



Call for Papers  
MAKAIAS & ICSSR Sponsored Two Day National Seminar on

## **Dr. Ambedkar and the Partition Conundrum: Lessons for Contemporary India**

### **Organized by**

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**Date:** 13-14 February, 2025

**Venue:** Assam University, Silchar

### **Concept Note:**

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, one of India's most prominent intellectuals and social reformers, offers a profoundly analytical and practical viewpoint on the Partition of India. Ambedkar's analysis in his seminal book *Pakistan or the Partition of India*, published in 1945, is still applicable today for evaluating the current issues facing the Indian subcontinent as well as for comprehending the historical factors that led to the formation of Pakistan. His observations on nationalism, communalism, and the politics of identity are still relevant today, imparting valuable lessons.

This national seminar aims to investigate Dr. Ambedkar's perspectives on the Partition, their historical background, and their relevance to contemporary India. The seminar will offer a forum for critical analysis and a discussion of how Ambedkar's observations might help shape policy matters in the contemporary context, strengthen ties to the country, and advance social justice.

### **Sub-Themes:**

We invite papers that engage with, but are not limited to, the following sub-themes:

1. Ambedkar's Analysis of the Partition of India
2. Communalism and Secularism
3. Partition and its Aftermath
4. Lessons for Contemporary India
5. Regionalism and Identity Politics
6. Social Justice and National Unity
7. Constitutional Governance
8. Foreign Policy Implications

### **Abstract Submission:**

- Interested participants are requested to submit an abstract of 300-350 words.
- The abstract should clearly outline the research question, methodology, and expected outcomes.
- Abstracts should be accompanied by brief bio-notes of the authors.

### **Important Dates:**

- Abstract Submission Deadline: January 31, 2025
- Notification of Acceptance: February 5, 2025
- Registration Deadline: February 10, 2025

**Link for registration:** <https://forms.gle/y1Gvkcb6uEiHdXk36>

**Abstract submission Email:** [seminarenglishaus@gmail.com](mailto:seminarenglishaus@gmail.com)

**Registration Fee:**

Participants will not be required to pay any registration fee.

**Travel and Accommodation:**

Accommodation and local transport facilities from the Hotels/ Guest Houses to the Seminar venue will be provided to all the participants and 3-tier AC train fares will be reimbursed to the outstation participants. However, this would not apply to Tatkal/ Premium Tatkal bookings.

**How to Reach Assam University, Silchar:**

**By Air:**

The nearest airport is Silchar Airport (Kumbhirgram), located about 40 kilometers from the University.

**By Rail:**

Silchar Railway Station is well-connected with major cities of the country. The University is approximately 20 kilometers from the railway station, and taxis and auto-rickshaws are readily available.

**By Road:**

Silchar is connected by road to Guwahati, Agartala, Aizwal and other nearby towns.

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We look forward to receiving communication from interested participants with regard to their participation in what promises to be an enriching and thought-provoking seminar.