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Sharda School of Humanities and Social Sciences Sharda University, Greater NOIDA

Organizing an International Conference

THEME:

**Contextualizing Health in Social Sciences:
Global and National Perspectives**

15th -17th March 2023

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**Eleventh Pre-Conference Workshop
on “Qualitative Research Methods in
Social Sciences”**

13th -14th March 2023

**at Sharda School of Humanities and Social
Sciences, Sharda University, Greater
NOIDA**

International Conference on Contextualizing Health in Social Sciences: Global and National Perspectives

Background

Health is a state of “complete physical and mental well-being” experienced by disease free people living in harmony with their environment and with one another. The COVID19 pandemic has given us not only challenges but also the opportunities to evaluate the health perspectives and context from global to the local vicissitudes. This idea of health promotes governing authorities and the public, the understanding that health is not something that can be achieved exclusively by managing day to day life, but it is profoundly influenced by the conditions of life and the context in which people live. Health can be interpreted in myriad ways- from global to local outlook, economic conditions to psychological parameters and policies, which dwell upon the understanding of people in the context. People’s health depends upon the context in which they live, while there are layers of perspectives of health which societies keep on building. Therefore, it is pertinent to ponder the contexts of health. The very basic doctrine of public health is not only the health and well-being of the population, but also its health behavior, and healthcare utilization. Healthcare utilization and behavior also depends partly on people’s personal resources which can be influenced by their culture, region, population, understanding and circumstances— in other words, their context. People’s personal resources can be their personal stock of health or their health capital, as well as other more tangible resources. So, if we consider health, we are indirectly deliberating at three levels: people, perspectives, and their context. Perspectives are most often connoted with understanding and viewpoint, while context basically involves many factors that influence a person’s life- the biology of interacting diseases or treatments, to the values and life goals of the individual and family, the health and functioning of family and caregivers, and relevant health care system factors, community resources, geographies, environment and certainly, governing policies. Health therefore has an intrinsic value when we interpret such dimensions, we see several assimilating factors which are often real and imaginary, especially when the global dimensions have changed tremendously. No one can deny the importance of health in societies and thus, health in context becomes explorative and multi-dimensional in social sciences. The enormous contributions made by disciplines of humanities and social sciences converge in the landscape of health. Such contributions with changing time, place and community are ‘extremely diverse and can be put in the context of perspectives of places and the culture too’. This Conference has a multidisciplinary approach and provides an exciting, exclusive opportunity to the academicians, researchers, medical practitioners, funding partners, philanthropists, and non-profit organizations to exchange their research work, ideas, and policy perspectives.

Session Tracks

Trek 1	Digital health (e-healthcare, artificial intelligence)
Trek 2	Environmental challenges (sustainable consumption, environmental law, ecological economics, environmental diplomacy)
Trek 3	Ethics and Health (ethics of research, ethics of care, universal values)
Trek 4	Food, nutrition and well-being, (food sovereignty, sustainable food system, food consumption)
Trek 5	Communication, literature and language in health (value of vernaculars, social acceptance, Language barrier)
Trek 6	Health economics (insurance, prevention, care and health workers, marketing)
Trek 7	Politics and Health (health data protection, universal health coverage, patient rights, right to health (social inequalities, social justice))
Trek 8	Health diplomacy (internationalisation of health policies, public and private actors, the role different global organisations)
Trek 9	Therapeutic innovations and empowerment (interventions given by unrecognised medicine persons (quakes, Dai or Shaman) and cosmetic industry)
Trek 10	Mental Health, Issues, Challenge and Intervention
Trek 11	Universal healing, Sports and Yoga (contribution in rejuvenation and restoration of health)
Trek 12	Media and Health (act of advertisement and health information networks)
Trek 13	Public health and demographic changes
Trek 14	Health and epidemiological transitions
Trek 15	Urban health, migration, and epidemics
Trek 16	Health care and services in post-pandemic era
Trek 17	Geriatric health, ageing policies, and programs
Trek 18	Fertility, family planning and reproductive health
Trek 19	Gender dimensions in health care access

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Call for Abstracts

Abstracts (maximum 300 words) are invited on topics relevant to the technical themes from scholars who want to present papers at the conference. You must submit the abstract online at:

<http://www.iassh.org/onlineabstract.aspx>

Topics Covered in the Pre-Conference Workshop

Introduction to Qualitative Research, Approaches in Qualitative Research, Methods of Collection of Qualitative Data, In-depth interviews, focus groups, observations, key informants, case studies, ethics in data collection, familiarizing with Atlas-ti and Nvivo soft wares. Those interested to attend the workshop, please register here.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/AtfnAJKf2SrcAowZ9>

Youth Best Paper/ Poster Awards

An Expert Committee will select best research papers from young scholars (less than 30 years of age). These should be single authored research papers. Interested young scholars are encouraged to submit their abstracts online for the competition by mentioning “For Young Scholars Research Paper Award”. There will be “Best Poster Awards” in the category of poster presentations. Oral presentation will be allotted 15 minutes’ time.

Memorial Lectures

IASSH has instituted two memorial lectures. The **fifth Prof. John Caldwell Memorial** Lecture will be held during the conference. In honour of Prof. K. E. Vaidyanathan, former President of the Association, the **seventh Prof. K. E. Vaidyanathan Memorial Lecture** will also be held during this eighteenth annual conference

Important Dates:

Last Date for Receiving Abstracts online	Jan. 25, 2023
Intimation about Acceptance of Abstracts & Travel Grant	Jan. 30, 2023
Payment of Conference and Workshop Registration Fee	Feb. 10, 2023
Submission of Full paper	March 1, 2023
Pre-Conference Workshop	March 13-14, 2023
International Conference	March 15-17, 2023

Travel Grants

Travel Grant may be awarded to paper presenters of some selected abstracts which include to and fro rail fare. All participants are requested to explore the possibility of obtaining TA/DA from their organizations, which will facilitate participation of more young scholars. Decisions regarding the award of travel grants rest with the review committee and depends upon the availability of funds. Local hospitality (accommodation and food) will be provided to all registered paper presenters of selected abstracts.

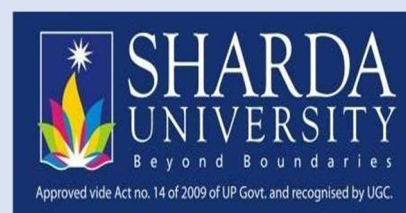
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Registration Fees (Non-Refundable)

Type of Participant	Early Registration by Feb.10, 2023	Late Registration by 1 March, 2023	Spot Registration (including Registrations after 10 March, 2023)
Conference Registration Fee: <input type="checkbox"/> Member of IASSH <input type="checkbox"/> Non- Member	Rs. 1500 Rs. 3000	Rs. 2000 Rs. 3500	Rs.3000 Rs.4000
Pre-Conference Workshop Registration Fee: With accommodation Without accommodation	Rs.1500 Rs.1000	Rs. 2000 Rs.1200	Rs.2500 Rs.1500
Overseas Participants	\$ 100	\$ 120	\$150

Note: Preference will be given to M.Phil. / Ph. D scholars in the pre-conference workshop.

**New Life Members of IASSH**

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Best Publication Awards for Young Researchers-2021

To encourage academic scholarship and quality scientific publications in social sciences and health studies, we invited applications from young researchers to submit their recent publications for the consideration of Best Youth Publication Awards. Based on our announcement for the best youth publication awards, we received 36 applications. A screening committee first scrutinized the applications for the eligibility criteria like age (below 35 years), year of publication (2020 and 2021), single / first author of the paper, etc. and shortlisted 29 applications/papers for the assessment of the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee recommended three young researchers for the award, though it was a difficult choice to select three from many high quality publications in reputed journals. Each of them received a Certificate and cash prize of Rs. 25,000 each. The winners are:

1. **Junaid Khan**, International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, for the paper- “The burden of anthropometric failure and child mortality in India”, **Scientific Reports**, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-020-76884-8>
2. **Prem Shankar Mishra**, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore, for the paper- “Impact of socio-economic inequity in access to maternal health benefits in India: Evidence from Janani Suraksha Yojana using NFHS data”, **PLOS ONE**, 2021. doi: [10.1371/journal.pone.0247935](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0247935)
3. **Firdous Barbhuiya**, Tata Institute for Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, for the paper- “Causal health attributes and beliefs of tobacco related cancer patients in Assam, India”, **Journal of Psychosocial Oncology**, 2021. doi.org/10.1080/07347332.2021.1899354

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AWARD WINNERS

Symposium on the International Day of Older Persons-2022 at IIPS

Centre for Ageing Studies of IIPS organized a symposium on the International Day for Older Persons on 3rd October 2022. The theme for this year was **“Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World”**. The speakers in the symposium were Mr. Mathew Cherian, (Board Chair, CARE India and former CEO, HelpAge India), Dr. Sundeep Salvi, (Director, Pulmocare Research and Education (PURE) Foundation, Pune) and Prof. Asha Banu Soletti, (Dean, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai). Prof. K.S. James, Director & Sr. Professor, IIPS, chaired the symposium and talked about the relevance of the theme. Prof. T.V. Sekher, Head, Centre for Ageing Studies, welcomed everyone to the symposium and introduced the guest speakers. The symposium ended with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. R. Nagarajan, Associate Head, Centre for Ageing Studies. Nearly 200 persons (faculty, students and researchers and NGO representatives from Mumbai) Participated in the symposium.



Workshop on “Harmonization of Ageing Data around the World”

The Centre for Ageing Studies and Short-Term Training Programme (STTP) Cell of the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) jointly organized a one-day workshop on “Harmonization of Ageing Data around the World” on 07th November, 2022 at ICT centre, IIPS. 48 participants from various universities/research institutes attended the workshop. The resource persons were Prof. Jinkook Lee, Director, Program on Global Ageing, Health, and Policy, Ms. Sandy Chien, Director of Data Management, and Ms. Sarah Petrosyan, Programmer, all from University of Southern California. The workshop discussed on the Health and Retirement Studies (HRS) across 41 countries and also covered the Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocol (HCAP). The afternoon session was on the introduction to the gateway to global ageing data which was followed by practical classes. Prof. K. S. James, Director, IIPS, inaugurated the workshop. Prof. T. V. Sekher, Head, Centre for Ageing Studies, IIPS outlined the workshop programme and introduced the resource persons. Prof. Jinkook Lee spoke about the increasing need for comparative research and the importance of cross-country data sets to understand many dimensions and implications for population ageing. Those who successfully completed the workshop were given certificates.



**International Conference on Labour Migration and
Sustainable Development in Asia:
Opportunities, Challenges and Way Forward**

Organised by

**South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM)
International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS)**

June 1– 3, 2023

Venue: IIPS, Mumbai, India

Sub Themes

- Labour Migration, Remittances and Development
- Gender and Migration
- Historical labour Migration
- Protection and well-being of Labour Migrants
- Climate Change and Migration
- Return migration and reintegration
- COVID-19 Pandemic and Labour Migration
- Labour Migration and families
- Health and Labour Migration
- Data Gaps and Challenges in Migration Research
- Labour Migration Policies
- Any other related themes

Important Dates

- Last date for the Submission of Abstract and Travel Grants Application - February 13, 2023
- Announcement of Selected Papers - February 24, 2023
- Last date for Full Paper Submission - March 10, 2023
- Announcement of Travel Grant - March 13, 2023
- Last date of registration - March 20, 2023

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Link for the registration and uploading of the abstract will be updated soon on
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