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National Seminar on Sustainable Development
in an Unequal World : Public Policy Paths

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Sustainable Development in an Unequal World: Public Policy Paths 2024

Development, since its inception in public policy discourse post de-colonisation, has been a subject of dispute and debate. Despite the adoption of 'sustainable development' as a paradigm shift, the concept remains elusive, especially in addressing the lopsided impacts on economies, ecosystems, and marginalized communities globally. This seminar aims to dissect these complexities, focusing on the connection between sustainable development, socio-economic inequality, and ecological sustainability, and the crucial role of public policy in navigating these challenges.

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Bengaluru Campus, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) Bangalore and Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) Karnataka Regional branch jointly invite you for National Seminar on Sustainable Development that focuses on the intricate relationship between sustainable development, socio-economic inequality, and ecological sustainability. It critically examines the historical imbalances in development, particularly

We invite papers under three themes



Environmental Sustainability

Environment, Society and Governance
Environmental Policies and Regulation
Implementation of SDGs and Challenges
Climate Change and Sustainability



Economic Sustainability

Financial/Fiscal Sustainability
Economic Reforms and Sustainability
Economic Innovations and Tools for Sustainability Digital
and Technology Innovations for Sustainability
International Trade and Sustainability
Inequality and Inclusive Economic Growth



Social Sustainability

Sustainable Urbanisation
Gender Equity and Sustainability
Rural and Urban Development
Human Development
Access to Education and Health Care Equity
Social Policy Innovations and Sustainability



Objectives & Outcomes

- ✓ To explore innovative policy approaches to reconcile sustainability with socio-economic equality.
- ✓ Examine case studies and best practices illustrating successful integration of sustainable development and inequality reduction.
- ✓ Discuss the role of technological advancements, global inequalities, and socio-cultural transformations in shaping future policy directions.
- ✓ Encourage multidisciplinary dialogue among scholars, students, and practitioners to envision a more equitable and resilient society.

This seminar seeks to foster a collaborative environment where diverse perspectives converge to address the pressing challenges of our time. By bridging the gap between theory and practice, it aims to inspire actionable solutions for a more equitable and sustainable world.

- ✓ **Enhanced understanding** of the complexities surrounding sustainable development and inequality reduction.
- ✓ Stimulate **collaborative research and action** towards building a more equitable and sustainable future.
- ✓ **Identification of pragmatic policy solutions** to promote ecological sustainability and socio-economic equality.

Key Questions



What constitutes sustainable development in a world marked by socio-economic disparities and ecological degradation?



How can public policies effectively address the trade-offs between ecological sustainability and equitable development?



Is it feasible to achieve both sustainable and egalitarian economic development simultaneously?



How can inclusive growth strategies mitigate inequality while promoting sustainable development?



What are the policy implications for enhancing healthcare, education, and access to basic amenities while fostering participatory development and gender equity?

Who Can Apply

Calling researchers, faculty, scholars, development practitioners, students working in the fields aligned to **Sustainability and Policymaking** to submit their abstracts or oral presentations.

Submission Guidelines

Abstract: Max. 250 words without figures or tables

Abstract Submission Date: **15 April, 2024**

Full Research Paper (for the selected abstracts)

Word limit: 7000-8000 words and following the APA style of citation.

Papers must be submitted via the link shared with shortlisted candidates.

Papers must comply with rigor in terms of presenting

(i) Context (ii) Research Questions Addressed

(iii) Theoretical Framework (iv) Methodology

(v) Rigorous Analysis (vi) Key Findings.

Final Submission of Papers National Seminar Date:

30th May, 2024

National Seminar Date: **5-6th June 2024**

Seminar Venue: Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Bangalore Campus), Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.



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Registration Fee

INR 1500 For Faculty, Researchers/Fellows,
Development Practitioners

INR 500 For Students

Collaborating Organizations



INDIAN INSTITUTE
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IIPA Karnataka

Indian Institute of Public Administration, equips public servants with knowledge and skills for effective governance, collaborating with national and international organizations. The main objectives of the Institute summarily stated are to:

- To promote and provide for the study of Public Administration and economic and political science with special reference to public administration and the machinery of government and educational purposes incidental thereto.
- To undertake, organise and facilitate study courses, conferences and lectures and research in matters relating to public administration and the machinery of government.
- To undertake and provide for the publication of journals and of research papers and books to impart training in and promote the study of public administration.
- To establish and maintain libraries and information services to facilitate the study of public administration and spreading information in regard thereto.
- To constitute or cause to be constituted Regional Branches at convenient centres in India to promote the objects of the society.
- To cooperate with approved institutions and bodies for the purposes of helping the cause of public administration.
- To create an enabling environment for the development and management of human resources of the government for social justice and economic development.



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ISEC Bangalore

Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), is a reputed institution established in 1972 by the visionary Prof. V K R V Rao, conducting interdisciplinary research, training, and policy dissemination in social sciences, simultaneously assisting central, state and local governments by providing advice based on policy-related studies. The main objectives of the Institute summarily stated are to:

- Undertake pure and applied research in social sciences encompassing all aspects of a developing society in an interdisciplinary framework.
- Assist central, state and local governments by providing advice based on policy-related studies.
- Undertake regular training of doctoral students and teachers in universities and colleges, and for the officials and political functionaries, particularly at local levels.
- Maintain a documentation and data centre in social sciences.
- Take all measures within the competence of the Institute for the promotion of pure and applied research in social and economic development and change.
- Assist the multilateral organisations such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO and ILO in undertaking research and training programmes.
- Collaborate with universities, research institutions and the nongovernmental organisations (NGO) in the region in improving the quality of research and training.





MAHE BLRU

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University, is a self-financing higher educational institution that started its operations in 1953 by establishing the first self-financing medical college as Public Private collaboration model. Over the years various institutions have been added and finally, in June 1993, this group of institutions have been declared as a Deemed to be University by the Govt. of India. Its excellent track record in academics, infrastructure, and research contributions and its standing in the national and international rankings, culminated in it being declared as an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University (IoE) by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, in October 2020.

The Bengaluru campus offers programmes in Regenerative Medicine, Engineering, Art & Design, Humanities, Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, Law, Management and Public Policy.

Department of Public Policy (DPP)

The Department of Public Policy (DPP) at MAHE-BLR off-campus was established to cater to the growing educational needs of new-age courses in public administration and management Public Policy in the country.

The department was established in August 2022 and began offering the programme in public policy in August 2023. The Department offers full-time postgraduate and doctoral research programs.

DPP envisions to be a policy hub looking closely at the nexus between society, economy, environment, technology, and governance through policy making and advocacy.

Through academic and research programs DPP hopes to influence policy decisions to bring about positive policy outcomes imbibing SDGs.



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Two-Day National Seminar on
Sustainable Development in an Unequal World: Public Policy Paths

June 5th--6th 2024

Concept Note

Development continues to be one of the most argued and contested concepts in social science and politics from its early incorporation, post de-colonisation, into the public policy discourse in the 1940s through the neo-liberal era since the early 1990s. However, the process of development has been inherently lopsided benefitting the rich/industrialised nations and classes, while adversely affecting the economies and ecosystems of developing countries, especially the marginalised communities within them. Moreover, the term ‘sustainable development’, conceptualised and adopted as a new paradigm of development, lacks a coherent interpretation besides failing to draw insights into the social and environmental phenomena. Apart from the detrimental effects on environment, it is also difficult to interpret the effects of policies aimed at fostering environmentally-sound and meaningful forms of sustainable development. So, what is sustainable development? How can social and economic policies strive to achieve sustainable development? How do policy makers address the trade-off between ecological sustainability and equitable

development? Can we dream of achieving economic development, which is both sustainable and egalitarian at the same time? Can we achieve inclusive growth through targeted reducing of inequality? What are the policy implications of sustainable development? Can sustainable development offer better healthcare, education, access to better quality education and other amenities – such as clean drinking water and sanitation as well as promote participatory development and gendered equitable society?

In this context, the proposed seminar intends to explore the relationship between sustainable development and socio-economic inequality on the one hand and ecological sustainability on the other, while emphasizing the pivotal role of public policy in addressing these questions. The seminar is expected to explore innovative and pragmatic policy approaches, consider the complexities and trade-offs involved, and present case studies and best practices. More importantly, the seminar dwells on the public policy options that lie ahead in dealing with the issue of sustainability in an increasingly unequal world.

A synthesis of these elements helps gain a comprehensive understanding of how public policies can simultaneously promote ecological sustainability and development towards reducing economic and social inequality on a global scale. Participants of the seminar are expected to present papers on emerging trends, potential challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. This forward-looking approach includes considerations of how technological advancements and

innovations, global inequality and socio-cultural transformation shape the structure of public policy in addressing the above aspects. In essence, how might these current trends and trajectories shape the future from a variety of perspectives and envision the policy design. This seminar intends to be multidisciplinary in approach wherein scholars, students and development practitioners share their views on sustainable development towards reducing global inequality. We expect scholars to contribute papers that help foster a more equitable and resilient society.

We invite papers under three rubrics, mentioned below: Environmental Sustainability, Economic Sustainability and Social Sustainability.

I. Environmental Sustainability

- a. Environment, Society and Governance
- b. Environmental Policies and Regulation
- c. Implementation of SDGs and Challenges
- d. Climate Change and Sustainability

I. Economic Sustainability

- a. Financial/Fiscal Sustainability
- b. Economic Reforms and Sustainability
- c. Economic Innovations and Tools for Sustainability
- d. Digital and Technology Innovations for Sustainability
- e. International Trade and Sustainability

- f. Inequality and Inclusive Economic Growth

II. Social Sustainability

- a. Sustainable Urbanisation
- b. Rural and Urban Development
- c. Human Development
- d. Access to Education and Health Care Equity
- e. Social Policy Innovations and Sustainability
- f. Gender Equity and Sustainability

Guidelines for Submission:

Abstract Submission Date: Extended up to April 15th, 2024

Abstract:

Word Count: The abstract should be of 250-300 words.

Full Research Paper:

Full Paper Submission: by 15th May 2024

- The research papers of length 7000-8000 words and following the APA style of citation, the papers are to be submitted via the link shared with shortlisted candidates.
- Papers must comply with rigour in terms of presenting (i) Context; (ii) Research questions addressed; (iii) theoretical framework; (iv) Methodology; (v) Rigorous analysis; and (vi) Key findings.

Final Selection of Papers: by May 30th, 2024

Seminar Venue and Registration Process

National Seminar Date: 5-6th June 2024

Seminar Venue:

- Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Bangalore Campus), Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.

Registration Process

Registration Fee:

- a. 1500 INR (For Faculty, Researchers/Fellows, Development Practitioners, Working Professionals in the field of sustainability, public-policy, development and governance)
- b. 500 INR (For Students)