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**PANEL TITLE:**

**PEASANT COMMUNITIES AND VILLAGE STUDIES**

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## ABSTRACT

The "village community" has been identified as the social base of the Asian peasant economy. This paves the way to understand how Indian "village studies" and Redfield's concept of "peasant studies" (Redfield 1965) are related. A "community" traditionally denotes socially engaged individuals residing together. They are united by shared ideals and are associated with social cohesiveness. The term can also be used to describe social units spread over a social space to form a regional or international community. Since the invention of the Internet, the idea of community is no longer restricted by physical boundaries because persons may come together virtually in online communities to share interests regardless of their physical locations. In this context it is critical for anthropologists to engage with changing realities of contemporary times and document narratives depicting contemporary interactive processes.

**Keywords:** Peasant, Village community, virtual communities, Linkages between village studies and Peasant studies.

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