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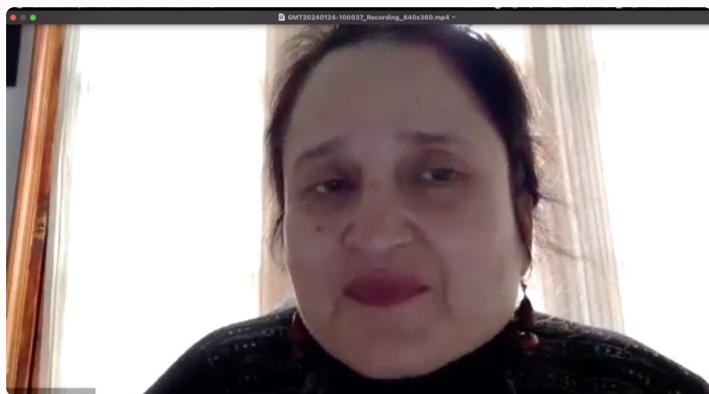


THE SOCIAL SCIENCE PERSPECTIVE

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The third speaker, Dr. Ellora Puri began highlighting the constitution and how mostly it has been a success in the past 74 years and how the Western prediction of India fragmenting into pieces did not come true. However, she echoed the ideas of the previous speakers by outlining how we as a nation have failed to understand the concept of democracy and election as a mechanism has been divided between intent and implications. Later, she further brought the idea given by Karl Schmidt and related it with the present scenario by outlining how popular will can actually turn into dictatorship and how representation has become privileged at this point when it comes to electoral politics but she ended it with a question if it accompany to the idea of rule of law and how the desire to serve by the people in power happening through majoritarian mandate needs to be pondered upon.



The three lectures were followed by engaging sets of questions and discussions from the audience on different ideas that were relevant to the topic of the webinar. The session was later concluded with a virtual photograph and certificates were distributed to 79 participants who filled in the feedback form.



STUDY TOUR AND FIELD TRIP

Chennai and Pondicherry (19th - 21st February 2024)

A group of 18 students accompanied by 4 faculties from the Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) on 19th to 21st February, completed an enriching educational trip to Chennai and Pondicherry. The primary focus of the trip was a Seminar organized by the Department of International Studies, Stella Maris College, Chennai on 'The Age of Artificial Intelligence', held on 20th of February, 2024.



Poster of the Seminar

In a dynamic era driven by technological advancements, the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) with various fields has become pivotal for the progress of society. Acknowledging this transformative potential, students at Stella Maris College had organized a ground-breaking initiative to delve into the relevance of AI in social sciences under the supervision of Dr. Aarti S, Head of Department of International Relations, at Stella Maris College, Chennai.



Pictures from the National Seminar at Stella Maris College, Chennai

Stella Maris College, Chennai renowned for fostering academic excellence, has always encouraged its students to think beyond traditional boundaries. The student-led National Seminar on AI and its relevance in social sciences exemplified this commitment to innovation. Spearheaded by a group of dedicated students, it aimed to bridge the gap between the realms of technology and social sciences, shedding light on how AI can contribute to a deeper understanding of human behaviour, societal trends, and complex global challenges.

Masters Students of Political Science and International Relations (MAPSIR), JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) presenting papers in the seminar

The exploration began with an understanding of AI's fundamental principles and capabilities in parallel sessions that took place on the theme. The students actively engaged in discussions and presentations focusing towards the intersection of AI and social sciences. Students delved into case studies, discussing how AI applications can be employed to analyse and interpret social phenomena. By leveraging AI tools for sentiment analysis, pattern recognition, and predictive modelling, the students explored avenues to enhance the understanding of human behaviour, cultural dynamics, and societal trends and also the challenges associated with it.

One of the key aspects explored is the potential of AI in addressing social challenges. The paper presenters at Stella Maris College recognized that AI can play a crucial role in fields such as healthcare, economics, and education. By utilizing data-driven insights and predictive analytics, they explored how AI can contribute to better policy-making, resource allocation, and the development of targeted interventions to address societal issues. Collaboration with experts in both AI and social sciences forms an integral part of the initiative.

Student Seminar on Artificial Intelligence:

The highlight of this educational venture was the participation of students of JAIN (Deemed-to-be) University in the student seminar on Artificial Intelligence, where leading experts and scholars shared insights into the rapidly evolving field. The seminar provided an excellent platform for our students to expand their knowledge and engage with the latest developments in AI. Notably, Suman MP Student of Masters of Arts in Political Science and International Relations (MAPSIR) at CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed -to-be) University, showcased exemplary skills and dedication by securing the second prize for the best paper presentation. This achievement not only brought recognition to our institution but also underscored the calibre of our students in the realm of AI research.



Student of AIN (Deemed-to-be University) Suman MP received 2nd Prize for Best Paper & Dr. Mathur delivering the Valedictory Address

As a testament to the holistic learning environment, Dr. Priyanca Mathur, Head, CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), was invited to deliver the Valedictory address at the conclusion of the seminar. Her speech not only highlighted the significance of AI in today's world but also inspired the audience with her insights into the future possibilities of the field.

Furthermore, every participating student and faculty was acknowledged with a well-deserved participation certificate, recognizing their active involvement in the seminar and commitment to advancing their understanding of Artificial Intelligence. The seminar was hosted at Stella Maris campus, which proved to be an excellent venue. The hospitality extended to our group was commendable, with Stella Maris ensuring our comfort and needs were met. The seminar day began with a sumptuous breakfast, giving the participants the energy needed for the intellectually stimulating sessions. A well-organized lunch further enhanced our experience, making our time at Stella Maris not just educational but also enjoyable.

The final day 21st February of the trip was spent exploring the picturesque town of Pondicherry. Immersed in the Indo-French culture, the students took a day off to delve into the historical and cultural richness of the region. The blend of Indian and French influences in the architecture, cuisine, and lifestyle provided a unique learning experience, broadening the students' horizons. Overall, the educational trip to Chennai and Pondicherry was a resounding success, offering a blend of academic enlightenment and cultural exploration. It was a memorable and invaluable learning experience for all participants.



Group Picture