in various fields.

What the senior scholars have to say

Purpose, pursuance, and perseverance have given Anthropos India Foundation its power to do productive action research since its foundation in October 2011. In these eleven years, it became the bridge between academics and young researchers and students to examine the concerns of local communities through their reflexivity critically. There are only a handful of organisations in the discipline of anthropology that has functioned effectively and regularly in training and action research. The alacrity that the young editorial team of the AIF has shown in publishing its monthly Newsletter neatly and regularly is truly commendable. I wish Dr Sunita Reddy and her team success in their future activities and congratulate them for their selfless dedication to promoting anthropological knowledge in the service of humankind.

Prof. Shalina Mehta, Retired Prof, Panjab University and Senior Vice President, UIAF

What the senior scholars have to say...

Anthropos India Foundation with a dedicated, exceptionally calibered team has emerged as a “ Light House “ for the sailors of development practitioners, Anthropologists in particular to reach their goals of human development. The foundation in short a span of time built a unique brand to train the professionals at one side and serve the community on the other, setting an example of Action Research for development. Best wishes for the Foundation to scale higher and higher.

Prof. Shree Bhagwan Roy, Founder Chairman of the Indian Institute of Bio Social Research and Development (IBRAD)

Anthropos India Foundation (AIF), New Delhi, is a vibrant academic organization led by Dr Sunita Reddy, devoted to promoting anthropological research, training, consultancy and publication. The colorful monthly Newsletter of AIF has always been enormously informative and useful to the anthropological fraternity at large. I am privileged for having associated with AIF since its inception. I congratulate Dr Reddy and her fully committed team to continue with their efforts and wish AIF a huge success.

*Prof. K.K.Misra
Former Vice-Chancellor of Utkal University of Culture.*

EVENTS OF THE MONTH

Digital Magazine, “Childhood Matters” release of the Third Issue on 15th June 2022

Anthropos India Foundation released the third issue of the Bilingual Digital Magazine on 15th June 2022 through an online platform. The release was attended by the editors, contributors, teachers, senior members and young students. Prof Geetika Ranjan contributed the Guest editorial for this issue and praised the effort of AIF. Other senior editors, Shri Amitabh Srivastav, Dr Garima Dalal, Dr Samana Madhuri, and Mrs Poonam Kudesiya, shared their thoughts about the Digital Magazine. We also had writers who had contributed their articles to this issue - Ms Mini, Ms Archana Yadav, Mumuksha Porwal, Habiba Haroon and Aviraj Arora, whose attendance made the event special.

E-RESOURCE CENTER INVITATION

We realize that there is no centralized resource center for the Anthropological works of Indian Anthropologists, where a scholar can look for publications-articles, papers and books. Thus, AIF is developing an anthropological e-resource center hosted at the AIF website- www.anthroposindiafoundation.com

Given your valuable contribution to anthropological discourse in India, we would be glad if you can share your

publication to be uploaded in the AIF E-resource center, which will benefit all the researchers from India and abroad interested in various fields of the discipline. This will be one of its kind E-resource repositories.

Hope you will share your publications with us. Do let us know if you have any questions or queries. Write to us for any feedback, internship or collaboration anthroposif@gmail.com



1. Understanding and Applying Anthropological Theories

The four-day module would review the major theoretical approaches that make the discipline of Anthropology unique. The perspectives that include evolutionism, diffusionism, functionalism, structuralism, interpretive and symbolic anthropology and postmodernism will be sketched chronologically by senior academicians and experts to better understand the discipline of anthropology and also analyse the historical, social and political contexts. Focusing on the major schools of thought and major theorists, the workshop spread over four days will take you to a somewhat known journey but with a critical lens and help you learn how to propose theories in your study.

Date: 11th July, 13th July and 15th July and 16th July, 2022

Course Fee: Rs. 2000/- (For students) and Rs. 2500/- (For Faculty and Professionals)

The reading material will be provided to the participants before the module begins.

Event Address: online

Last Date to Apply: 9 July 2022

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/Mb16cGxGEmWDoZvE6>

2. Training Program on Research Methods

Research methodology gives research legitimacy and provides scientifically sound findings. It also provides a detailed plan that helps to keep researchers on track, making the process smooth, effective and manageable. Research methodology is a way of explaining how a researcher intends to carry out their research. It's a logical, systematic plan to resolve a research problem. A methodology details a researcher's approach to the research to ensure reliable, valid results that address their aims and objectives.

For Non-TRI Students: 5000/- INR

Date: 18th July -29th August 2022

Duration: 7 weeks (3 classes/ week for 2.5 hrs. each class)

Attendance: At least 80% attendance is mandatory to earn a Certificate.

Certificate: Certificates will be given on behalf of SCSTRTI Odisha, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Anthropos India Foundation.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/dz36xtnWqbjBiEzDA>

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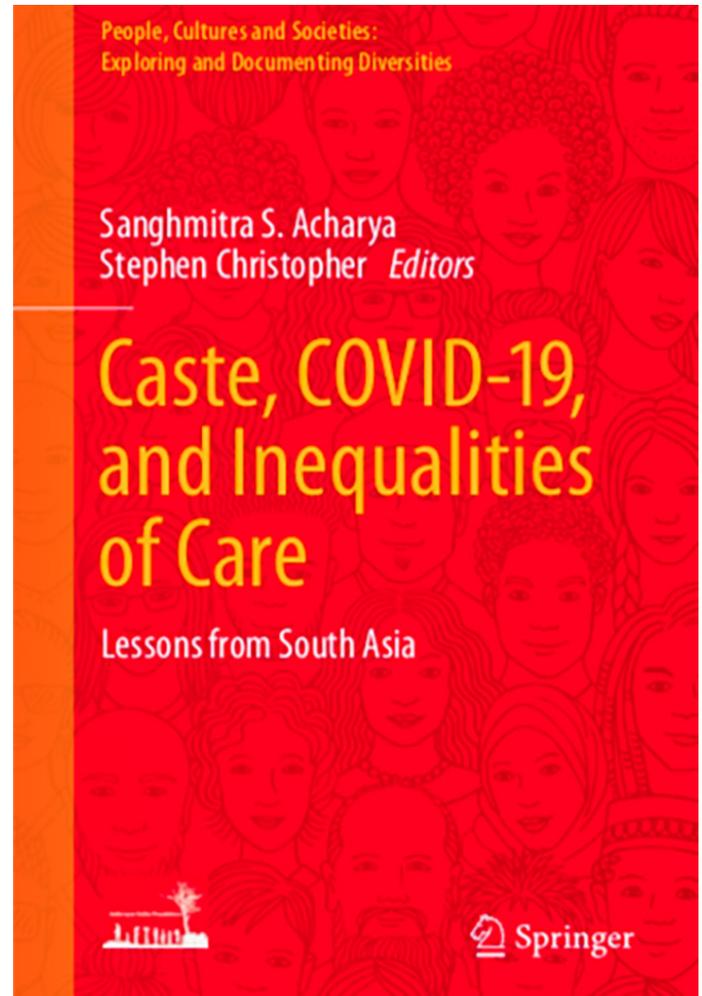
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LATEST BOOK UPDATES

Anthropos India Foundation is publishing a series of books with the title “People, Cultures and Societies: Exploring and Documenting Diversities” with Springer Nature and the series editors are Dr Sunita Reddy and Prof. Sanghmitra Acharya.

This book series proposes to capture the diversities in people and their communities in India. It provides a unique and innovative resource for anthropological knowledge, philosophy, methods, and tools to understand, analyse and formulate sustainable, innovative solutions to address socio-cultural issues in India. India is a repository of varied cultures and diversities. It is imperative to explore, understand and document the process of changing diversity and relational inequalities. The series encompasses richness in art, craft, language, dance, music, folklore, food culture and beliefs, traditions and practices. It addresses the issues of development disparities, inequality, and segregation on the axes of caste, class, religion, region, ethnicity, and gender. The series publishes methodologically rigorous and theoretically sound, critical and comparative, empirical research. The series is of interest to the academicians and students in the discipline of sociology, anthropology, psychology, social work, history, philosophy, and public health, and to all of those interested in a wide-ranging overview of art, culture, and politics. It accepts monographs, edited volumes, and textbooks.



We are glad to share its first book ‘Caste COVID- 19 and Inequalities of Care’ edited by Prof. Sanghmitra S. Acharya and Dr Stephen Christopher, published under this series. The overarching theme of this book is about how forms of structural inequality shape wellbeing in South Asia. This volume analyzes a wide variety of social determinants—from Dalits disenfranchised from Scheduled Caste quotas to the lingering legacy of colonial resource exploitation on tribal communities, from Dalit government hospital employees facing casteist practices to the urban ghettoization of Muslims and based on these case studies builds upward to theoretical approaches and public health recommendations. Many chapters have critical portrayals of core Indian institutions like health care institutions and in particular their response in COVID. Further this book explores how identity-based discriminations contribute to health disparities and impede well-being.

JOB ALERTS

Post-Doc Fellowship - TSCFE Application deadline: 4th September 2022
For more details, visit the website - [Click here](#)

ANTHROPOLOGIST OF THE MONTH

Prof Shyama Charan Dube (1922-1996)

Professor Shyama Charan Dube was born on 25th July 1922 in Madhya Pradesh. He received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Nagpur University and later joined Social Anthropology. He had conducted a study on the Kamar, a tribe of Madhya Pradesh, for his Doctoral dissertation using traditional anthropological methods. This PhD thesis was later published as his first book, *'The Kamar'* and dealt with a comprehensive study of this tribe of Madhya Pradesh. After getting his PhD, he began to teach at Hislop College and later joined Lucknow University as a lecturer in political science in 1948. There he came close to Prof D N Majumdar, who invited him to teach courses in Anthropology. In 1950 Prof Dube moved on to Hyderabad as Reader in Anthropology in the Sociology Department of Osmania University. He was also a visiting professor at London and Cornell Universities. By the 1950s, Dube became interested in Village studies and studied a village in Hyderabad called Shamirpet, where he examined the interrelationships of Hindus and Muslims. The book from this research is the *Indian Village*, which adequately takes care of the historical, geographical and sociological perspectives of an Indian village and provides a comprehensive picture of the functioning of village institutions. His famous works *Indian Village* (1955) and *India's Changing Villages: Human Factors in Community Development* (1958), and *Power and Conflict in Village India* are a few important works read by social scientists.

Later he studied the impact of Community Development planning on villages and

contributed to Sociology and Social Anthropology. His interest in social change, development and modernisation led him to steadily publish works like *Contemporary India and its Modernisation* (1974),

Development Perspectives for the 1980s (1983), *Modernisation and Development* (1988) and *Tradition and Development* (1990). He wrote both in English and Hindi effortlessly. He became a Professor of Anthropology at Saugar University, Sagar. He and his wife, Prof Leela Dube, built the Anthropology Department at Sagar.

He also served at the Anthropological Survey of India and the National Institute of Community Development. He conducted fieldwork in Chhattisgarh, Telangana, West Orissa and north Madhya Pradesh. In 1976 he won the S C Roy Gold Medal and in 1993 Indira Gandhi Gold Medal, both from the Asiatic Society of Bengal. In 1972 he was appointed as the Director of the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies till 1978. In 1975-76 he was the President of the Indian Sociological Society. He passed away on 4th February 1996 at the age of 73



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TRIBAL BITS

Shaheed Laxman Nayak

Shaheed Laxman Nayak was born in Tentuliguma of Koraput district on 22nd November 1899. He was born in Bhumia tribe, and right from his youth, he protested against the oppression and injustice inflicted by British rule. He played an active role in the Independence Movement of India and proactively pursued the tribals of his region. He was influenced by Mahatma Gandhi and participated in the Quit India Movement in 1942, and became an active member of the Indian National Congress. He fought against many inhuman practices like bonded labour. Being an active member of Congress, he promoted Khadi among his people. Laxman Nayak took charge of the President of the Congress primary committee at Matili in Koraput in 1942. He initiated various development works like constructing roads, building bridges and establishing schools

by mobilising tribal people and asking them not to pay any tax. During Quit India Movement in 1942, he was nominated to represent Matili and used nonviolence against colonial power as a primary weapon. He was called “Gandhi of Malkangiri” by tribal people.



On 21st August 1942, Laxman Nayak was arrested while carrying out a procession to hoist the tricolour on the top of the Matili Police Station in Koraput. Nayak was arrested and sentenced to death on 29th March 1943. A stamp was released by India Post on Shaheed Laxman Nayak in 1989.

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