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.
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
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.

Objectives & Outcomes

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

Registration Fee

- INR 1500 For Faculty, Researchers/Fellows, Development Practitioners
- INR 500 For Students

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Collaborating Organizations

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.

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.
MAHE BRLU

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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