

**XL INDIAN SOCIAL SCIENCE CONGRESS**  
**A DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR ORGANIZATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**  
**ON**  
**SCIENCE AND THE WORLD TODAY**

**0100 PREAMBLE**

Indian Academy of Social Sciences (ISSA) in association with University of Mysore proposes to organize an international symposium on “**Science And The World Today**”<sup>1</sup> during the 40<sup>th</sup> session of Indian Social Science Congress between December 19-23, 2016 at Mysore, with a view to enabling science to play its liberating role.

**0200 BACKGROUND**

The Indian Academy of Social Science recognizes that notwithstanding remarkable advances in Science of nature (Natural Sciences), Science of humans and of society (social Sciences), the ground reality is that:

- Of 7 billion inhabitants, 6 billion continue to be undernourished, malnourished, shelter-less and continue to live in sub human conditions.
- Despite massive and growing investments of human, financial and organizational resources in making the world a safe and secure place, threats of all kinds of violence continue to grow.
- Environmental and ecological degradation threatens the very capacity of The Planet Earth to sustain life.

In brief, the world today is in great turmoil and strife.

Why is it so?

Pursuing this question, the Indian Academy of Social Science (ISSA) has resolved to view Science as an organized system of knowledge of Nature-Humans-Society interactions<sup>2</sup> with potential of overcoming challenges of poverty, hunger, disease, ignorance, superstition, discrimination, environment degradation, and promoting goodwill, friendly relations between and among all humans to live in harmony with nature.

Joined by the University of Mysore, the process of exploration of the answer of the question ‘**Why?**’ will continue at the international symposium on “**Science And The World Today**” during the 40<sup>th</sup> session of Indian Social Science Congress between December 19-23, 2016 in the historic city of Mysore in India participated by concerned scientists, technologists, philosophers, academies and associations. Those working on involved issues in government and voluntary organizations are most welcome to provide valuable inputs to deliberations based on their hands on experiences.

**0300 OBJECTIVES**

The deliberations of proposed international symposium on “**Science And The World Today**” are expected to cover the following broad objectives (these are illustrative and not exclusive): -

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<sup>1</sup>Science refers to Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and overlapping areas.

<sup>2</sup> Hereafter referred to as Science of Nature-Humans-Society.

1. To comprehend the state-of-art knowledge of Science of Nature-Humans-Society from multiple perspectives.
2. To critically analyze contemporary organizational structures and processes involved in generation and propagation of comprehensive knowledge of Science of Nature-Humans-Society
3. To appraise the connections between science of Nature-Humans-Society and socio-politic-economic constraints on realizing the liberating potential of Science of Nature-Humans-Society.
4. To evolve a strategy for promoting deeper and comprehensive understanding of Science of Nature-Humans-Society.

#### **0400 TENTATIVE THEME**

The subthemes may be Science of Reality, Science and Metaphysics, Social Foundation/Bases of Science, Science and Religion, Science and Politics, Science and Market System, Science and Culture, Science and Ethics, Science and Society, Science and History, Science and Philosophy, Science and Environment, Science and Ecology

16. Creating a New World Through Science rooted in principles of cooperation, mutual sharing and mutual love and respect.

These are meant for creative thinking and better formulation through collective discussion

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