

THE ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES IN ENVISIONING PARTICIPATORY SMART CITIES IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th May 2019

Globally, the urban population is expected to grow by 63% between 2014 and 2050 – compared to an overall global population growth of 32% during the same period. The fastest growing urban centres are located in the lower-middle-income countries in Asia and Africa that are experiencing unprecedented sustainability challenges in maintaining the city infrastructures. ‘Smart Cities,’ based on visions of ICT-based urban development, have emerged as one response to the challenges and opportunities created by rapid urbanization and are considered major engines for pursuing the Sustainable Development Goals in both the global south and the north. India, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan are key countries leading the smart city mission. Yet, critical scholarship on smart cities in the South, remind us that cities in such countries remain deeply stratified by economic, social, and spatial inequities.

In the above context, this joint seminar and workshop explore how Universities as centres of learning and social responsibility, can contribute to an equitable learning ecosystem for the sustainable development and productive integration of marginalised populations living and working in these smart cities. Universities should ideally provide the crucial institutional space to realize the concept of the ‘learning city’ which is being promoted globally by UNESCO in emerging economies.

Seminar

Tuesday, May 28th, 2019 10:00am – 12:00 pm
St Andrews Building Rm 224, University of Glasgow

A seminar led by esteemed scholars from India, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan.

Introduction:

Professor Mike Osborne, Director of Research, School of Education, University of Glasgow

Professor Muhammad Imran, School of Engineering, Vice-Dean, Glasgow College, UESTC, University of Glasgow

We are pleased to welcome the following speakers:

Professor Seema Singh

Department of Humanities

Delhi Technological University, New Delhi

Dr. Ajith Kaliyath

Associate Professor, Urban Planning

Ansal University, New Delhi

Dr. Saikat Maitra

Assistant Professor

Public Policy and Management Studies

Indian Institute of Management Calcutta

Dr. Ellina Samantroy,

Fellow and Co-coordinator

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V.V. Giri

National Labour Institute, New Delhi

Professor Asylbek Aidaraliev

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International University of Kyrgyzstan

Professor Muratbek Baihodjoev

Vice-President, International University of Kyrgyzstan

Professor Zina Karaeva,

Dean, Faculty of Linguistics and Regional Studies,

International University of Kyrgyzstan

Dr. Natalya Pak, Associate Professor, Department of

Languages International Information Technology

University, Kazakhstan

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Workshop

Wednesday, May 29th, 2019
10.00am – 1.00 pm
Fore Hall, Main Building
University of Glasgow

A wonderful opportunity to do a half-day workshop on **Participatory Research Methodology** with the most well-known global practitioner-educator in the domain of community-based participatory research:

Dr Rajesh Tandon

UNESCO Chair on Community-based Research & Social Responsibility of Higher Education since 2012. He is founder-President of PRIA (Participatory Research in Asia) since 1982.

Knowledge for Change:

Trajectory of Participatory Research Methodology

Participatory research methodology emerged from the practice of adult education in diverse settings. This workshop will focus on methods of community-based participatory research building on respect for local, indigenous and practitioner knowledge as a founding principle.

Introduction:

Professor Sayantan Ghosal

Adam Smith Business School and Dean of Interdisciplinarity and Impact at the College of Social Sciences, University of Glasgow

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The event is organized by **Dr. Srabani Maitra**, CR&DALL and the School of Education and it is co-funded by SFC-GCRF grant that she has been awarded.

All are welcome to the events. You can register to one or both events on Eventbrite.

Lunch, Tea & Coffee will be provided on both days.