



International Conference

By

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On

Ecology, Economy and Society

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Venue: Senate Chamber, University of Kerala, Palayam

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At present the neo classical economic ideas, which are taught as universally acceptable principles and policies, are prescribed as one size fit for all. This homogenization is derived from the individual rationality and utility maximization principle. Amartya Sen in his essay "Rational Fools" had given a critique to the behavioral foundation of such a single fit of the conceptual and theoretical underpinning of theory and practice. Given the kind of socio economic reality of the present world economy, he kept arguing that the persuasion of standardized norm is not helpful for all, at least to achieve development and its assessment. It invokes us to think alternative trajectories to evaluate and pursue the question of development. At an alternative level, humanism is increasingly foregrounded in resolving present problems and the whole socio economic and even the political framework is incrementally getting revolutionized on the principles of rights rather than individual rationality. Development thus envisages new economic ideas and policy regimes, which need to be studied and evaluated with utmost care and quality. This begs us to have studies beyond the mainstream and dominant views and approaches that are very much embedded in the curriculum, which slowly dismisses the heterodoxy of economic approaches. In this context Inter University Centre for Alternative Economics (IUCAE) is designed and committed to make discussions across the schools and approaches.

Focus Areas

- ❖ Neuroeconomics
- ❖ Open Economics
- ❖ Institutional Economics
- ❖ Ecological/ Green Economics
- ❖ Gandhian Economics
- ❖ Marxian Economics
- ❖ Islamic Economics
- ❖ Law and Economics
- ❖ Economics of Human Capital
- ❖ Economics of alternative development paradigms

Programmes already conducted during 2016-17

Inter University lecture Series -3

1. **Prof. Prabhat Patnaik** of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on **20/10/2015** on the topic '**Privatisation of Higher Education in India**'.
2. **Prof. Ramakumar, TISS, Mumbai** on the topic “**Agrarian crisis in India**” on **7th April 2016**
3. **Prof. Mark Lindley**, University of Zaragoza, Spain on the topic “**A History of Ecological Sensibilities in Modern Western Culture**” on **8th November 2016**.

International conference/ Seminars -3

1. International conference on '**The Development Question in a Developing Economy: Can Strategies of Past and Present Give a Future?**', **4th-6th April, 2016**
2. International Seminar on '**Higher Education in a Developing Economy: Problems, Policies and Perspectives**' during **2^{4th}-2^{6th} October 2016**
3. International Seminar on “**Law and Institutions for Economic Development: Theory and Practice from India** ”, Dates: **9th-11th August 2017**.

On the Conference

According to the ecological principle, economy is only the sub system of ecology and the development in that subsystem should be steady or sustainable. As such the concept of sustainable development must be economically sustainable, socially desirable and ecologically prudent. The developments and differences in the environmental and ecological economics are discussed by many academicians and economists who do not have common view about the concept of sustainable development. But the environmental problems are growing steadily and the solutions given by the neoclassicals are ineffective.

The seventeen goals of UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are directly or indirectly related to ecology. And these goals demand a balance among ecology, society and economy. But while implementing development projects, policy makers ignore ecological aspects. It is well known that sustainable development can be achieved only through maximum social and economic development with minimum adverse environmental impact. In this conference we take a broader look at the trade -off between ecology, economy and society. The proposed conference would largely focus on the problems in the current management of the resources and try to propose specific programmes for sustainable development of India.

Conference Themes

- *Ecosystem services and wellbeing*
- *Social, economic and ecological sustainability*
- *Ecological sustainability and sustainable development*
- *Accounting for ecological sustainability*
- *Rural and Urban ecology*
- *Sustainable ecological practices for India*

Important Dates

Final Date of Submission of Abstract	: December 8, 2017
Date of Intimation of Acceptance of Abstract	: December 11, 2017
Final Date of Submission of Full Paper	: December 30, 2017
Date of Seminar	: January 9-11, 2018

Expected Speakers:

1. **Prof. C Raveendranath**, Minister for Education , Government of Kerala
2. **Partha Dasgupta**, Emeritus Professor, Frank Ramsey Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of Cambridge
3. **Mohan Munasinghe**, Munasinghe Institute of Development, Colombo, Srilanka
4. **Medha Patkar**, Activist
5. **Chandra Dathan M**, Former Director, VSSC, Tvm
6. **Nandan Nawn**, HOD and Associate Professor, Department of Policy Studies, Teri University, New Delhi

7. **Bala subramnyan**, Assistant Professor, Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources (CEENR), ISEC, Bangalore
8. **Pranab Mukhopadhyay** , Professor, Goa University
9. **Kalyan Das Professor**, OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, Assam
10. **Venkatachalam L** , Professor, MIDS
11. **Jagdish Krishnaswamy**, Convenor and Senior Fellow, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment

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