

## About Monk® Prayogshala® (Sec 8)

We are a not-for-profit academic research institution, registered under the Companies Act, 1956. We undertake projects covering the entire research life cycle from proposals to experimentation through to publishing and feedback integration. We follow rigorous processes in the development of our research proposals, while ensuring that we adhere to ethical considerations prescribed by international organisations.

## Fifth Annual Seminar in the Social Sciences

Now in its fifth edition, the seminar in social sciences will showcase undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral research in the social sciences in India. It will engage with wide-ranging contemporary topics in the social sciences and provide a forum for students from various institutions to engage in exchange of academic knowledge.

The seminar aims to encourage high quality research as an important part of the undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral curricula in India. It will provide an opportunity to students from various disciplines within the social sciences to present and receive a critical review and useful comments on their research. Participants will also be able to engage with topics of contemporary relevance and rigorous methods employed in social sciences research. This seminar aims to establish an academic forum for students of the social sciences to showcase their work.

## Important Dates for Participants

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 (Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm)

**Venue:** 4116, Oberoi Garden Estates, C Wing, Off Saki Vihar Road, Near Chandivali Studios, Powai, Mumbai 400072

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## About the Keynote Speaker

This year's keynote address will be given by [Dr. Shagata Mukherjee](#) on 'Experimental economics and India: lessons from field experiments in microfinance'. Dr. Mukherjee completed his Ph.D. at Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies in Atlanta, USA in 2017. His research and teaching interests are in the fields of behavioral and experimental economics, development economics, and public policy. His work has a strong focus on the role of gender, social contexts and norms on policies. Dr. Mukherjee is also a Research Fellow at the Mumbai School of Economics and Public Policy, University of Mumbai, and Affiliated Researcher to the Centre for Experimental Social Sciences (CESS), FLAME University, Pune.

## Schedule

Presenter	Title of Paper	Time
Anirudh Tagat	Introduction to Monk Prayogshala and Seminar Review Process	9:30 - 10:00
Shagata Mukherjee (MDAE/Mumbai U)	Experimental economics and India: lessons from field experiments in microfinance	10:00 - 10:45
<b>Break</b>		<b>10:45 - 11:00</b>
<b>Session 1</b>		
Ananya Tiwari (U Illinois)	The importance of process in driving educational goals	11:00 - 11:30
Darsha Patel (MSU Baroda)	Statistic anxiety among social science students:	11:35 - 12:05
Muskan Soni (Christ U)	Promoting Sustainable Living: The Informal Way	12:10 - 12:40
<b>Lunch</b>		<b>12:40 - 1:45</b>
<b>Session 2</b>		
Megha Gurnani (Sussex)	Understanding user-experience of a digital therapy for paranoia	1:50 - 2:25
Feryl Badiani (LSE)	Reciprocal causation as the new bridge between the arguments of nature and nurture	2:30 - 3:00
Vishakha Taunk (MSU Baroda)	Understanding attitude of people towards marriage and extramarital affairs	3:05 - 3:35
<b>Break</b>		<b>3:35 - 3:50</b>
<b>Session 3</b>		
Mandira Narain (JNU)	An Interdisciplinary understanding of the Indian Cyberspace	3:50 - 4:20
Dharika Athray (FLAME)	An analysis on the current situation of Sri Lankan Tamil refugee women in India	4:25 - 4:55
Sampada Karandikar	Concluding Session & Valedictory	5- 5:20