

**National Conference on
Development, Disparity and Social Research
29- 31, January 2013**

Christ University Nodal Office

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Concept Note

Development the buzzword of the current times is considered to be very positive and every society in the world is striving hard to achieve a 'developed' status. But what has been practiced in the name of development today often seems to be not creating a better or equitable world. The fruits of Industrial development or economic growth are not made available to everyone in society and the marginalised and weaker sections are often victims of development. So it is high time to revisit the very idea of 'development' that we are practicing today and Social Science has a lead role to play in this regard. Only a critical engagement with the current practices would help us to find a way out. The paradigms that we are using today have to be revisited for their effectiveness in addressing the livelihood and welfare issues of the people. Production, growth, education, legislations, government, civil society organisations, market and every such institutions that deals with the idea of 'Development' has to be reimagined in a new way. Governments find it extremely difficult to go ahead with the development projects with the increasing resentment of the people and their movements against such projects. This makes an academic response to this issue inevitable and the present seminar is an attempt to take up this challenge. The seminar intends to bring social scientists who are working in the area of development to have an engagement of different disciplinary perspectives on the major theme of the seminar.

Objectives

The following are the objectives of the conference:

- To encourage an academic exercise in Social Science Research that can effectively address the new discourses in 'Development'.
- To focus on the development issues in society that needs different treatment of knowledge and is highly essential for social existence.
- To foster young scholars in social research to create better knowledge about society.

Methodology

The modes operandi of the conference would facilitate for rich discussions and debates with reference to the contemporary issues in the context of how there are being studied and dealt. The conference envisages involving expertise from the concerned field from all over the country to equip the young scholars with greater academic knowledge. This would be in tune with the contributions from the young scholars based on their current fields of research in the form of their paper presentations.

Call for Papers

Papers on the following sub themes are invited for the presentation.

Sub-themes

- Development, Equity and Access
- Ecology and Sustainability
- Marginalization of weaker sections
- New approaches in Health, Education and Social Wellbeing
- Economy, Polity and Social Tensions
- Democracy, Development and Good Governance
- Legislations and Law Enforcement in development

Submission of Abstract

An abstract of 300 words are to be emailed on the paper to be presented. Last date for the esubmission of abstracts is **5 January 2013**. Abstracts to be send to the email address:

tvm@christuniversity.in or mathew.george@christuniversity.in .

Selected papers presented in the seminar would be published in peer-reviewed journal, *Artha—Journal of Social Sciences* (ISSN 0975-329X) of Christ University as per the prevailing guidelines of UGC.

Registration

Last date of registration and submission of full paper: 15 January 2013. Full papers submitted should be not more than 5,000 – 6,000 words in length; should be typed single-spaced in Times New Roman 12-point font; and follow the **APA Style**.

Registration Fee Details

Individual Registration: Rs. 700/-

Research Scholars: Rs. 500/-

Institutional Delegates: Rs. 600/- (If more than 3 from the same Institution)

Registration fees includes Lunch, Refreshment and seminar kit

Accommodation would be made available on request and on payment.

Demand Draft is to be drawn in favour of “Christ University” payable at Bangalore

T. A.

T. A. would be provided for the authors of *selected papers* that reaches the Organising Secretary on or before 31 December 2012. (Second Class sleeper from the nearest railway station of the author to Thiruvananthapuram Central)

Target Group

The conference expects Lecturers, Researchers, Doctoral & MPhil Scholars, persons engaged in research projects across the country as participants.

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