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Registration

Interested candidates may submit their applications using the link to Google Form given below with required details on or before 12th March 2022.

Shortlisted candidates will receive the update and invitation to confirm their participation by 14th March 2022.

There is no registration fee.

Logistics

Selected candidates will be given accommodation, food and travel allowance (sleeper train / bus on production of tickets covering the shortest route).

Contact

For any details, you may write to the workshop co-ordinator at laxman@mids.ac.in

Google Form Registration Link

<https://forms.gle/uecHYXmjgEaLua886>

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State, Society and Market are organically intertwined with one another in terms of their existence and continuation. State and market are indispensable to any contemporary human society without which hardly anything would be possible. But the nature, role and content of these institutions get reconfigured and vary across time and space. Thus, it is imperative for any social scientist to be well equipped with the theoretical formulations regarding these institutions in order to provide a nuanced understanding of any society.

In the past two and half decades across the world, a number of changes have taken place in many fields of life and polity, both at the national and international levels, resulting in drastic changes in Indian economy and polity. The process of Globalization has no doubt enabled the free flow of foreign capital, trade and commerce ensuing in many commodities being produced and promoted by digital economy, Multi-National Corporations (MNCs), dissemination of knowledge, exchange of resources and assertions cultural diversity.

However, the sovereign nation-states have become neo-liberal market-centric economies. The introduction of economic reforms, Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) and the three-lane process: Liberalization, Privatization and Globalisation (LPG) have extensively contributed to the changing role of the state – as a facilitator of market-centric growth rather than a responsible welfare state with sustainable development.

In the era of liberalization, globalization and privatization, the role of the market is increasingly becoming pivotal in shaping the lives of people even in developing countries like India. The state, apart from providing much needed stability in society for the market to function, in a functioning democracy is expected to ensure that the ills of the market are countermanded through legislative, executive and judicial regulations and interventions. However, the State is not without the influence of market players who despise such regulations and interventions for their own interest.

The dynamic relationship between state, market, and society has been the centre of discussion for various reasons. Among others, the transformation driven by globalisation and shift towards neo-liberal development approach has opened new angles in these debates. The state, market, and society are embedded in each other and constructed by their interactions with one another; the response to specific policy changes, disasters like the present Covid 19 Pandemic expose the

limits and impact of such relationships. Society has organic link to the state and the market, whereby it can play a role in bringing much needed justice and fairness in their functioning. This is although contingent upon the kind of representation of diverse sections within the power structures of the society. Beyond identifying these dynamics, one may recognise their importance in a broader sense and implications for the development of any society.

It is in this backdrop that the five-day capacity building workshop in the last week of March 2022 will try to address the following and other related aspects:

1. What are the different theoretical formulations regarding the State, Society and Market?
2. What are the primary functions and salient features of the State, Society and Market?
3. How the dynamics and interface between these major institutions is affected by democratic or anti-democratic tendencies within these institutions and society?
4. Whether Market is an equal opportunity space? Can the Market substitute the State in protecting the citizens' well-being and upholding human rights in any Society?
5. How the relationship between the State, Society and Market in the past 75 years has shaped the socio-economic development and political democracy in India?
6. How does the functional dynamics of state and Market have been impacting the social groups and different sectors?

Eminent scholars from social science disciplines will enrich the discussion in various sessions of this five-day capacity building workshop with their domain expertise. Each session will begin with an introductory lecture by the resource person on the concerned topic, which will be followed by discussions and question & answer session involving the participants. The reading materials for each session will be circulated well in advance so that participants can read them before the session. In the selection process, SC, ST, Women and Other Marginalized Communities will be given priority.