

Uncovering Hierarchies of International Relations: Some Perspectives from India

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The understanding of International Relations (IR) in the present-day world stands challenged for its 'Euro-centric' bias. There are emerging voices for replacing understanding/s and praxis associated with 'Western IR' by democratic alternatives. These voices raised from several platforms that critical of the dominant/mainstream/conventional understanding have raised demands for 'global IR', 'pluriversal understanding of spaces, issues and problems', planetary approach to IR to name some. The proposed panel titled Uncovering Hierarchies of International Relations: Some Perspectives from India attempts to explore some of the important dimensions that form important categories of concerns, dialogue and research of these critical voices raised from a post-colonial context. These voices reflecting important perspectives of scholars working in India hold the potential of enriching the debate and contributing meaningfully towards further research that can broaden the horizons explored by the discipline of IR, its associated understandings, policy and practice. The papers are multi-disciplinary in nature and cover significant grounds. The diversity of disciplinary lens and methodologies offers to unveil the entrenched hierarchies compressed within its folds, question the workings of power-relations, unmute the silences in IR and invest it with more democratic, pluriversal and content relevant to the world we live in. The proposed panel comprises of five papers exploring and interrogating different aspects of hierarchical power-relations reflected in the present-day IR.

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