

EU-India Platform for the Social Science and Humanities (EQUIP): Final Showcasing Event

Date: 08-09 March, 2017

Venue: New Delhi

Dr. Anshu Bharadwaj, Shrimoyee Bhattacharya and Arushi Sen from CSTEP participated in the showcasing event “EU-India Platform for the Social Science and Humanities (EQUIP)” on 08-09 March, 2017 in New Delhi. The focus of the discussions, during the event, was on multidisciplinary research and collaborations. This is an important area for CSTEP in its ongoing endeavours, as well as to understand collaborative opportunities, with social sciences organisations, in some of the verticals that CSTEP works on, such as energy and urban studies.

Dr. Anshu Bharadwaj was part of a session on ‘Experiences of Multilateral collaboration’ where he spoke about CSTEP’s experience in doing multi-disciplinary research, and Shrimoyee Bhattacharya was part of a session on ‘Bringing Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives to Societal Challenges’. She presented CSTEP’s experiences of working on various engagements, where a multidisciplinary approach was an inbuilt requirement, and presented examples of how many urban challenges demanded collaborations between science, technology and social sciences and also, briefly, gave an overview of the demand for research funding.

Interesting points covered at the event included:

- The need for increased collaborations of social sciences in disciplines which are generally considered as science and technology dominated
- How to enhance policy impact and associated challenges
- The methodological and data challenges in social sciences research
- The need for international collaboration in research projects
- How technology can help in management of cultural resources
- Funding opportunities available from European Commission partners in EQUIP
- EQUIP will launch a call for proposals sometime in April
- Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) calls for proposals occasionally