

Mediated campaigns and Unmediated Politics in Millennial India

Call for papers: A multi-disciplinary workshop on youth and new media turn in politics and policy

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The arrival of smartphones, cheaper data packs and social networking sites is seen to have had a major impact on the emergence of new forms of social and political mobilisations. New media and online social networks have also become a ready tool for participation in election campaigns, particularly for the younger ‘millennial’ demographic which has emerged as a beating heart of protest and public policy today. In spite of the widely held notions about youth disaffection and their general disinterest in politics, younger citizens in India have been at the forefront in the use of media in campaigns across various states while at the same time becoming the visible fist of brutalising politics which seems to evade the institutional framework for democracy. The workshop aims to unpack the rise of social media influencers and practitioners as a crucial political intermediary, and explore its role in enabling popular mobilisations, in elections campaigns as well as in the context of public policy.

Towards this end we invite abstracts for research articles relating (but not limited) to the following themes:

- New media, youth and ‘millennial’ politics
- New media and political participation
- Political intermediaries and digital media regulation
- Elections and media: Impact of ICTs
- Parties, movements and online social networks
- Media celebrities and popular politics

The deadline for submission is Monday, the 18th of February, 2019.

Each submission must include a brief abstract (maximum of 300 words), a brief biography of the author (maximum of 50 words) as well as professional affiliations and e-mail for correspondence.

Please mail your submission in PDF format to the convenors: aasim@iiitd.ac.in (also cc) jt.martelli@csh-delhi.com

If selected, the author(s) would be expected to submit full papers (up to 5,000 words) and the deadline for it would be the 4th of April, 2019. Selected papers would also be considered for a potential special issue in a peer-reviewed journal edited by faculty from IIIT-Delhi and CSH-Delhi. Convenors have applied for funding in order to be able to cover some travel expenses; we will be able to inform you about the outcome of the application by the end of February. Please let us know if you would like to receive a travel bursary from CSH/IIIT-D.

For any further queries please feel free to contact the convenors.