



Centre for Culture, Media & Governance
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Cordially invites you to a
Workshop on

Media Discourse and AFSPA

Wednesday, October 14, 2015
3:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Tagore Hall, Jamia Millia Islamia
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About the Workshop:

The workshop will be a brainstorming session on the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) - an Act that has invoked strong criticism and heated debates both within and outside the media since its implementation in 1958. Scholars, human rights activists and media practitioners come together to discuss one of the most contentious laws in the country.

Programme Schedule:

Welcome Remarks: Dr. Athikho Kaisii, Assistant Professor, Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, JMI

Panel Discussion: 3:00 pm to 5:15 pm

Chair: Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika, Director, Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, JMI

Panelists:

- Prof. Kamal Mitra Chenoy, Centre for Comparative Politics & Political Theory, JNU
- Ms. Rita Manchanda, General Secretary, South Asia Forum for Human Rights
- Mr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd.), Former Member NSAB, Former DG Police
- Mr. Gautam Navlakha, Human Rights Activist and Journalist

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Saima Saeed, Associate Professor, Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, JMI

Tea: 5:15 to 5:30 pm

About the Speakers:

Chair:

Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika



Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika is the Director of Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia. Sanjoy Hazarika, is a former correspondent of New York Times. He was also consulting Editor at The Statesman and Research Professor at the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi. He is Consulting Editor, Sunday Guardian. He has made a series of documentary films on the region especially on the Brahmaputra river. He is Convenor of the C-NES- Setu National Media Fellowship involving journalists from the North East and other parts of the country. He is the author of several books including *Strangers of the Mist, Tales of War and Peace from India's North East*. Prof. Hazarika was a member of the first National Security Advisory Board (1998-1999) and a member of the advisory panel (North East) for the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution. He is a former member of Committee to Review The Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), and a member of (ICSSR), National Council of the Indian Council of Social Science Research.

Prof. Kamal Mitra Chenoy



Prof. Kamal Mitra Chenoy is Professor in Centre of Comparative Politics & Political Theory, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He is a Member, Indian Council of Social Science Research. He is Vice President, All India Peace and Solidarity Organization; Founder member Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace and founder member of the Pakistan-India Forum for Peace and Democracy, India; Human Rights activist; Former President of Federation of Central Universities Teachers' Associations, India and former president, JNU Teachers' Association. Prof. Chenoy taught earlier in Columbia University as a visiting Scholar, New York, & Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi. He writes extensively in Indian & foreign journals and is a regular political commentator in print & electronic media. Prof. Chenoy is a well-known activist in civil society issues, was one of the organizers of the World Social Forum, Mumbai, 2004 and many such events. He is co-author of *Maoists and Other Armed Conflicts*, Penguin, 2010.

Rita Manchanda



Ms. Rita Manchanda is currently General Secretary, South Asia Forum for Human Rights (Delhi) and Research Director of SAFHR (Nepal) Project on Auditing Partitions as a Method of Conflict Resolution. She is a writer, researcher and a journalist and has written extensively on security and human rights issues. Her publications include *War and Peace in South Asia: Beyond Victimhood to Agency* (2001). Her research study on 'Naga Women in the Peace Process' (2004) is a benchmark contribution in field studies of gendered war narratives. She also co-edited the book *States Citizens and Outsiders: Uprooted Peoples of South Asia* (1997).

Ashok Bhan



Mr. Ashok Bhan is a retired IPS officer, former Member of the National Security Advisory Board (2010-2012), former Director General of Police Intelligence and Director General of Police Prisons. His current assignments include Member, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; Member of the J&K State Audit Advisory Board; Patron, J&K Regional Branch, Indian Institute of Public Administration; and Distinguished Fellow, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi.

Gautam Navlakha



Mr. Gautam Navlakha is a civil liberties activist with the People's Union for Democratic Rights and a journalist. He is also an editorial consultant of the Economic and Political Weekly (EPW). Navlakha has worked as a secretary of the People's Union for Democratic Rights (PUDR), and has also been a convener of the International People's Tribunal on Human Rights and Justice in Kashmir. He has worked and written extensively on Kashmir, and Chhattisgarh, which has been under the Naxalite influence of late. His book, *Days and Nights in the Heartland of Rebellion* (2012) Penguin Books, has been very well received.