Overview:
The Center for Global Development and Sustainability will launch in the Fall of 2018 an open-access online journal to publish peer-reviewed papers and book reviews on the challenges of social exclusion and inclusive policies within South Asian societies and their diasporas. A unique feature of the journal will be to compare those to the struggles of other marginalized communities within the United States and abroad. CASTE will be guided by a high-level international editorial board which will be announced soon.

The journal builds upon our Center’s international conferences on caste that have since 2015 brought together hundreds of scholars and social movement leaders. Further, the GDS Research Center, has emerged as the leading academic institution in the United States that has made an institutional commitment to research and dissemination of analysis of the caste system in South Asia and the diaspora.

The journal will address social, political and economic dimensions of caste exclusion, as well as philosophical, theological and ethical discourse. Selected issues will be organized around themes with guest editors while standard issues may include such sub-sections on Race and Class, Gender, Culture and the Arts.

Among the objectives for the new journal are to encourage scholarship into caste issues throughout the world and to advance such scholarship in academic institutions in the United States; to provide an opportunity for young scholars to publish along with established senior researchers; to provide free subscriptions and access to all articles to eliminate financial barriers to learning for students around the world, and to publish online twice a year for the first year and then assess our capacity to publish three times annually.

We are grateful for the cooperation of the Brandeis Library and the Indian Institute for Dalit Studies.

Why Brandeis:
Brandeis was established in 1948 as a private non-profit university founded on principles of social justice. In 1985, Brandeis was elected to membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU), which represents the 62 leading research universities in the United States and Canada. The Center for Global Development and Sustainability at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis is the leading think tank and applied research center in the United States on social exclusion in South Asia.