



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD

### PERSPECTIVES FROM SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA

*January 31 - February 2, 2019*

The Center of Advanced Study (CAS), Department of Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS), Faculty of Family and Community Sciences, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda invites you to deliberate upon “**Human Development in a Globalizing World: Perspectives from South and South-East Asia**”.

#### Concept Note

Human development in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is imbued with opportunities and challenges. New innovations strongly impact emerging and developed economies, changing power structures, hierarchies, and human relationships in both private and public spheres. Led primarily by western economic and political models, market-controlled, commercial systems tend to dominate our attitudes towards ecology, education, health and governance. Such a worldview reduces diversity and works in favor of cultural, economic and political homogeneity. This creates a flux especially in traditional societies (which in most cases are also emerging economies), making it difficult for them to keep pace with a technologically advancing, new world order. Sustainability of human civilizations and natural environments (or ecological niches) is under threat. Paradoxically, compared to their predecessors, human beings today are leading a much ‘better’ life than before. More human beings today live longer and healthier lives and are ‘free’ from political slavery, however, are imprisoned in new kinds of structural slavery than before.

In a dynamic and sometimes unstable context, issues of self, identity, sexuality, gender roles, life stage transitions, homogeneity, diversity and social harmony emerge more intensely than before. Existing family systems and functions are strained due to the changing context and this

deeply impacts developmental outcomes for individuals, families and communities. The major focus of this conference is to understand the impact of rapidly changing, globalized (and post-globalized) contexts on lifelong development and wellbeing. The conference strongly encourages discussions on cross-cultural, indigenous, and Indian perspectives that have potential to pave the way forward in responding to these challenges in culturally sensitive ways.

The conference aims to bring together scholars from within Human Development and Family Studies and allied interdisciplinary fields. The conference especially focuses on the South and South East Asian regions to deliberate upon human development issues and policy-related matters in a globalizing context.

#### Objectives

- To deliberate upon issues of survival, development, vulnerability and resilience in the early years and childhood.
- To discuss youth studies in the context of the positive youth development framework.
- To examine changes in adulthood and aging experience in traditional but technologically advancing societies.
- To understand the critical interface of culture, human development and digital socialization.
- To appraise the family and workplace contexts with reference to human development outcomes and gender issues across cultures

**The conference will include keynote addresses and plenary sessions on select themes by renowned national and international scholars from across disciplines. There will be parallel sessions for individual paper and poster presentations.**

**A pre-conference workshop on ‘Academic Publishing and Grant Proposal Writing’ is planned for early career scholars.**

## **Themes for Paper and Poster Presentations**

- ) Impact of social change on life transitions (childhood, adolescence, emerging / mature adulthood, aging)
- ) The early years: Building resilience for healthy development
- ) Disabilities and inclusion across the life span
- ) Education and sustainability
- ) Human responses to environmental crises: The way forward
- ) Technological advancements and human development
- ) Positive youth development: Innovative programs and perspectives
- ) Adulthood in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: Interpersonal relationships and technological advancements
- ) The changing face of family: Structural and functional challenges
- ) Work place and human wellbeing: Opportunities and challenges
- ) Counseling for human development and wellbeing
- ) Parenting and intergenerational relationships
- ) Prosocial development: Nurturing human values
- ) Gender, sexuality and human development: New perspectives
- ) Poverty, marginalization and issues of equity: Effects on human capabilities
- ) Programs, policies and impact on human development outcomes

## **Important Dates**

**Conference dates: January 31 - February 2, 2019**

Last date for abstract submission: **December 1, 2018**

Confirmation of selection of the abstract: **December 8, 2018**

Last date of registration: **December 15, 2018**

Submission of the full paper: **December 26, 2018**

Preconference workshop on ‘Academic Publishing and Grant Proposal Writing’: **January 30, 2019**

All the abstracts will be reviewed by an expert committee. Authors will be informed regarding the acceptance of their abstracts via email.

- **Abstract submission email:** cas.hdfs@gmail.com
- Abstract length and format: Approximately 250-300 words; 4-5 keywords; APA 6<sup>th</sup> ed. format
- Please include details of all the co-authors, if any, including their email addresses.

## Registration Details

**Students and Early Career Scholars**

**INR 3000**

**Academicians and Professionals**

**INR 4000**

**Foreign Delegates**

**US \$60**

**Last Date for Registration: December 15, 2018**

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