



SOAS SU Preferenda Manifesto Submission Form

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What Preferenda Solution are you submitting a manifesto on behalf of?	SOAS SU should support a Caste Campaign at SOAS - A Step towards Inclusivity and Social Justice
Facts: What is the issue you're trying to address?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Caste-based exclusionary behaviour continues to be prevalent in our daily life, it does not stand the boundary of the South Asian subcontinent, and such practices are consciously or unconsciously visible in the SOAS student community. 2. Enabling caste-sensitisation for both administrative and academic spaces - addressing caste as a "protective category", similarly laying provision for "discriminatory caste actions" at SOAS 3. Giving due acknowledgement and appreciation to marginalised LGBTQIA+, especially to that Dalit-queer helping them to mobilise themselves and assert themselves in a casteist and patriarchal hierarchy that do not provide enough affirmative spaces for LGBTQIA+ individuals to assert stands. 4. Making awareness and provisions for Dalit History Month and Dalit LGBTQIA+ months (a much-needed aspect that we as people of SOAS need to address celebrating the people of a marginalised community and their work so that their revolutionary ideals continue to live on among us).
Impact: How does the current issue affect students?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anti-caste establishment brings in critical ways to address social injustice and creates an inclusive and safe environment for the people of caste. 2. Enable the student community to adapt appreciative approaches for both caste and race. 3. Help in mobilisation and self-development of the caste community at SOAS. 4. It will also make SOAS and SOAS SU an inclusive and safe space.

Response:
What would you like the students' union to do to address the issue and how can we take it forward?

1. Leading Caste Campaign.
2. Enabling more active involvement of students from marginalised caste communities. In realising deeply entrenched caste-based issues at SOAS.
3. Laying out provisions for administrative redressal of caste as a protective category
4. The University to include Caste based discrimination within SOAS Policies, including through the creation of an Anti-Caste based discrimination policy.
5. Creating a greater consciousness of caste-based discrimination.
6. Enabling caste-sensitisation sessions at SOAS.
7. All relevant cultural and religious societies should be actively involved in this.
8. Include education about Caste in sensitisation training and within Freshers Week communication.
9. The relevant university's undergraduate programmes should include increased information on Caste and the way it manifests.
10. Staff members/lecturers/tutors who are involved in programmes that are teaching subjects related to South Asia and staff members involved in the department must undertake specific and bespoke training around Caste based discrimination.