



SECOND INVITATION FOR FELLOWSHIPS

The Centre for the Study of Local Cultures

Invites applications for

DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

(Sponsored by the Flemish Interuniversity Council - VLIR, Belgium and Kuvempu University, Shankaraghatta)

The study of local cultures in India has so far been confined to the traditional approach of the departments of folk culture, English literature and socio-anthropological studies. There is a need to release the study of local cultures from these confines and to put it in a broader framework of interdisciplinary studies. Recognizing this, some of us, from within the Kuvempu University and the Research Centre *Vergelijkende Cultuurwetenschap* in Belgium came together to set up the Centre for the Study of Local Cultures (CSLC). Financial assistance for this project is provided by the Flemish Interuniversity Council – VLIR. Kuvempu University and Ghent University, Belgium have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to carry out the programme.

The long term goal of the Centre for the Study of Local Cultures is to become an internationally renowned research centre on South-Indian culture and society, which cultivates deep links with the local society and its cultural traditions. The CSLC also aims to be the catalyst behind the development of an innovative research culture in the social sciences in Karnataka. This will take an institutional form in the Karnataka Academy of Social Sciences and Humanities and will involve other Karnataka universities and research institutions. Within Kuvempu University, the centre will develop human resources and expertise for training social science teachers and researchers.

The Ph.D. Programme

As a part of achieving these overall objectives the CSLC offers a PhD programme for which a group of students will be provided with four-year fellowships. These research students will be trained in IT, language and research skills and will conduct research on caste/inequality and pluralism/conflict. The primary objective of the PhD programme is to provide high quality training to scholars in social sciences to become distinguished researchers and teachers in the social sciences. The programme seeks candidates of high caliber with strong academic interest and intellectual acumen and who are willing to make a strong commitment to scholarly inquiry.

Areas of research at the CSLC: comparative science of cultures; study of local cultures specifically related to caste/inequality and pluralism/conflict.

Fellowships:

- Three First Category Fellowships - Rs. 6500 per month (four years).*

- Two Second Category Fellowships - Rs. 2500 per month for the first two years and Rs. 3000 for the next two years (four years).*

* The selection for the first and second category Fellowships will be made on the basis of the Fellowship application, interview performance and merit. Both Fellowships have annual contingency benefits.

Qualifications of the candidate:

Degree: Master's degree in the social sciences and humanities (with 55% and above).

Languages: Knowledge of both Kannada and English is essential.

Selection Procedure: After an initial scrutiny of the applications, candidates are short-listed on the basis of their academic background and research experience. Subsequently they are called for a written test: the candidates will be provided with an article or part of an article and asked to answer a set of questions on this. This test will check the candidate's ability of reading and understanding texts and of developing a coherent argumentation. Those qualifying in the test will be asked to attend an interview on the same day. The results will be declared on the notice board of the Centre for the Study of Local Culture within two weeks of the interview. Moreover, the selected candidates will be communicated through e-mail or post.

How to apply: The application form can be obtained from the office of the Centre for the Study of Local Cultures either in person or by sending a request to the Administrative Officer, CSLC, Kuvempu University, Shankaraghatta-577451, Mob:9448449601. The applicant may also download the form from the Kuvempu University website (www.kuvempu.ac.in). Applicants should send their applications by e-mail or by post so as to reach the undersigned on or before the 15th of January 2008.

Note: The candidates must be willing to shift to the University campus at Shankaraghatta for the duration of the PhD programme. Moreover, during the course of their research, candidates might have to stay in Belgium (Europe) for a period of six months.

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