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EDITORIAL NOTE

We at *Social Science Researcher* began with a mission: To break the disciplinary silos. I hope we did that in our first issue last year. We have kept that as our motive in this issue as well. While doing that, rather attempting to do that, we are guided in our efforts to ensure that we do not hand out prescriptions; in other words, we are here to raise doubts and attempt at answering some of the questions that bother us. Ours is not an endeavour to arrive at final answers; and least of all to let the editor's opinion determine the contents and the arguments by our contributors.



To have a hundred flowers bloom and identify the weeds as and when they begin to eat the idea of critical thinking. Keeping this core of the Cartesian principle, we come out to you, dear readers in the academia, with yet another issue of *Social Science Researcher*.

Keeping with this, we have Dr. Anu Unny and Mr. Linesh VV, two young teachers arguing for revisiting conventional Marxism from the prism of the changes that the world we live has undergone in the 150 years after Marx and Engels explored the world around them, in their times, to write the *Manifesto of the Communist Party* in 1848. The two young scholars, in an essay here, explore the possibilities of re-inventing Marxism, an ambitious task indeed; they rest their case leaning on a 1985 text by Ernesto Laclau and Chantal Mouffe. The essay may not have all the answers



but they provide an opening to seek answers to adapt Marx and his praxis to the twenty first century. I leave it at that.

We also have, in this issue, an essay exploring the gender dimension in the making of foreign policy, rather unconventional I would say, by Dr. Girija and Dr. Basavaraja. And alongside is an attempt by Aneesh K.A., a research scholar from JNU, interrogating the experience of harnessing human capital in India's economic development. And I have an essay recalling the Champaran Satyagraha (April-August 1917) from a historian's point to see how much the event, that took shape 102 years ago, influenced and impacted the making of the Idea of India.

Look forward to more such efforts in the months and years ahead.

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