



International Conference

**DIVERSITY, MARGINS AND DIALOGUE: LOCAL, NATIONAL
& TRANSNATIONAL CULTURES**

2nd - 4th January 2014

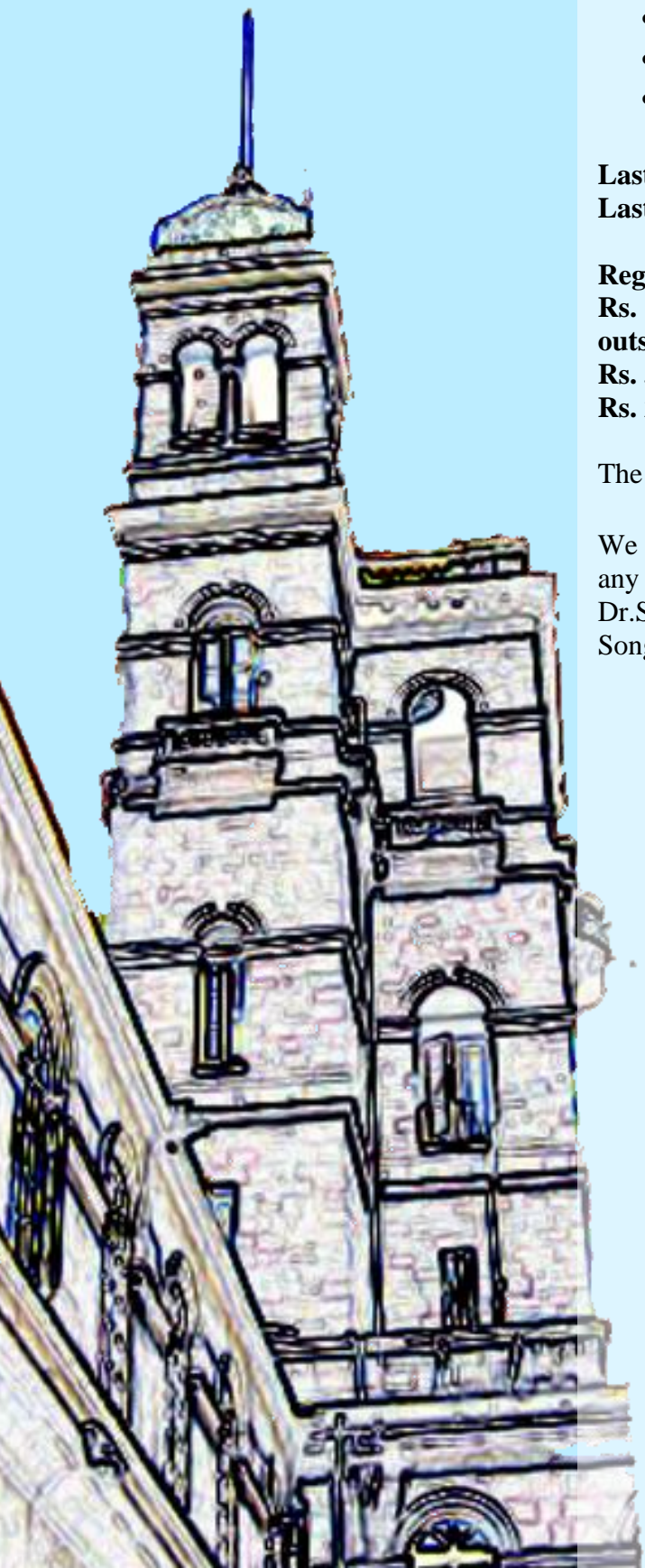
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This conference seeks to understand the challenges thrown up on the background of increasing social diversities, for those who are on the margins on local, national or transnational level. In most locales and contexts, increasing diversity has become a feature of the societies, with the ongoing changes on a global level. When the world is moving towards a claimed more equal and just system, the structures that are being evolved in the process to redistribute the access equally may become closed to some groups which are a part of the diversity but remain on the margins.

Multiple structures such as class, gender, caste or ethnicity, religion, create and reshape the diversity in a society. At times these may define, shape and reshape the 'margins' which in turn may be diverse in the local, national and/or transnational setting. These locales, structures and relation of people, redefine the existence of margins in a diverse society. In the multidimensional process of globalization, a constant process of negotiations and contestation goes on with the society or with the state, be it the marginal groups in an Indian local setting or the Diaspora or ethnic groups in transnational settings. Though there is a concern to create the structures facilitating access and ensure rights for all, for those who are the excluded, equal life chances may remain a distant dream, be it a local or a transnational space. Experiences of diverse groups would differ from local to transnational spaces. However, it may be possible to learn from each other and create a dialogue.



The papers are invited related to following themes:

- Diversity, margins and exclusion: Definitional issues
- Historicity, diversity & margins: Identity and exclusion.
- Cultural practices: Changing institutions and excluded groups
- Interrogating state policies & programs: Education, health
- Diaspora ethnicity and diversity
- Gender, violence & exclusion
- Media and perception of issues of margins.

Last Date for Abstract Submission: November 30, 2013

Last Date for Paper Submission: December 13, 2013

Registration:

Rs. 500/- for (selected) paper presentation (with accommodation for outstation participants)

Rs. 500/- for participants (includes conference kit & food)

Rs. 200/- for students (concession with ID)

The Demand Draft should be sent to 'The Registrar, University of Pune'

We invite your papers related to the theme and your participation. For any information and submission of abstracts/ papers, kindly write to Dr.Swati Shirwadkar, Convener at swati@unipune.ac.in or Elizabeth Songate at esongate@gmail.com