



**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE  
(Human Resource Development Centre, UGC)  
Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar**

**Organizing a National Seminar**

on

***“Contemporary Challenges to Social Sciences”***

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**Introduction:**

The contemporary phase of production and distribution of knowledge at international level in general and in India in particular is characterized by marginalization of social sciences and strong emphasis on the ability of science and technology to handle the issues concerning society is creating a variety of challenges. There is emerging an optimism of intelligence that the acquisition of knowledge is possible without human agency. Thus, on- line internet access to different knowledge sources and other e-learning processes are assumed to be sufficient enough as an alternative to classroom teaching in which teacher- taught interaction which contributes to the acquisition and creation of knowledge. Under such circumstances where education is progressively regarded as a capitalist enterprise and knowledge as commodity, the old paradigm of classroom teaching and research are taking back stage. It is in this context this seminar seeks to identify how these challenges can be handled by the higher institutes of learning by interrogating theory, research and practice of social sciences in India.

**Objectives:**

The Seminar proceedings would deliberate on the following issues:

- Paradoxes of contemporary social science education
- Challenges for social sciences
- Social science interdisciplinary research
- Social science comparative studies
- Evolving Research methodologies
- Innovative courses in social sciences
- Role of State

There would be eight sessions in all including inaugural and valedictory sessions. The participants are invited from all disciplines of social sciences. There is no registration fee for this Workshop. Detailed Programme will be circulated shortly.

(Travelling allowance will be reimbursed only to those teachers whose University/College/Institute comes under the purview of Section 2(f) and 12B of the UGC Act)

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