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# CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE OF MARGINALITY AND ADIVASIS SURPASSING SUBALTERN STUDIES

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## Abstract

Meanings around the marginality of the Adivasis in Kerala are intimately bound up with the discourses on development and politics. These discourses implied three pertinent questions: what constitutes the notion of development and politics, historically and contemporaneously? How and in what forms these are intersected with different forms of marginality? How do these discussions and analyses facilitate amplifying the descriptive meanings of marginality to locate this in a more conceptual landscape? A major source for answering these questions is the discourses constructed by Adivasi Gothra Maha Sabha (AGMS), a widely noticed contemporary movement of Adivasis in Kerala. Another source that the speaker uses here is *Adimamakka* (Slave Children or Children of Slaves), the recently published autobiography of CK Janu. Based on discourse analysis, this presentation argues that marginality is an evolving concept to look at contemporary Adivasi assertions in India by embracing the varied meanings attached to this concept. Further, these meanings surpass the traditions of subaltern studies.

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## About the speaker

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