

# **Workshop on “Social Inclusion/ Exclusion in South Asia”**

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**Library Conference Hall**

**Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai**

Focusing particularly on South Asia, the workshop will discuss the multiple dimensions of social exclusion/inclusion seen in the sub-continent, to not only capture how ‘social exclusion’ is intrinsic to deprivation or deprivation in-itself, but also the processes of political engagement and social interactions that the socially excluded develop as strategies and networks for their growth/development. In the process, the workshop will attempt to grapple with the question of whether governance processes adopt a more dynamic approach to provide spaces for the ‘socially excluded’ to have their own ways of tackling exclusion, thereby raising discussions around the contested positions that underlie development discourse on social exclusion and social inclusion. Bringing together researchers/scholars from different disciplines from India, the South Asia region and Germany, the workshop will explore emerging issues on social exclusion/inclusion, such as –

- The mainstreaming concerns like diversity and attention to strands of social exclusion (for e.g., race/ethnicity, caste/tribe, gender, religion, etc.).
- The pro-devolution discourse, looking at issues of inclusive and participatory democracy;
- The neo- institutionalist perspective, looking at new governance structures, and the system openness (spaces), and equality opportunities that exist therein.

The workshop, thus, aims to provide a platform to intensively exchange the multifaceted and important issue of social/ inclusion and offer an opportunity for establishing sustainable research networks.