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Call For Research Papers, Review Articles and Book Reviews for the Special Volume of *Social Science Gazetteer (SSG)*

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Intersectional Identities: Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives’**

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**Target Academic/Scholarly Audience: Social Scientists, Research Scholars, Policy Analysts, and
Activists**

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Submission Deadline: November 15, 2026

Overview & Rationale

The *Social Science Gazetteer (SSG)*, a peer-reviewed biannual publication of the Indian Social Science Association (ISSA), invites **Social Scientists, Academic Researchers, Policy Analysts and Frontline Activists** to contribute to this **Special Volume**. Recognising that contemporary social realities cannot be captured by academic theory alone, we actively encourage multi-disciplinary contributions that bridge empirical social science, policy analysis, and grounded activist / field insights.

To ensure global analytical depth, contributions presenting perspectives from **both India and international contexts** are explicitly welcome. Comparative studies, localized field reports, and theoretical assessments from the Global South and Global North are equally encouraged.

The intersection of digital spaces and contemporary civil society has fundamentally altered how public spheres operate, how social movements organize, and how marginalized identities navigate power structures. Digital networks serve as double-edged tools: enabling subaltern expression, decentralized advocacy, and transnational solidarity while simultaneously facilitating algorithmic exclusion, surveillance, disinformation, and digital violence.

It is a proud privilege for ISSA that **Professor Atul Pratap Singh**, from Department of Social Work, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, University of Delhi, on our humble request, has agreed to act as ‘**Guest Editor**’ of this **Special Volume** of *Social Science Gazetteer*.

Suggested Sub-Themes

We invite theoretical, empirical, methodological, and practice-based submissions ***focusing on, but not limited to***, the following sub-themes:

- **Digital Mobilization and Grassroots Activism:** Social movements, digital counter-publics, coalition building, and offline-online campaign linkages.
- **Intersectional Digitalities:** How caste, class, gender, race, religion, ethnicity, sexuality, and regional identities shape access, participation, and exclusion in digital spaces.
- **Surveillance, State Control, Civic Rights, Democratic Health:** Algorithmic bias, digital censorship, internet shutdowns, and threats to digital dissent and democratic health.
- **Platform Labour, Platform Economy and Gig Worker Rights:** Precarity, collective bargaining, platform economy regulation, and labor organizing across marginalized identity groups.
- **Misinformation, Online Harassment, and Social Cohesion:** Disinformation campaigns vulnerable communities, hate speech, gender-based online violence, and community resistance strategies.
- **Methodological Innovations and Field Ethics:** Researching digital spaces using ethical frameworks, participatory action research, digital ethnography, and activist-academic collaborations.

Note on Scope: *The suggested sub-themes above are illustrative and non-restrictive. Contributors are encouraged to submit work on related themes that substantively engage with multi-disciplinary approaches to digital spaces, intersectional identities, technology, or modern civil society.*

Submission Guidelines (APA Style)

All manuscripts must strictly conform to the **Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th edition)** formatting standard.

1. Abstract:

- **Word Count:** 150-200 words.

- **Content:** Must explicitly outline the research/advocacy objective, theoretical or practical framework, methodology/field context, key arguments/findings, and 4-6 keywords.

2. Full Paper Standards (Post-Acceptance):

- **Length:** 3,500 - 6,000 words (including abstract, references, endnotes, tables, and figures). Field/Activist perspectives and policy papers may range from 4,000-6,500 words.
- **Formatting:** Standard 1-inch margins, double-spaced, 12-point font (e.g., Times New Roman).
- **Citations & References:** In-text citations and reference list entries must strictly follow **APA 7th edition** format (e.g., Author-Date citations, DOIs included for digital sources).

Important Dates

Phases	Deadline
Abstract submission & consent	September 2026
Full paper submission	November 15, 2026
Publication of volume of SSG	December, 2026

Submission Procedure

Abstracts and full manuscripts should be submitted electronically to the Editorial Secretariat at issaagra@hotmail.com; ssg@issaagra.in CC Prof. Atul Pratap Singh at atulpratapsingh2010@gmail.com with the subject line: *“Submission: ISSA Special Volume - Contemporary Civil Society - [Author Last Name]”*.

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