



## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES, BANGALORE

### Position available in the Urban and Mobility Studies Programme, School of Social Sciences

#### Research Associate/ Junior Research Fellow/ Senior Research Fellow

The National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), a visionary initiative of JRD Tata, has a mandate to create leaders of substance and credibility in a variety of domains in India, and to carry out in-depth, policy relevant research from a multi-disciplinary perspective, drawing on a wide spectrum of disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. NIAS provides a congenial atmosphere and institutional support for faculty and scholars to pursue their research and career goals, and expects them to produce significant outcomes in line with the institution's mandate. Please visit our website ([www.nias.res.in](http://www.nias.res.in)) for a comprehensive perspective.

We have **one** research position open in the grade of Research Associate (RA), Junior Research Fellow (JRF), or Senior Research Fellow (SRF) (depending on qualifications), for the research programme entitled *India's Changing Cityscapes: Work, Migration and Livelihoods*. The programme is a collaboration between NIAS and the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), and is funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

The programme is exploring the linkages between occupational change, labour, migration and skilling in cities of Karnataka. The central aim is to explore the implications of the changing urban economy and employment scenario and attendant patterns of migration; the emergence of new forms of work and workforces in the burgeoning service sector and construction industry; and the social implications of these shifts for the economic security, livelihoods, and social mobility of migrant workers as well as for their families and communities at home.

We are looking for engaged, well-trained and preferably experienced researchers to assist in the fieldwork and other research activities of the project. The job profile includes carrying out in-depth research in Bangalore and another city of Karnataka, including structured and semi-structured interviews, ethnographic fieldwork, documentary research, analysis of data and field notes, and report writing. The selected candidate will be based at the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore, working under the direction of Prof. Carol Upadhyaya.

Applicants should preferably have a recent master's degree in sociology, geography, anthropology, urban studies or other relevant social science disciplines. Familiarity with qualitative and ethnographic research methods and analysis, good English writing skills, knowledge of Kannada and/or other local languages of Bangalore, and a serious commitment to academic work and research, are requirements for the position. She or he should be proficient in basic computer software. The selected candidate must have good interpersonal skills, be able to interact effectively with different groups of people, and capable of carrying out in-depth ethnographic fieldwork and writing up clear field notes and interview transcripts in English.

The position is available initially for a period of six months, with an option for extension of another six months. Designation and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and salaries are competitive with scales offered by other premier institutions in India. Applicants with NET qualification will be considered at the level of JRF/SRF.

Interested candidates should submit *by email* a curriculum vita and a statement of interest, in a single PDF document, by **January 15, 2018**, to the undersigned. Short-listed candidates will be invited to NIAS for interview.

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