

## Foreword

*Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences* is an important addition to the activities of the Inter-University Centre which is now a part of Indian Institute of Advanced Study. The journal will be a thematic one, which means that each issue will be devoted to articles on a specific theme. It will encourage theoretical thinking and debate on issues relating to our understanding of man, civilization, culture, and society. While the context of the journal will be our own experience in this country, it will also naturally be a part of the larger global debate about problems besetting mankind.

The life of a journal is a difficult one. We can survive and flourish only with the active cooperation of the intellectual community. On our part, we shall do our utmost to see that it does achieve the standards of excellence that we have set for it and that it makes an authentic contribution to the understanding of our contemporary predicaments.

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