

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES RESEARCH CENTRE (DCRC)

Developing Countries Research Centre (DCRC), an interdisciplinary research Centre was set up by the University of Delhi on 20 April 1993 under the Board of Interdisciplinary Programme. The status of DCRC was upgraded to that of a constituent of the Faculty of Social Sciences in 2004.

The Centre provides opportunities to teachers and research scholars in University of Delhi and outside the University system, to collectively deliberate on issues that confront the developing world, and to reflect on the theoretical tools, that prove appropriate for the study of this part of the world. The Centre brings the University community, policy makers and social activists together for a meaningful exchange of ideas seeking to bridge the narrow boundaries of various disciplines, on numerous occasions. DCRC attempts to ground the pursuit of knowledge in the historical experiences of the developing world, and to foreground the values of freedom, equality, rights, and human dignity. DCRC has contributed to the formation of a vibrant academic community over the years.

Developing Countries Research Centre (DCRC) is a meeting point for both theory and practice. The Centre also doubles up as a mediating forum that seeks to merge the various enriching perspectives culled from the experiences of academics and activists and thereby is able to create a space for the academic world that interrogates and deliberates on the social realities. DCRC has collaborated with various global international organizations without losing its distinctive focus on the salience of grassroots politics.

OBJECTIVE

- The objective of Developing Countries Research Centre (DCRC) is to deconstruct concepts that are part of the conventional knowledge framework. It has consistently tried to provide a platform to those voices that have been marginalized by the dominant paradigms, seeking thereby to provide an alternative world view of socio-political realities related to gender, sexuality, the indigenous people, cultural and religious minorities, and other narratives reflecting marginalized perspectives.
- A collective vision of DCRC entails widening the horizons by moving beyond narrower national contours/boundaries to a larger South Asian/Developing world framework.
- The objective of DCRC is to critically address important political and intellectual issues that emerge from the study of the postcolonial world and integrate these insights into teaching at the undergraduate, postgraduate, and research levels in the vast educational network of University of Delhi.
- The overall objective is to build Developing Countries Research Centre (DCRC) as a Centre which can act as a springboard of critical and creative theory.

PROGRAMMES

- Developing Countries Research Centre (DCRC) has organized All India and International Seminars and Conferences on themes of significant interest, sometimes in collaboration with prestigious institutions.
- The programmes are oriented around the themes of poverty alleviation, women and labour studies, film as social science text, classics reading club, conflict, cities, gender and migration in Asia, social healing, development and rights, representation and the poor.
- The Centre aims to generate a body of knowledge which engages with the issues that confront the postcolonial world. Scholars in Political Science, Economics, Sociology, History, Geography, Education, Philosophy, Psychology and Literature have been involved in this effort.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- The Rights of the Girl Child, funded by the Central Social Welfare Board, 2000.
- Child Labour in the Knife-Making Units in Rampur (U.P), funded by V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, 2000-2001.
- National Child Labour Programme in West Bengal funded by V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, 2000-2001.
- Poverty Eradication and Local Institutions: Comparative Study of Kalahandi, Chittoor and Bhojpur, funded by the Planning Commission, 2006.
- Rights, Representation and the Poor: Comparing Large Developing Democracies: India, Brazil and Mexico in collaboration with the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex.
- Women and Migration in Asia.

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