

Press Release

**Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion, JMI organises a lecture on
'Interdisciplinary Foundations of Disciplinary Formation'**

New Delhi, October 17, 2025

The Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion (CSSI), Jamia Millia Islamia, organized an **Extension Lecture** Series on the theme "Interdisciplinary Foundations of Disciplinary Formation: The Concerns of Indian Political Science (1920s–1940s)" at Room 107, Noam Chomsky Complex.

The distinguished speaker for the session was Prof. Maidul Islam, an eminent scholar from the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, widely recognized for his significant contributions to political theory, Indian politics, and critical social thought.

In his lecture, Prof. Islam examined the colonial foundations of political science in India, underscoring the pivotal role played by academic institutions and key scholars in shaping the discipline. Drawing on foundational texts such as Political Processes and engaging with intellectual intersections between civics, social contract theory, Islamic studies, and constitutional developments of the 1930s, he offered a compelling historical and analytical perspective. His lecture highlighted how colonial frameworks structured early Indian political thought and generated rich interdisciplinary dialogues spanning political science, history, and literature.

The session was chaired by Prof. Tanuja, Officiating Director, CSSI, and convened by Dr. Mujibur Rehman, Senior Faculty at the Centre. In her remarks as Chair, Prof. Tanuja commended Prof. Islam's erudite engagement with the disciplinary and intellectual history of political science, emphasizing the lecture's relevance for reimagining disciplinary boundaries in the social sciences.

Dr. Mujibur Rehman extended his appreciation to the speaker and participants, observing that the lecture meaningfully enriched ongoing academic conversations at CSSI on interdisciplinarity and the social construction of knowledge. Prof. Arvind also offered insightful observations, contributing to a stimulating academic exchange. The event was coordinated by Dr. Sabah Hussain, Faculty, CSSI.

The lecture drew active participation from students, research scholars, and faculty members, who engaged in a vibrant discussion following the presentation. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks to the speaker and attendees.

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Extension Lecture

Topic:

**Interdisciplinary Foundations of Disciplinary
Formation: The Concerns of Indian Political
Science 1920s – 1940s**

by



Prof. Maidul Islam

DPhil (University of Oxford, UK)
Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta

(A distinguished political scientist and author with a DPhil from the University of Oxford. His scholarly work spans political theory, South Asian politics, and cinema studies, reflecting his deep engagement with contemporary political and cultural discourse. Prof. Islam's contributions to academia continue to inspire critical thought and dialogue in the study of politics and society.)

Chair:



Prof. Tanuja,
Offg. Director, CSSI

Co-Chair:



Dr. Mujibur Rehman,
Faculty, CSSI

Venue:

**Room No. 107, Noam
Chomsky Complex, Gate
No. 19, Jamia Millia
Islamia**

Time:

**3:00 PM
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