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SUB-DOMAIN: YOUTH IN THE CHANGING WORLD, YOUTH CULTURE AND IDENTITY  
POLITICS**

## PANEL TITLE: YOUTH IN THE CHANGING WORLD

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### ABSTRACT

The term 'Youth' evokes many images and emotions- enthusiasm, excitement, and energy on one hand, and pressure to perform and prove on the other. Poet Byron writes that 'the days of our youth are the days of our glory'. Glory, indeed, that comes with resilience and perseverance. The world is changing at super-sonic speed. It is in this world of now and today that the youth is confronted with many challenges and constraints. If an ideal childhood could be seen as a carefree, fun filled, protected phase, youth is all about facing the world and its pressures to make a mark in a highly competitive space. There is desire to excel for some, while the others are grappling with the desperation merely to survive. Challenges make the chrysanthemums change into swords. From struggle for employment, to carving a niche, to matters of the heart and the search for spiritual solace in a world consumed by consumerism – the youth represent all these internal and external conflicts and more. We see how snares of drugs and crime gape to trap the youth. At the same time, we witnessed promising youth emerging as leaders in the domain of welfare and development. The panel shall engage in deliberations on all such dimensions of pivotal concern.

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