

## EDITORIAL

This issue of *Studies in Humanities and Social Science* appears at a time when the Covid 19 pandemic has affected everyone in almost every walk of life. The life of the community of fellows at Indian Institute of Advanced Study is no exception to this unprecedented calamity. But despite this we have been able to bring out this Summer issue of 2019 and we hope that it meets the expectations of the scholars.

This issue is a bunch of reflections in the areas of Philosophy, Indology, Social and Economic History, as well as Social Philosophy. Essays in this volume discuss issues of vital concern in dealing with moral, social, and historical problems which arise in interpreting ancient as well as modern texts and thinkers. We hope that these scholarly readings will bring to light many hitherto unnoticed issues that will further the critical engagement with these issues in the true spirit of the mandate of IAS.

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