

Girmit to Global

A CALL FOR CHAPTERS | CO-EDITED VOLUME (2026)

SUB-THEMES

- ✓ Historical Perspectives
- ✓ Economy & Development
- ✓ Society & Culture
- ✓ Politics & Governance
- ✓ Memory, Identity & Transnationalism
- ✓ Comparative & Theoretical Approaches
- ✓ Law, Rights, and Justice



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IMPORTANT DATE

25TH FEB, 2026	28TH FEB, 2026	20TH APRIL, 2026	31 ST MAY, 2026	JULY 2026
Abstract Submission Deadline	Acceptance notification	First Draft Submission	Final Revised Chapter	Publication

Submission Guidelines

Abstract

- **Length:** 300–400 words
- **Include:** research questions, methodology, key argument, contribution
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Themes and Scope

Contributors are invited to submit chapter proposals on (but not limited to):

Historical Foundations

- Indenture system, recruitment, and colonial labour regimes
- Plantation economies, resistance, and early community formation

Economy and Development

- Girmitiya descendants in agriculture, trade, industry, and services
- Entrepreneurship, family enterprises, and national development

Society and Culture

- Language, religion, rituals, and cultural transmission
- Education, gender, social mobility, and community institutions

Politics and Governance

- Political participation and leadership in post-colonial states
- Citizenship, identity, and constitutional struggles

Law, Rights, and Justice

- Legal status of indentured labourers and contract regimes
- Civil rights, land rights, and post-indenture legal legacies

Memory, Identity, and Transnationalism

- Diaspora–homeland relations and global networks
- Oral histories, archives, literature, and collective memory

Comparative and Theoretical Perspectives

- Comparative Girmitiya experiences across regions
- Indenture, diaspora, and development frameworks

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- **20 April 2026** – First draft submission
- **30 April 2026** – Peer Review & Editorial Feedback
- **31 May 2026** – Final revised chapter
- **June 2026** – Manuscript Submission to Publisher
- **July 2026** – Publication

Editors, Institutions, and Publication Plan

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About the Institutions

The **Pravasi Setu Foundation** is a Section 8 nonprofit research and policy think tank based in New Delhi, India, dedicated to addressing the challenges and opportunities of migration — both within India and in the context of the Indian diaspora globally. The Foundation conducts **in-depth, data-driven research** on socio-economic, cultural, and policy aspects of migration, and works with policymakers, governments, civil society, and international organisations to **shape inclusive policies** that empower migrant communities. Through publications, media outputs, community engagement, advocacy, and capacity-building programmes, the Foundation seeks to amplify migrant voices and bridge gaps between research, policy, and lived realities.

The **Girmitiya Foundation** is an NGO based in India focused on supporting descendants of Girmitiya (Indian indentured labour) families in **discovering and reconnecting with their ancestral roots**, including the birthplaces and villages of their forebears. The Foundation also engages in cultural preservation, heritage research, and community support initiatives. Its activities include programmes to trace family histories, organise cultural festivals such as the Girmitiya Mahotsav celebrating diaspora heritage, and promote education, skill development, and empowerment among affected communities.

Editorial Process

- All chapters will undergo **editorial screening and peer review**
- Submissions must be **original and unpublished**
- Editors reserve the right to request revisions to ensure academic quality and thematic coherence

Publisher & Visibility

The volume is proposed to be published by a **reputed academic publishing house** and will be promoted through:

- Academic networks and university libraries
- Conferences, book launches, and seminars
- Diaspora and policy platforms

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