

# CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF ODISHA, KORAPUT

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### **Central University of Odisha Hosts Talk on Global Ethnography in Higher Education**

The Department of Sociology at the Central University of Odisha organized a thought-provoking talk on "Collaborating Beyond Borders: Doing Ethnography Together in Global Higher Education". The event, held on 11 February 2025, featured Mr. Adam Woodage, Research Assistant at the University of Cambridge, UK, as the keynote speaker.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi extended his best wishes for the successful conduct of the program. Dr. Kapila Khemundu, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology, delivered the welcome address, while Dr. Deepthi Shanker, Associate Professor of Sociology, coordinated and presented the session.

Mr. Woodage led discussions challenging conventional ethnographic methodologies, advocating for the adoption of newer, technology-mediated research approaches. The session also explored the future trajectory of ethnographic research within global higher education contexts.

Beyond his academic pursuits, Mr. Woodage is a published author in the field of sports, particularly football, and a tech-education entrepreneur. As part of his visit to the Central University of Odisha from February 10 to 15, 2025, Mr. Woodage is engaging with students and faculty from the Sociology, Anthropology, and related departments. His schedule also includes visits to local museums and libraries for research.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Nupur Pattnaik, Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology. Faculty members including Dr. Aditya Keshari Mishra, Dr. Elisa Mohanty, Dr. Saubhagya Laxmi Singh, and Dr. Manas Ranjan Mallick, along with students from the Sociology department, actively participated in the interactive discussions, making the program a vibrant academic engagement.

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