

## Foreword

This is the second issue of *Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences*. Originally, we had planned only one issue in a year – each issue being devoted to articles on a specified theme. This plan we have not, of course, abandoned: the next issue – on the theme of ‘Discourse and Truth in Social Sciences’ – will appear in December 1995. But meanwhile, we thought that the character, both of the Inter-University Centre in Humanities and Social Sciences and of the Institute would be better reflected if, in addition to a thematic issue, we also had, during the year, a ‘general’ issue which will carry articles on a variety of problems and themes. The present issue is the result of this thought. The articles, as a glance at the ‘contents’ page will show, deal with different issues. What they have in common, perhaps, is that they are issues which have a very important bearing on our understanding of our own particular contemporary predicament.

I am grateful to Chetan Singh, who has till recently been a Fellow of this Institute, for agreeing to be the Editor of the general issue. The care with which he has done the work of editing will be easily evident to the reader.

An additional feature of the journal, from this issue onwards, will be ‘Inter-University Centre Notes’. This will consist of brief reports on the research being done by Associates of the Centre.

The first issue of *Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences* has been received most enthusiastically by our readers. I do hope the present issue and the ones following will live upto the expectations which have already been generated by the first.

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