International Conference
on
Navigating Inequality, Development, and Sustainability in the Global South

Second Call for Papers

13-14 September 2024
Hybrid Mode [Offline and Online]

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Andhra Pradesh, India
Context and Rationale

The burgeoning discourse surrounding the Global South has been attracting scholarly attention worldwide lately. To delve into this emerging domain of research, one needs to understand the inherent paradox the region exhibits. While the region has many rapidly growing economies, the concerns pertaining to inequality, social and economic development, environmental vulnerabilities, and sustainability in the Global South pose a serious challenge in ensuring the basic standard of living and sustenance. These issues are particularly pressing in regions such as Latin America, Africa, and Asia. While such nations display a substantially increasing GDP and a booming technological sector, they also contend with severe poverty, gender disparities, and rural-urban divides. Concerning social disparity and intersectionality especially in South-Asian countries such as India, where caste, community, and religion take precedence in discourses rendered to counter inequality, this conference in its critical endeavour raises questions on the prevalent established norms. Furthermore, environmental sustainability poses a significant challenge with issues such as air pollution, water scarcity, and the harrowing impacts of climate change, consequential in the overall development of the region.

This conference aims to explore these intersections through critical and scholarly deliberations, offering a platform for scholars, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss and develop actionable strategies and praxis. Addressing these issues requires a nuanced understanding of this complex interplay of domains merging times and spaces, both geographical and otherwise. Social and economic development must be inclusive and sustainable to ensure long-term benefits. This conference will also focus on how countries from the Global South can navigate these complex challenges, promoting an equitable and sustainable development model thereby ensuring a much habitable ecosystem of balanced development and resources for all.

Thrust Areas

We invite abstracts of about 250 words for paper presentations that deliberate on the following sub-themes listed below (but are not limited to), and may be sent to icnids@vitap.ac.in on or before 10 August 2024. Authors are also requested to send a brief bio-note of about 100 words specifically mentioning their designation and affiliation.

♣ Inequality, Inclusive Growth, and Equity
♣ Policies and Praxis: Governance, Polity, and Public Administration
♣ Literature, Media, and Dialogue: Narrative Responses from the Global South
♣ Environment, Climate Change, and Sustainable Development Goals
♣ Science, Technological Progress, and the Digital Divide
♣ Marginalities, Representation, and Socio-cultural Movements
♣ Intersectionality in the Global South: Gender, Caste, and Religion
♣ Demography, Migration, and Diaspora
♣ Development Indicators, Measurements, and Critique
♣ Subjective Wellbeing and Social Dynamics: Dimensions from the Global South
Registration Fee

The registration fee for participation is as follows for each individual participant and is to be paid after the intimation of acceptance, the details of which will be communicated soon. In the case of co-authors, each author must pay the registration fee individually. Participants from the SAARC countries will be eligible for the same registration fee as participants from India.

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Publication

Select papers may be published in any of the following after undergoing a rigorous review process:

♣ Scopus-indexed journals
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♣ Web of Science journals
♣ UGC-CARE journals

Said publication is subject to approval/ acceptance by the respective publisher as per their author guidelines which include theme(s), timelines, Article Processing Charges (if any, or wherever applicable, and is to be paid by the concerned authors), and any other conditions/ criteria that the publishers may have. The conference organisers will facilitate the process for a seamless dissemination of the conference papers.

Important Dates (Extended)

- August 10, 2024: Submission of Abstracts
- August 15, 2024: Acceptance Intimation
- August 31, 2024: Full Paper Submission
- September 13-14, 2024: Dates of the Conference
About VISH

The VIT-AP School of Social Sciences and Humanities (VISH) has evolved into an independent School, combining the Department of Languages with existing Social Sciences courses since its inception in 2017. VISH focuses on equipping students with language skills and a broad perspective on culture, language, society, politics, and economics. The faculty provide a holistic education, complementing other university disciplines, to develop individuals capable of applying knowledge and solving problems. The School’s varied courses foster marketable skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, knowledge application, and evidence-based analysis.

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