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Press Release

JMI organises extension lecture of renowned sociologist Saskia Sassen on "Concept of City Region: In context of Indian Cities"

-"Planners and city dwellers should focus on inclusive cities rather than BIG cities"

The Faculty of Architecture and Ekistics, Jamia Millia Islamia(JMI) organized an (online) extension lecture titled "Concept of City Region: In context of Indian Cities" by renowned sociologist Saskia Sassen, Columbia University, New York, USA on 01st October 2020.

The session was moderated by Sheikh Intekhab Alam, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, JMI.

Saskia Sassen is a Dutch-American sociologist noted for her analyses of globalization and international human migration. She is Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology at Columbia University and Centennial visiting Professor at the London School of Economics. Her books include Expulsions: Brutality and Complexity in the Global Economy, Cities in a World Economy, Losing Control: Sovereignty in an Age of Globalization, among many others. Her books have been translated into over 20 languages. She is the recipient of diverse awards and mentions and multiple doctor honoris causa. She was awarded the Principe de Asturias 2013 Prize in the Social Sciences, selected as one of the top 100 women in the Sciences in 2018, and most recently awarded the Picciotto Prize.

The extension lecture, which was organized for the third semester students of M.Arch Urban Regeneration for the subject Concepts: Expanse Of City; Regional Inter---relationships, they are also working on a Research Studio on Migration Patterns within the National Capital Region.

Ms Sassen touched upon various topics during the lecture, in her words "Planners and city dwellers should focus on more cities rather than big cities", she talked extensively on poverty and the city, Migration, inclusive cities, Post Pandemic Cities, Her lecture focused on modes of power, and how those that we think of as positive should increasingly be recognised as acts of violence. Almost all her perspectives are centred on these economic activities in the centrality of the city which she calls "Global city".

Ms. Sassen congratulated the University on completion of 100 years.

More than eighty participants attended the online lecture, participants also included students and faculties from other streams of M. Arch like Ekistics, Recreation Architecture, Pedagogy and PhD Students. She also talked about the inequalities between cities which seemed to be increasing with the Internet and communication technologies. Also, that the economic fortunes of these cities becomes progressively disconnected even from their national economies.

Professor Hina Zia, Head of the Department, Faculty of Architecture and Ekistics in her introductory session highlighted the importance of Regional studies, she also briefly gave an overview of the University.

Professor Jamal Ansari, Former Director, SPA New Delhi, and Visiting Professor, JMI, gave the concluding remarks and vote of thanks.

Ms. Sasken later wrote back saying she enjoyed interacting with the students and faculty members and looks forward for further collaboration with the University.

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