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Dr. Dag Erik Berg
Associate Professor,
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23rd September 2020
Dag Erik Berg will speak about the persistence of caste-based atrocities in India's liberal democracy and the development policies for the Scheduled Castes during the postcolonial period. The presentation will touch upon Dr. Berg's latest book *Dynamics of Caste and Law: Dalits, Oppression and Constitutional Democracy in India* published by the Cambridge University Press (2019).



Dr. Kristin Plys
Assistant Professor,
University of Toronto,
Canada
24th September 2020
Kristin Plys will speak about her book *Brewing Resistance: Indian Coffee House and the Emergency in Postcolonial India* published by the Cambridge University Press in September 2020. The book is based on Prof. Plys's doctoral research at Yale University.



Dr. Samson Bezabeh
Fellow, African Studies
Center- Leiden,
The Netherlands.
25th September 2020
Samson Bezabeh will speak about citizenship and the logic of sovereignty in the African context. The talk will be based on Dr. Bezabeh's prize-winning article published in *African Affairs*, one of the world's leading Political Science journals published by the Oxford University Press.



Shalini Rudra
Public health researcher,
University of
Warwick, UK
28th September 2020
Shalini Rudra, a public health expert formerly worked with Tata Trusts and Observer Research Foundation, will speak about the political economy of health – an area highly relevant in the context of the unfolding Covid 19 pandemic.



Manu P Toms
Editor - Venture Capital
and Internet Economy,
ET Prime
The Times of India
17th October 2020
Manu P Toms, one of India's prominent business journalists, will speak about the new frontiers in Internet Economy, alongside the socio-political implications that follow.

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An international webinar was conducted in September-October 2020 on the topic "Emerging Research Methods in Social and Political Science." Eminent international scholars such as Dr. Dag Erik Berg (Associate Professor, Molde University College, Norway), Dr. Kristin Plys (Assistant Professor, University of Toronto, Canada), and researchers like Dr. Samson Bezabeh (Fellow, African Studies Center-Leiden, The Netherlands), ShaliniRudra (Public Health Researcher, University of Warwick, UK), and Manu P Toms (Editor – Venture Capital and Internet Economy, ET Prime, The Times of India) served as spokespersons for the session.

- The inaugural speaker, Dr. Dag Erik Berg from Molde University College, Norway, spoke about the persistence of caste-based atrocities in India's liberal democracy and the development policies for the Scheduled Castes during the postcolonial period. The presentation also touched upon Dr. Berg's book, "Caste and Law: Dalits, Oppression, and Constitutional Democracy in India," published by Cambridge University Press (2019).

- The second speaker, Dr. Kristin Plys (Assistant Professor, University of Toronto), spoke about her book "Brewing Resistance: Indian Coffee House and the Emergency in Postcolonial India," published by Cambridge University Press (2020).

- The third speaker, Dr. Samson Bezabeh (Fellow, African Studies Center-Leiden, The Netherlands), spoke about citizenship and the logic of sovereignty in the African context. The talk was based on his prize-winning article published in African Affairs by Oxford University Press.

- The fourth speaker, ShaliniRudra, a public health researcher at the University of Warwick, UK, and formerly associated with Tata Trusts and Observer Research Foundation, addressed the political economy of health—a highly relevant area in the context of the unfolding Covid-19 pandemic.

- The fifth speaker, Manu P Toms, one of India's prominent business journalists, spoke about the new frontiers in the Internet economy, alongside the socio-political implications that follow. Both BA and MA students of the college participated in the seminar.