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**PEACE AND JUSTICE: A SUBALTERN  
PERSPECTIVE**

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**Sub Themes**

- Peace and Justice : Contributions of Dr.Ambedkar towards Peace
- Caste, Conflict and Peace building
- Peace and Working Class: A Marxian Perspective
- Periyar and Social Justice
- Gender, Patriarchy and Dalit Feminism
- Social Integration and Peace: Savitribai Phule & Jyotirao Phule
- Pandit Iyothee Thass & Dravidian Consciousness
- Faith and Peace
- Health and Peace
- Migration, Poverty and Peace
- Education, Exclusion and Justice

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### NATIONAL STUDY CONFERENCE

Peace building initiatives are often perceived to prevent the outbreak, escalation, continuation and recurrence of violence. It is generally discussed under the ambit of conflict resolution in association with Direct Structural Power, Government Mechanisms and Legitimacy. The Subaltern call for peace aims for a deeper understanding of the root cause of conflict and prevalence of intergenerational Injustices. It does not desire for mere absence of violence or war, rather it persuades towards Inclusion, Justice, Reconciliation and Redistribution.

The subaltern perspective of peace challenges the hegemonic power structures by bringing change in attitudes, behaviors and norms. In the subaltern peace initiatives there is remorse for the historical injustices against marginalized sections for disassociating them from accessing power, wealth and resources. The subaltern icon of Peace Dr. B.R Ambedkar had always propagated non-violent methods to revolt and resist against injustices. Having this perspective, the conference aims to create a platform to discuss, debate and listen to the unheard subaltern voices of peace and justice.

### DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

The Department of Social Work came into existence in 1957 and offered a Diploma course in Social Science. From 1964, it became a full-fledged two-year Post-Graduate programme with the introduction of M.A. Social Work offering Community Development, Human Resource Management, Medical and Psychiatric Social Work, Welfare of the Disadvantaged and Human Rights as specializations. The Department aims to promote a spirit of inquiry aimed at the development of the social work trainees with professional ethics to work at different levels for sustainable social development in line with the Ignatian paradigm of preparing Women and Men for and with others. The department considers education as a means for social change and transformation with societal commitment.

### SWASS

Social Workers Association for Staff and Students (SWASS) constitutes the students and faculty of the department. It provides a platform to gain hands-on experience in Professional bodies, through which the students organise programmes such as Annual study conference, child fest, intercollegiate dept fest and other events that enhance various skills of its members.

### LOYOLA COLLEGE

Loyola College, is a Catholic Minority Institution founded by the Society of Jesus in 1925 and is affiliated to University of Madras. The University Grants Commission conferred the status of "College with potential for Excellence" in 2004 and elevated the status to "College of Excellence". Loyola was re-accredited by NAAC in 2012 (Third Cycle) with 3.70 out of 4.00 CGPA. Loyola College continues to remain in the list of Top 10 Colleges in India ranked by India Today. Loyola College consistently and constantly works to form the students as Competent, Committed, Creative and Compassionate men and women for and with others. The College aims at training young men and women of quality to be leaders in all walks of life. It fosters an atmosphere of intellectual vigour and moral rectitude in which the youth of our country may find their fulfilment and achieve greatness as eminent men and women of service.

### SUBALTERN'S' ALLIANCE FOR PEACE (SAP)

Subalterns' Alliance for Peace (SAP) is a network (an apex forum) of NGOs working for promotion of peace and reconciliation among marginalised communities, particularly Dalits, Adivasis and Minorities. This initiative is supported by Mensen met een Missie, The Netherlands.

In recent years, we are witnessing polarization, hate and violence, based on religion, caste and political affiliation leading unrest among common people, particularly those belonging to lower caste and religious minority. We believe that there is an indispensable interdependency between different social groups, therefore a need to have a reciprocal co-responsibility in our effort for achieving peace. SAP envisages building resilience among local communities to