

2nd Two Day International Conference

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Migration, Diaspora and Development: An Indian Perspective

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The twenty first century immigrants' experiences are quite different from the previous immigrant generation. The International Migration Report (2017) states that 3.4 percent of the world's inhabitant population today are international migrants. It is constituted 258 million population is living in a country other than their country of birth (UN- DESA). In the southern hemisphere of globe, along with other continents, Asia has also emerged as one of the important regions that has been contributing large number of international migrants in the world. This geographical region alone, contributes approximately 61 million population in the world migration. According to latest report of the UN-DESA, India has largest Diaspora (17 Million) population in the world who are residing outside their country of origin. And, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, there are approximately 31.2 million Indian diaspora spread across the world.

"The rise in the number of international migrants reflects the increasing importance of international migration, which has become an integral part of our economies and societies," said Wu Hongbo, UN Undersecretary General for Economic and Social Affairs. Historically and even if one looks at the current scenario, it is quite evident that migration has always been an integral component of human existence and an avenue to livelihood for millions of people. The significance of migration and diaspora has been understood by the international communities as an inevitable and essential factor in the development process. Migration is a process through which an individual decides 'to move' or 'not to move' depending upon an interplay of forces and drivers within the context of social, political, economic, demographic, cultural and geographical factors. Contribution of migrants and Diaspora helps in such a policy formulation which help in realising the full potential of migration in achieving the agenda of sustainable development. As Hongbo said "Well-managed migration brings important benefits to countries of origin and destination, as well as to migrants and their families".

The purpose of this 2nd Two-Day International Conference is to explore the contemporary issues in Indian Migration and Diaspora. It aims to enhance the discussions and debate on this subject by inviting distinguished researchers, practitioners, policy makers, think tank, and the broader civil society about the significant contribution of Indian migrants and diaspora communities in process of development at macro and micro level. This conference will seek the answer of the following research questions: 1) How Indian migrants and diaspora communities are contributing actively in socio-economic development at their countries of origin and residence? 2) What are the opportunities for linkages, challenges and partnerships between home and host countries in the achieving level of development? 3) What are the possible means of facilitating the migration and diaspora through development perspective? Etc. The main outcome of the conference will be epistemological theory building and for academic literature to provide varied rational views for policy making. Moreover, it will also bring fresh insight and emerging trends in contemporary migration and diaspora subjects which would be of interests for many of us that would certainly assist in the rethinking and reorientation of policy strategies in the future.

The conference invites Abstracts for presentation on themes which broadly covers Indian Migration and Diaspora and following subthemes. It is also open to similar topic on the subject.

➤ Mapping of Indian Diaspora: Global and Regional Perspectives	➤ Interface of Globalisation, Migration and Development
➤ Migration and Remittances: The Impact of Countries of Origin	➤ Diaspora, Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
➤ Role of Migration and Diaspora in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	➤ Migration and Gender
➤ Theories and Methodology of Migration and Diaspora: A Critical Understanding	➤ Migration, Diaspora & Social Media
➤ Role of Regional Diasporas in Development Process: A Case Study of Gujarati Diaspora	➤ Migration, Diaspora, Art and Literature
➤ Migration and Diaspora Policies	➤ Diaspora in Nation Building Process
➤ Literary and Culture Representation in Migration and Diaspora Writing	➤ Interdisciplinarity in Diaspora Research
	➤ Migration and Marginality
	➤ Migration Crisis and Forced Migration
	➤ The Interconnectedness of Internal and International migration
	➤ Migration and Diaspora: Socio-Demographic Compositions and Issues

About the Centre

The Centre was established in the year 2011 with the objective to study and critically engage with issues of global migration and Diaspora from multi-disciplinary perspectives and produce quality research and knowledge for academia, government and society. Diaspora Studies is a new interdisciplinary area that has emerged in Social Sciences and Humanities dealing with the study of migration and its cultural, literary, social, demographic, political and economic impact. A sizeable body of literature on migration and diaspora now exists both in the forms of scholarly writings on the historical, anthropological, sociological, economic, cultural, demographic, political and geographical aspects. Along with literary writings including novels, biographies, autobiographies, diaries, short stories, dramas, poems and their representation in films and media. Diaspora Studies as an area of inter-disciplinary study cuts across several disciplines to be a site of multiple discourses and orientations. The Centre with a multidisciplinary framework studies and addresses the mutual relations and converging contours of diaspora. The Centre provides a very good academic environment with a focus on participatory teaching and learning, use of ICT in teaching, periodical revision and updating of syllabus, field exposure for students etc. The Centre invites scholars and visiting professors from prominent universities in India and abroad to deliver lectures on varied aspects of the subject, and it provides a platform for the students and faculties to learn the emergent issues in the subject. Centre organizes annually international/national conference to provide platform to bring scholars and academicians together and dissemination of knowledge and ideas. Students of the Centre are from different disciplinary backgrounds, regions and communities. The faculty members of the Centre have their backgrounds in Social Sciences and Humanities with specialization in diaspora and migration. The Centre started with three faculties and enrolment of three students. Presently, there are six faculties and 41 students pursuing their M.Phil. and Ph.D. in the Centre. Centre has produced 35 dissertations on varied aspects of migration and diaspora.

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

- All participants are required to submit abstract in 300 words including a brief c.v. (maximum 150 words) to the following email address: **migrationdiasporaintconf2019@gmail.com**
- Final paper presenter selection will be based after receiving full original paper from the author(s).
- The selected papers may be published in a journal/edited book/ conference proceeding from the reputed publishing house.

Conference Registration Fees*		
Types	Indian (In INR)	Foreign Participant (In INR)
Research Scholar /Students	750	2000
Academician /Professionals/Faculty	1500	3000

*1) Registration fees includes conference kit, breakfast, lunch, dinner during conference days.

2) No Travel allowances and accommodation will be provided to the selected participants.

Important Dates		
1	Last date for receiving short abstract	31 st December 2018
2	Intimation about selection of abstracts	11 th January 2019
3	Last date for receiving full paper	15 th February 2019
4	Dates of International Conference	7-8 th March 2019
5	Venue of International Conference	Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, Sector-29.

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