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Discussion/Structuring the New Syllabus

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Presentation of New Syllabus

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VALEDICTORY SESSION

Welcome Speech
Prof. Anitha V
Head, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala

Valedictory Address
Prof. P.P. Ajayakumar
Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala

Concluding Remarks & Vote of Thanks
Prof. Abdul Salim A
Organising Secretary

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Evolution of economic ideas was closely linked with specific historical situation of each society. As such, we find different ideas and policies across the world in historical times. However today the economic ideas which are taught as universally acceptable principles and policies, of a one-size-fits-all. The corner stone of this view stems from individual rationality and utility maximization. Given the kind of socio-economic reality of the present world economy, the persuasion of this standardized norm is not helpful for all. 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. Further in the modern economy, especially under the onslaught of capital and its vociferous idea of individualism, the whole lots of issues already emerged so far and in the process of emergence cannot be dealt with the lens of capital and its supporting neoclassical idea. This requires studies beyond the mainstream and dominant neo classical ideas that are embedded in present curriculum.

The great visionaries like Mahatma Gandhi and the policy makers of the country have realized the critical role of Alternative Economics for advancing the cause of a just and egalitarian society. They have also realized the need for a research base which can accelerate the growth and development of our country. No doubt, development of a nation requires sustained efforts, innovative ideas and innovations. In this context, we need to integrate various alternative socio-economic ideas and thereby strengthen our research base to meet the challenges of the fast growing knowledge economy. This necessitated the creation of a new Inter University Centre for Advanced Studies in Alternative Economics.
Towards Outcome Based Education

In the fast growing knowledge economy, traditional education system is losing its significance. Acquisition of skills has become all the more important. As a result, there is also a necessity to shift from traditional to Outcome Based Education (OBE). OBE is a model of education which rejects the traditional focus on what the institution provides to students, in favour of focusing the focus on the students and the up scaling of their talents. OBE emphasizes on what is expected from the students to finally achieve when they complete their course rather than how they achieved it. OBE can be defined as an approach to education in which decisions about the curriculum are driven by the outcomes of the students displayed by the end of the course- professional knowledge, skills, abilities, values and attitudes- rather than on the educational process. It highlights the fact that we have to know the final destination of our journey before we start voyage. There is a need for tertiary education to provide both professional knowledge/skills and all-round attributes to the graduates so as to enable them to face the diversified global demands of the 21st century.

To compete in a global knowledge economy, India requires a workforce which can solve problems, participate in management processes and decision-making, and work interactively. As OBE aims at equipping learners with the knowledge, capability and orientations needed for success after they leave institution, its vision is that of a competent future citizen. Therefore, there is an urgent need to shift from input-based educational progress to an outcome-based approach. India’s unrivalled youth demographics make such a shift all the more important and urgent for the country. In these circumstances, there is a need to restructure the syllabi of our universities, and periodically update the same. The proposed workshop would take up the task of revising the post-graduate syllabus and converting this into an outcome based mode. Thus the teacher oriented syllabus, it is expected, would be transformed to a student-centred one.

This National Workshop-cum-Conference on curriculum revision in Economics comes in the backdrop of the transition from the choice-based credit system (CBCS) to learning outcome based framework (LOCF) which is being implemented at the national level. The content covered in different postgraduate courses varies across different parts of the country, has been very diverse and has had an impact on the achievements of our younger generation. There are pressing concerns raised with respect to enhancing the content of university curriculum in our state. This Workshop looks forward to design a outcome based syllabus curriculum which would look into the specific details of the different papers taught at post graduate level in the Universities of Kerala, and their constituent colleges. The participants of faculty from over fifty colleges and four universities from different parts of Kerala with post-graduate course in Economics would find this National Workshop useful in the process of syllabus revision in their universities. At the end of the workshop, each group under the guidance of the Resource person(s) needs to prepare the draft syllabus in Outcome Based Mode and present the same in the workshop along with reading list and model question paper, for finalisation and approval. While structuring the new syllabus, the number of modules and nearly 60 percent of the contents in the existing Post Graduate Syllabi should be retained.

Prof. A. Abdul Salim, PhD
(Organising Secretary), Honorary Director, IUCAE & Chairman, Board of Studies in Economics (PG)

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| Dr. Shyjan Davis
Head & Chairman BOS, Dept of Economics, Calicut University |
| Vote of Thanks | Dr. Alex Thomas
Chairman, BOS (UG) in Economics |

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**Day 2 | 18/02/2020 | 10.00 AM - 1.00 PM**

- **International Economics**
  - Prof. C Veeramani
  - Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai

- **Public Economics/ Finance & Capital Market**
  - Dr. Nidhi Dhamija
  - Hindu College, Delhi University

- **Other Optional: Agricultural/ Industrial/ Health, Law & Labour Economics...**
  - Prof. D. Narayana
    - Former Director, Gulati Institute for Finance and Taxation, Thrissur
  - Prof. S. Iyiyam Pillai
    - Former Professor and Head, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University

- **Projects/ Dissertations in Local Context**
  - Dr. Vijayamohan Pillai
    - Gulati Institute for Finance and Taxation, Thrissur

Lunch Break 2.00 PM - 5.00 PM