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“Cooperatives, Mutual Aid and Solidarity Economies: Experiences from around the world”

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

People everywhere engage in social and solidarity economics (SSE) to help themselves, their community, and society on their terms. Especially in the global south, people find their indigenous ways to tackle their economic needs, mostly using social support available in the neighborhood. While defining the social economy, otherwise known as the third sector, Gibson-Graham (2006) argues that it is made up of co-operatives, mutual societies, voluntary organizations, foundations, social enterprises, and non-profits that put social objectives above business objectives. Many more economic activities and movements could be contained within this list, including squatting, slum-dwelling, landless and co-housing movements, the global ecovillage movement, fair trade, economic self-determination, the relocalization movement, and community-based resource management. Gibson-Graham (1996) point out that this wide variety of diverse economies has always been a part of our world, practiced scrupulously by millions of people across the globe. These experiences can be seen that the role played by such instrumentalities is significant in bringing a balance in the society, narrowing down the gap between haves and have nots. reality, the idea of solidarity economics is widely used in agriculture, manufacturing, service, marketing, finance, social welfare, housing, and a lot of other sectors. In the broad backdrop, the international webinar is set in and is expected to discuss the experiences of researchers, practitioners, and participants of co-operatives, mutual aid and solidarity economies from various parts of the world.

About the Department

The Department of Economics is one of the earliest of the teaching and research departments started in the University of Kerala and the first of its kind in Economics in the State. department was formed towards the end of 1959 with the appointment of two renowned economists, Prof. V R Pillai, and Prof. M A Oommen.

The activities of the Department during the period 1959-62 were confined to the enrolment of students for Doctoral research and preparation of a blueprint for research activities and teaching programmes.

DR. ANITHA V.
Professor and Head

DR. CHRISTABELL P.J.
Organizing Secretary

PROGRAMME

28.01.2021

INAUGURAL SESSION

10 AM TO 11 AM

**WELCOME AND
THEME PRESENTATION** : **DR. CHRISTABELL P.J.**
Associate Professor
Department of Economics
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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS : **DR. ANITHA V.**
Professor and Head
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Member Syndicate
University of Kerala

PROF. MANJU S. NAIR
Dean
School of Social Sciences
University of Kerala

VOTE OF THANKS : **NOYEL SEBASTIAN**
II MA (Economics)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

11 AM TO 12 NOON

WELCOME : **ASHNA ELIZABETH KOSHY**
II MA (Economics)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS : **Prof. (Dr.) Saji Gopinath**
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
Kerala University of Digital Sciences,
Innovation and Technology

VOTE OF THANKS : **PARVATHY L**
I MA (Economics)

TECHNICAL SESSION I

12 NOON TO 2PM

THEME: WOMEN COLLECTIVES: EMPOWERMENT ENSURED

CHAIRPERSON - MR. SIDDIK RABIYATH
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR,
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS,
UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

WELCOME : **SREELAKSHMI SUDHAKARAN**
II MA (Economics)

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Joint in Labour and Liberty: Tyrst with Trust –
The Cooperative Dilemma of Women Self Help
Group Members in Multiple Organizational Framework

DR. JYOTHI S. NAIR
Assistant Prof Department of Sociology
Government KNM Arts & Science College
Kanjiramkulam, Thiruvananthapuram

- 2) Converting Social Capital to Household Assets:
Gains of Household from Women SHGs

Adithya S.
M.Phil scholar
Department of Sociology
University of Kerala

- 3) Role of Kudumbashree in women empowerment.
Study of Thiruvananthapuram
municipal corporation areas in Kerala state, India.

SWAPNA P. SIVAN
M.Phil scholar
Department of Sociology
University of Kerala

VOTE OF THANKS : **NELSA ROSE P.L.**
II MA (Economics)

TECHNICAL SESSION II

2PM TO 4PM

THEME: COOPERATIVES: CHALLENGES AHEAD

CHAIRPERSON - DR. A. ABDUL SALIM
PROFESSOR,
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS,
UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

WELCOME : **DIVYANJANA**
I MA (Economics)

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Co-operatives in India: An underexplored
Business Model

Dr. Deva Kumar P.S.
Associate Professor
Department of Commerce
Government College for Women
Thiruvananthapuram

2) Perception of citizens on Co -operative and Social enterprises: A Study in Thiruvananthapuram.

Dr. Pradeep Kumar

Assistant Professor
Department of Commerce
Mahatma Gandhi College
Thiruvananthapuram

3) Transport Cooperative Entities in India:
Prospects and Threats

S. Saleena Beevi

Research Scholar
Govt. College for Women
Thiruvananthapuram

VOTE OF THANKS : **Abhirami A.**
I MA (Economics)

Technical Session III

7 pm to 8:30 pm

Special Address

WELCOME : **Monisha M**
2ND MA (Economics)

PRESENTATION

**PHILANTHROPY, THE STATE, OR MUTUAL AID:
WHO SHOULD FUND KNOWLEDGE
PRODUCTION IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES?**

DR. MARIBEL MOREY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MIAMI INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
MIAMI, FL, USA.

VOTE OF THANKS : **SREYA R. MENON**
II MA (ECONOMICS)

29.01.2021
TECHNICAL SESSION IV
9.30 TO 11:30 AM
SPECIAL ADDRESS

WELCOME : **VIDHYA B.**
II MA (ECONOMICS)

**THE BLACK SOCIAL ECONOMY: THE AFRICAN DIASPORA
EXPERIENCE IN SOLIDARITY ECONOMICS**

DR. CAROLINE SHENAZ HOSSEIN (BA, LLB, MPA, PHD)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR BUSINESS & SOCIETY
DEPT. OF SOCIAL SCIENCE YORK UNIVERSITY
TORONTO, CANADA

VOTE OF THANKS : **SMRUTHI K.**
II MA (ECONOMICS)

TECHNICAL SESSION V

THEME: SOCIAL ECONOMY: INTRICACIES AND NUANCES

11.30 AM TO 1 PM

CHAIRPERSON – DR. BUSHRA BEEGOM

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Kerala

WELCOME :

Athulya RM
II MA (Economics)

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Role of Social and Solidarity Economy in Kerala's Development Experience

Dr. Parvathy P.

Assistant Professor
Department of Economics
Govt. College Nadapuram

&

Dr. Kavitha A.C.

Assistant Professor
Department of Economics
Govt. College Attappadi

- 2) Intricacies in the Plantation Sector:
How Pembillai Orumai found a Solution for that?

Rajeev Balakrishnan

PhD Scholar
College of Humanities and Development Studies
China Agricultural University Beijing, China

Dr. Vimal Raj A.

Research Officer
Dr. Ambedkar Chair in Social Justice &
Empowering Tribal Population
Indira Gandhi National Tribal University
Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh

- 3) Nuances of Indigenous ROSCAs: A Case of Panapayattu
Maheen Kannu M.

- 4) Metamorphosis of Crises: When Setbacks turn into Solidarity

Sidharth R.
I MA (Economics)

VOTE OF THANKS :

PARVATHY A.
I MA (ECONOMICS)

TECHNICAL SESSION VI

1 PM AM TO 3 PM

THEME: COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

CHAIRPERSON – DR. SHEEJA S.R.

Professor, Department of Economics,
University of Kerala

WELCOME : SREELAKSHMI HARIDAS

II MA (Economics)

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Addressing fragmentation induced
Social Dilemma in a Topical Wetland Farming
system in Southern India-Exploring
the scope of a land assorted model of farming

Jikku Kurien

Consultant
United Nations Development Programme in India.

- 2) Collective Responsibility and Sustainable Management of Water Resources

Dr. Lalija V.K.

Post-Doctoral Scholar
Department of Economics
University of Kerala

- 3) Economic Prosperity and Welfare: An Assessment of Collective Action in VSS Unit, Konni Ecotourism Project.

Pratheeksha P

Vote of Thanks :

Asiya E.

II MA (Economics)

Technical Session VII

Special Address

3 pm to 4:30 pm

WELCOME :

GOMATHI SINDHU

II MA (Economics)

Civil society activism, local government politics and the mobilisation of women into a state wide network of microfinance groups in Kerala

DR. PRAVEENA KODOTH

Professor

Centre for Development Studies
Thiruvananthapuram

VOTE OF THANKS ;

DEVI. KS

II MA (Economics)

30.01.2021

TECHNICAL SESSION VIII

10 AM TO 11.30 AM

Theme: Clustering in Industry

WELCOME :

Revathy B.R.

II MA (Economics)

Sharing of Experience on Furniture Cluster

MR. K.P. Raveendran

President

Furniture Manufacturers and Merchants Welfare Association (FuMMA)

Clustering: A Model for Industries

Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil,

Professor

Department of Commerce
University of Kerala

and

Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

VOTE OF THANKS :

ANJITHA R. JOSE

II MA (Economics)

TECHNICAL SESSION IX

11.30 AM TO 1 PM

Theme: Alliances in Agriculture and Allied Activities

Chairperson – **DR. PRASAD A.K.**

Professor, Department of Economics, University of Kerala

WELCOME : Gayathri Chandran
II MA (Economics)

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) **STATE LED VS COOPERATIVE LED ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROJECT IN KERALA – KEY LESSONS FROM SOLIDARITY ECONOMICS**

DR. MANJU S. NAIR

Professor
Department of Economics
University of Kerala

- 2) **EFFECTIVENESS OF SYNERGISTIC APPROACH IN AGRICULTURE:
A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF COOPERATIVE AND NON-COOPERATIVE PADDY FARMS IN KERALA**

SUNITHA VIJAYAN

PhD Scholar
Department of Futures Studies
University of Kerala

- 3) **ALLIANCES AMONG FISHERFOLK: A WAY-OUT FROM MARGINALIZATION**

DR. VINEETHA T.

Post-Doctoral Scholar
Department of Economics
University of Kerala

TECHNICAL SESSION X

1 PM TO 3PM

THEME: STRUCTURAL FACTORS –
ENABLING AND HINDERING THE SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT MOVEMENT

CHAIRPERSON – **DR. ANITHA V.**
PROFESSOR AND HEAD,
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS,
UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) **THE ROLE OF SOLIDARITY ECONOMICS IN REDUCING POVERTY ERADICATION:
ANALYSING KUDUMBASHREE EXPERIMENT IN URBAN KERALA**

DR. SMITHA PAVIANOSE

Assistant Professor
Department of Economics
Christian College
Kattakada

- 2) **ACCESS TO FINANCE AS A HUMAN RIGHT:
A STUDY ON SCHEDULED TRIBES POPULATION IN KERALA**

DR. MITHESH MADHAVAN

Research Associate (NRPPD)
Centre for Development Studies
Thiruvananthapuram

PRESENTATIONS

- 3) **THE SUSTAINABILITY OF INFORMAL COLLECTIVE INITIATIVES IN THE IT INDUSTRY FOR THE PROTECTION OF LABOUR RIGHTS**
DR. BEJOY M.S. RAJ
Post-Doctoral Scholar
Department of Law
University of Kerala
- 4) **COMBINING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS WITH SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMICS FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF AGROECOLOGY**
SREELEKSHMI SUDHAKARAN
II MA Student
Department of Economics
- VOTE OF THANKS : MANU PRATHAP**
I MA (Economics)

VALEDICTORY SESSION

3PM TO 4:30 PM

- WELCOME :** **DR. ANITHA V.**
Professor and Head
Department of Economics
University of Kerala
- RAPPORTEUR'S :** **DR. LALIJA V.K.**
Post-Doctoral Scholar
Department of Economics
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PRO VICE CHANCELLOR
University of Kerala
- VALEDICTORY :** **DR. SHAJI VARKEY**
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Professor
Department of Political Science
University of Kerala
- VOTE OF THANKS :** **DR. CHRISTABELL P.J.**
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