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International Conference

on

Navigating Inequality, Development, and Sustainability in the Global South

School of Social Sciences and Humanities (VISH)
Vellore Institute of Technology-Andhra Pradesh (VIT-AP) University
Andhra Pradesh, India

13-14 September 2024 (Hybrid)

Initial Call for Papers

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.



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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 **31 July 2024**.

- 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 and Publication

A nominal registration fee will be charged from both paper presenters and participants. Select papers will be published in Scopus-indexed books/ journals or UGC-CARE listed journals after undergoing a rigorous review process.

Important Dates

July 31, 2024	August 09, 2024	August 20, 2024	August 31, 2024	September 03, 2024	September 13-14, 2024
Submission of Abstracts	Acceptance Intimation	Early Bird Registration	Full Paper Submission	Late Registration	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.

Organising Team

Chair, Organising Committee: Dr Priyanka Ghosh, Dean-VISH

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