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Colleagues,

Famine & Society was founded in 1985. Members of this Thematic Group participated in the XI World Congress of Sociology held at Delhi in 1986. In 1987, Jean Floud of Nuffield College, Oxford was elected as its President. The founding luminaries of Famine & Society included eminent scholars like Prof. T K Oommen, Jean Floud, Prof.AM Shah and Dr. Amrita Rangasami. Prof. TK Oommen became President of the ISA at the World Congress held at Bielefeld, Germany. In 1998, Famine & Society became a Working Group (WG05). Famine & Society (WG05) addresses the pain and anguish of all people in distress, the acronym "Famine" standing for:

Food Insecurity manifest in its full-blown form in Famine,
Alienation,
Marginalization,
Inequality,
Natural Calamities & man-made Disasters &
Exclusion.

Famine & Society has participated in most International Fora and all World Congresses for more than two decades organizing several sessions on different themes related to its objectives.

I am happy that we are bringing-out a Newsletter. I wish this endeavor all success.
A Note from the Secretary

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Dear all,

It gives me tremendous pleasure to present the Newsletter for the benefit of those WG05 members who are attending the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology in Toronto and also those members are not able to attend due to the visa related issues or some other personal reasons.

I send good wishes to you all from Chandigarh, India for a successful mega congress. Enjoy the tour to Toronto and all the interesting events of the WG05 and other RCs having some cross interests with the WG05. The major theme of the congress “Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities“ is very interesting. The power, violence and justice have been major concerns around the world and core issues for the sociological explorations having crucial social, cultural, political and other interlinkages. “Current social, economic and political challenges enhance their relevance” (Margarate Abraham, President of the ISA-https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/). The post liberal regimes seem to serve better to the capitalists and rich sections and very negligible to meet the interests of larger sections of the poor populations spread across the global south. The global exploitative systems of colonialism seem to have changed their nature and forms with more modern systems and tools of exploitation. Now own institutions and own people seem to have developed new exploitative tools and procedures to exploit their own people and exploit own institutions. The marginalisation of poor and inequality is on rise. The exclusion of sizeable population is visible in terms of food, shelter, employment, education and health services. The progress of SDGs is very slow. Climate change is creating another kind of challenges. The wealth is being captured by few people in the world. The few powerful and mighty seem to control wealth and power to decide the fate of majority. The emerging situations need better sociological understanding and better public responses to reverse the exploitative trends, tools, practices, marginalisation and exclusion to check the emerging discontents among the masses and growing incidence of violence. I hope the WG05 sessions and programmes of other RCs will generate enough ideas in this direction.

Let me also present the logo of the WG05. See on the top of this Newsletter. The logo was created by the ISA. The logo can be used by the members when they organize the WG05 conferences in future. The WG05 board can use this logo in all the communications. I also present you the website of the Working Group 05 namely https://wg05.my-free.website/. Please
note that it is evolving and in future we can have more features in it. This will also be linked with our space on the website of the ISA. We have also created an email of the WG05 named as wg05isa2018@gmail.com. You are requested to use the website as well as email to interact with the President and the Secretary of the WG05.

As far as the detail about the WG05 sessions is concerned we have tried to adjust as many people as possible to bring lot of new people from across the world. I am sure you all will enjoy the papers and meet old and new members from different parts of the world. From Monday, 16th, we have total 12 sessions including two joint sessions, and a business meeting.

Visit the online program of the WG05 on the site (https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2018/webprogram/Symposium432.html).

Unfortunately newsletters could not be published regularly despite induction of some new Newsletter editors and also due to lack of submission of regular information by members about their academic engagements, publications and events of interests etc. I have made this effort with the support from the President and a colleague of mine Anirudh Kumar. I sincerely thank them. Below is an abbreviated version of the program:

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**WG05 Final Programmes**

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<td>Urbanization, Commons and Communities: Reflections from South Asia [Oral #10709 contains 3 abstracts.]</td>
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| Session Organizers: | Pampa Mukherjee, Panjab University, India; Kumool Abbi, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India |
| Chair: | Harjit Singh Anand, Glownet Knowledge Services, India |
| Discussant: | Manoj Teotia, Urban Governance and Development Unit, Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, India |

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### Session Organizers:
Ranvinder Singh Sandhu, Guru Nanak Dev University, India; Sunil Bansal, CRRID, Chandigarh, India, India  
Chair: Abha Chauhan, University of Jammu, India  
Discussant: Namita Gupta, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India

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#### Monday, 16 July 2018: 17:30 - 19:20, MTCC NORTH BUILDING, 203A
**Feminization of Poverty: Mainstreaming Gender Perspective to Address Poverty** [Oral #9916 contains 3 abstracts.]

- **Session Organizer:** Namita Gupta, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India  
- **Chair:** Harjit Singh Anand, Glownet Knowledge Services, India  
- **Discussant:** Anupam Bahri, Panjab University, India

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#### Tuesday, 17 July 2018: 08:30 - 10:20, MTCC NORTH BUILDING, 203A
**Gender and Famine: Dealing with Material Scarcity through Survival Strategies** [Oral #10400 contains 3 abstracts.]

- **Session Organizer:** Abha Chauhan, University of Jammu, India  
- **Chair:** Ranvinder Singh Sandhu, Sociology, GNDU, Amritsar, India  
- **Discussant:** Anita Dash, Faculty of Sociology, Ravenshaw University, India

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5 **Tuesday, 17 July 2018: 10:30 - 12:20, MTCC NORTH BUILDING, 203A**

Growing Joblessness, Virulence of Market Shocks, Spurt in the Growth of the Informal Sector, Marginalization, Widening Economic Divide and Accelerating Socio-Economic Conflicts with Global Repercussions *(Oral #9994 contains 4 abstracts.)*

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6 **Tuesday, 17 July 2018: 15:30 - 17:20, MTCC NORTH BUILDING, 203A**

**Pobreza y Desigualdad En América Latina** *(Oral #9286 contains 5 abstracts.)*

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7 **Tuesday, 17 July 2018: 17:30 - 19:20, MTCC NORTH BUILDING, 203A**

**Pobreza y Desigualdad En América Latina Part II** *(Oral #8877 contains 4 abstracts.)*
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**8 Wednesday, 18 July 2018: 08:30 - 10:20, MTCC NORTH BUILDING, 203A**

**Discoursing Peoples’ Rights and Social Justice in Urban Space** [Oral #10203 contains 4 abstracts.]

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<td>(id=96951) Information Technology Initiatives for Providing Efficient Service Delivery System in India. S. Johal and J. Singh</td>
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**9 Wednesday, 18 July 2018: 10:30 - 12:20, MTCC SOUTH BUILDING, 713A**

**Social Injustice, Marginalization and Conflicts in Globalised World in the Context of Access to Food, Health Services & Education: Participation, Organizational Democracy and Self Management** [Oral #9258 contains 3 abstracts.]

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**Wednesday, 18 July 2018: 15:30 - 17:20, MTCC NORTH BUILDING, 203A**

**Famine, Mobility, Migration and Accelerated Marginalization of Marginalized [Oral #9898 contains 3 abstracts.]**

- **Session Organizer:** Debal Singharoy, Indira Gandhi National Open University, India
- **Panelist:** Ranvinder Singh Sandhu, GNDU, Amritsar, India

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**Slums As Manifestation of Urban Poverty, Social Inequality, Denial of Social Justice and Human Rights in Global South: Some Emerging Sociological Questions [Oral #8689 contains 4 abstracts.]**

- **Session Organizer:** Manoj Teotia, Urban Governance and Development Unit, Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), India
- **Chair:** Namita Gupta, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India
- **Discussant:** Anupam Bahri, Panjab University, India

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<td>(id=104290) The Slums, Poverty, Inequality and Marginalization of Slum Dwellers in North-Western India: A Sociological Study with Focus on Housing, Basic Services, Environment and Livelihood. A. Kumar, R. Kumar, and S. Singh</td>
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**Thursday, 19 July 2018: 08:30 - 10:20, MTCC NORTH BUILDING, 203A**

**Human Dimensions of Hydro Based Development in Mountainous Regions: Socio-Psychological Perspectives [Oral #10738 contains 4 abstracts.]**

- **Session Organizer:** Mohinder Slariya, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, India, India
- **Panelists:** Lakhvir Singh, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK; Balraj Brar, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY; Rajwinder Singh, DEPARTMENT OF PUNJABI, All from PUNJABI UNIVERSITY PATIALA, INDIA, India
Past events (2014 to 2018)

XVIII World Congress of Sociology in July 2014 at Yokohama, Japan
The “Famine & Society” (WG05) organised following thematic sessions during the World Congress of Sociology: Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology held from July 13th to 19th, 2014 at Yokohama:

1. **Famine and Conflict: Two Faces of the Same Coin in a Globalizing World**
   - **Work-Family Conflict and Coping Strategies Among Women: Evidence from Commercial Banks in Nigeria**
     Mofoluwake AJAYI, Covenant University, Cannanland Ota, Ogun State Nigeria, Ota, Nigeria, Emmanuel AMOO, Covenant University, canaanlnd, Ota, Ogun State Nigeria, Ota, Nigeria and Oladokun OGUNNIYI, Isaac Jasper Boro College of Education Bayelsa, Yenegoa, Nigeria
   - **Famine Meets with Conflicts in West African Sahel Region: A Retrospective Study**
     Oluymemi FAYOMI, Covenant University, Ota, Nigeria, Lady AJAYI, Covenant University, Ota, Nigeria and Dominic AZUH, Covenant University, Ota, Nigeria
   - **Ethnic/ Religious Insurgencies and Nation-Building in Nigeria**
     Matthew EGHAREVBA, Covenant University, Ota, Nigeria, Oluymemi ABIMBOLA, Covenant University, Ota, Nigeria and Barnabas SULEIMAN, Covenant University, Ota, Nigeria

Thursday, 19 July 2018: 19:30 - 20:50, MTCC NORTH BUILDING, 203A
WG05 Business Meeting [0 #7651 contains 0 abstracts.]
2. **Man, Development and Water: Issues and Challenges**
   - **Educación Inconsistente;ejercicio Profesional Desigual**
     José MENDOZA CORNEJO, Universidad de Guadalajara, México, Guadalajara, Mexico
   - **Tap Water and the Public Policy**
     Alena SMELOVA, Saint-Petersburg State University, Saint-Petersburg, Russia
   - **Participatory Water Governance through Gender Sensitisation in the Indian Context**
     Prachi KHANNA, Research Associate, UNDP- Centre for Climate Change, National Institute of Administrative Research, LBSNAA, Mussoorie, New Delhi, India and B S BISHT, Associate Professor, National Centre for Good Governance, LBSNAA, Mussoorie, Mussoorie, India

3. **WG05 Business Meeting**

4. **Sociology of Poverty, Informal Sector and Job-Creation**
   - **Internal Migration Among the Women and Street Trading Activity: A Poverty Elevation or Reduction Strategy?**
     Emmanuel AMOO, Covenant University, canaaanad, Ota, Ogun State Nigeria, Ota, Nigeria and Mofoluwake AJAYI, Covenant University, Cannanland ota Ogun State Nigeria, Ota, Nigeria
   - **Toward a Sustainable Migrant Workers Community on Adonara Island: How They Adopt and Cope with State Policy and Their Culture**
     Retno AGUSTIN, university of melbourne, Magelang, Indonesia
   - **Identification of Training Needs in Informal Sector for Street Vendors and Their Facilitators in Mumbai**
     Neelima Rashmi LAKRA, PhD Scholar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, MUMBAI, India

5. **Mexico: Poverty, Inequality and Marginalization in the 21st Century**
   - **Guidelines for the Creation of Laws and Institutions in Order to Eradicate Poverty in Mexico**
     Carlos QUINTANILLA, Faculty of Law, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico, Mexico, D. F., Mexico and Veronica VILLARESPE, Institute of Economic Research, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico, D. F., Mexico
   - **Results On Public Policies Against Poverty In Mexico: 1990 – 2012**
     Hilda CABALLERO, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico
   - **Local Development Agencies**
     Susana MERINO MARTINEZ, National Autonomus University of Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico
• Microcredit and Poverty Alleviation In The Mexico Contemporary
  Bernardo RAMIREZ, Institute of Economic Research (IIEc). Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM), Ciudad de México, Mexico

• The Income Inequality In Mexico: Dynamics At The End Of XX Century
  Ana Patricia SOSA, Institute of Economic Research (IIEc). Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM), Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico

• Posibilidades EN La Base De La Pirámide
  Debora QUIROGA TERREROS, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Ciudad de México, Mexico and Aline ROSS, LEXIA insights solutions, Mexico

• La Invisibilidad o La Falsa Visibilización Del Maíz Nativo En La Cruzada Nacional Contra El Hambre
  Ivonne VIZCARRA -BORDI, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México, Toluca, Estado de México, Mexico, Humberto THOME-ORTIZ, Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Mexico, Toluca, Estado de México, Mexico and Mirtha MONDRAGON-DELGADO, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Mexico, Toluca, Estado de México, Mexico

6. Sociology of Natural Calamities, Man-made Disasters, Food Insecurity and Relief
• The Political Economy of Drought Conditions in an Indian State
  Rajshree BEDAMATTA, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, Guwahati, India

• Sustainable Urban Development for Poor
  Pradeep DADLANI, Working Group, India

• Making Housing Affordable for Urban Poor- Approaches Adopted in India
  Rajiv SHARMA, Human Settlement Management Institute, New Delhi, India

• The Poverty in the Midst of Plenty: The Case of Fisher People
  J B RAJAN, Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), PO, Thrissur, India

7. JS-82 Climate Change, Famines and Food Crises: Participation, Organizational Democracy and Self-Management
• Power Relation, Participation, and Local Government Reform
  Wahidah Rumondang BULAN, university of Indonesia, Indonesia
Management of Russian Organizations in Terms of Moving to Neoclassical Organization-Management Paradigm
Ilshat RYSAEV, Bashkir Academy of Public Administration and Management, Ufa, Russia

Towards the Construction of an Ecological Model of Health from Social Science
Dario RAMIREZ FARFAN, sociologo, valledupar-colombia, Colombia

Rainfall Variability, Coping Strategies and Livelihoods: Case Study from Godavari Basin, India
Srinivas SAJJA, BITS PILANI Hyderabad Campus, Hyderabad, India

The XVIII World Congress of Sociology held at Yokohama in July, 2014 evoked a very enthusiastic response from members and supporters of “Famine & Society” (WG05) and large numbers of Papers as listed here were presented:

3rd ISA Forum of Sociology, July 2016, Vienna, Austria

In the 3rd ISA Forum of Sociology: The Future We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World, held from July 10th to 14th, 2016 at Vienna, Austria “Famine & Society” (WG05) organised following thematic sessions:

1. Role of the Informal Sector in Job Creation and Reduction in Inequality
   - A Quest for Inclusion: Understanding the Marginalization of Dalit Quilt Women Workers (Case Study of Chandigarh)
     Sucheta SINGH, Panjab University, India
   - The Woman’s Gharana: Social Capital Formation in the Indian Performing Arts
     Amrit SRINIVASAN, Sangeet Natak Akademie, Ministry of Culture, India, India
   - Training Need Assessment, Social Entrepreneurship and Employment in Informal Sector: Line Drawn from Public Sector and Educational Institution in India
     Neelima Rashmi LAKRA, TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, MUMBAI, India

2. Economic Transformation and Urbanisation: The Future of Pluriactive Small Farmers and Rural Workers in South Asia?
   - Housing, Slums and Urban Poverty in North-Western India: Sustainability in Question?
     Krishna Gopal IYER, Panjab University, India
   - Beyond Push-Pull Dichotomy: Dynamics of Rural-Urban Migration in Bangladesh
     Main UDDIN, Tallinn University, Estonia and Nasir UDDIN, Chittagong University, Bangladesh
   - Social IMPACT Assessment of Urban Transport Projects
     Sanjukkta BHADURI, SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE, India
   • Inequity in Child Health: A Case Study of Slum in Chandigarh (Sector 25).
     Deepikaa GUPTA, Panjab University, India and Sviarnjit KAUR, Panjab University India
   • Analyzing Neighborhood Effects on the Economic Mobility of the Inhabitants of Three Favelas in Salvador (Brazil) from a Social Network Perspective: The Importance of Urban Politics in Promoting Social Inclusion and Erradicating Residential Segregation
     Stephan TREUKE, Universidade Federal Da Bahia, Brazil

4. Poverty and Vulnerabilities in Urban Spaces: Causes and Consequences
   • Informal Sector As an Instrument of Job Creation
     Harjit Singh ANAND, Glownet Knowledge Services, India
   • Meanings of Being "Poor": The Bolsa Familia Case
     Mani MARINS, MARINA TEBETAZEVEDO DE MARINS AND JEREMIAS FERREIRA DE MARINS, Brazil
   • The Reproduction of Segregation Patterns in Salvador's Railway Suburbs Via Public Slum Upgrade Programs: The Case of Novas Alagados (Brazil)
     Stephan TREUKE, Universidade Federal da Bahia, Brazil
   • "Thrown into the Jungle" - Experiences of Displacement and Disruption in Neoliberal India
     Jelena SALMI, University oflyvaskyla, Finland
   • Strategies De Survie Des Menages Pauvres a Ouagadougou: Importance Du Reseau Relationnel Et Du Genre
     Madeleine WAYACK PAMBE, Institut Superieur des Sciences de la Population (ISSP)- Universite de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso and Nathalie SAWADOGO, Institut Superieur des Sciences de la Population (15SP) - Universite de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

5. JS-40 Climate Change, Famines and Conflicts in Globalised World: Participation, Organizational Democracy and Self-Management
   • Social and Political Implications of Drought Northeast of Brazil
     Maria Zefisa SOARES MENEZES, Planning and Gestion Secretary, Brazil
   • SEEDS of Famine: The Boko Haram Insurgency and Agricultural Production in North-Eastern Nigeria
     Abba Gana SHETTIMA, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria
   • Self Governance and Watershed Development Programme a Case from Eastern India
Niharranjan MISHRA, National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, India and Suman DEVI, National Institute of Technology Rourkeal Odisha, India

6. Human Dimension of Hydro Based Development: Socio-Psychological Perspective

7. Encountering Marginalisation and Exclusion in Globalising Nations -Gender Issues and Concerns
   - Intersections in Palestinian Educated Mother's Lives in Israel
     Tal MELER, Zefat Academic College, Israel
   - Marginality Perception of Women Techies in Kolkata: A Bottom up Approach
     Asmita BHATTACHARYYA, Vidyasagar University, India

8. Poverty and Inequality: Can Conditional Cash Transfers Programmes Alliviate Them?
   - Reduction De La Pobreza En Mexico: Programas Productivos y Microcredito
     Florentino B. RAMIREZ PABLO, Instituto de Investigaciones Economicas (11Ec) Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM), Mexico
   - How Much Indonesian Conditional Cash Transfer Reduce Poverty Rate?
     Fisca AULIA, Ministry of National Development Planning, Indonesia and Riski PUTRA, Ministry of National Development Planning, Indonesia
   - Las Transferencias Monetarias Condicionadas: Alivian La Pobreza?
     Veronica VILLARESPE, Universidad Nacional AutOnoma de Mexico, Mexico and Carlos UINTANILLA, Facultad de Derecho, UNAM, Mexico
9. Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Futures: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World

- How to Get Towards a Sustainable Future? Examining the Opportunities of Local Communities in Conflicts over Agra-Industrial Projects
  Marika GEREKE, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany

- Public Participation in Environmental Impact Assessment Process: Case Study of the Signal Free Corridor and the Orange Line Metro Projects of Lahore, Punjab
  Shazia PERVAIZ, Lahore College for Women University, Pakistan, Pakistan and Azhar HAMEED, 8 MET-2 LAREX COLONY MUGHAL PURA, LAHORE, PAKISTAN, Pakistan

10. WG05 Business Meeting

The Recent Mid-Term Conferences organised in Collaboration with the WG05


The objective of this conference was to focus on the negative impact of natural calamities in causing marginalization of vulnerable groups leading to severe food insecurity. The President, The Secretary and several other members of the WG05 attended this events and organized several sessions. The conference was inaugurated by the President of the Working Group 05 of ISA. The Secretary organized two sessions. The conference deliberated on the following sessions:

1. Development, Biodiversity and Climate Change: A Changing Relationship
2. Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable use of Medicinal Plants
3. Green Economy and Sustainable Development
4. Impact of Climate Change on Traditional Agricultural Practices
5. Ethno-botanical Traditional Knowledge in Changing Environmental Conditions
6. Development, Biodiversity and Eco-system Services
7. Food Security, Poverty, Inequality and Marginalization
8. Development and Rivers
9. Displacement, Resettlement and Rehabilitation
10. Environmental Impact Assessment: Success and Failure
11. Environmental Legislation and Enforcement: Lessons Learnt
12. Socio-ecological & Human Dimensions of Development
13. Development and Disaster Management: Adaption and Mitigation
15. Cities and Climate Change: Issues of Preparedness, Adaptability and Management
16. Development, Biodiversity and Climate Change: Social and Educational Implications
17. XVII Impact of Climate Change on Human Existence, Changing Behaviour and Livelihood
18. State of Cities and Climate Change in Developing Countries: Emerging Issues in Poverty, Inequality and Housing

Large number of papers were presented in the conference in all the above mentioned sessions. Please visit the website of the conference to see the detailed report:


2. International Conference on ‘Marginalisation, Poverty and Decentralisation’ on 19th – 22nd of November 2016 at Thrissur, Kerala:

The WG05 collaborated with Centre for Study of Administrative Relief (CSAR) and Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) in organization of the International Conference on ‘Marginalisation, Poverty and Decentralisation’ on 19th – 22nd of November 2016 at Thrissur, Kerala. The Conference deliberated on issues of marginalisation, poverty and decentralisation across the world and imparted Kerala’s experience as well as best practices from other countries in democratic decentralisation and poverty alleviation in addressing concerns of marginalisation, poverty, social and political exclusion etc. Since decentralisation is considered an important prerequisite for addressing many social, economic and political concerns at local level, the conference was targeted for local self-government institutions, states and countries. The issues, alternative s, innovations and modalities for promoting the same in different contexts and collective action and social movements in this regard were also discussed.
The technical sessions were as under:

- Decentralization and Local Governance;
- Marginalization and Deprivation;
- Poverty, Inequality and Exclusion; Community Governance;
- Women Empowerment; Climate Change and Food Insecurity;
- Social Accountability; Collective Action and Social Movements;
- Participatory Planning; Rights Based Development;
- Capacity Building; Natural Resource Management and Organic Farming;
- Participation and Organisational Democracy; Child Rights Governance;
- Urban Governance; Entrepreneurship and Development.

The keynote speakers of the Conference included eminent personalities from India and Abroad. The speakers from Government of Kerala were Finance Minister, Minister for Local Self Government, Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary, Local Self Government, apart from academicians from KILA. The speakers from Bangladesh were Director General, Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific, Director General (In Charge), Rural Development Academy; the speakers from Sri Lanka included Director, Economic Governance, Asia Foundation. The other speakers included Secretary-General, Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF), London, United Kingdom, Academicians from Lund University, Sweden, University of Lisbon, Portugal, JNU, IGNOU and University of Kerala. Key note addresses were also delivered by CSAR office-bearers. The keynote speakers were Dr Harjit Singh Anand, President, CSAR and President WG 05, Prof. Dr. Sanjukkta Bhaduri, Secretary, CSAR and Professor, SPA, Delhi, Mr. Manoj Kumar Teotia, Secretary, WG 05 and faculty, CRRID, Chandigarh and Dr. Amrit Srinivasan, CSAR and Former Professor and Head, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, New Delhi.

3. **International Conference on "Mountain Cities, Climate Change and Urban Sustainability" (November 6-8, 2017), Chandigarh, India**

WG05 collaborated with CRRID, Chandigarh which successfully organized an International Conference on “Mountain Cities, Climate Change and Urban Sustainability” from November 6-8, 2017 in collaboration with the Asia Climate Change Education Center (ACCEC), Jeju, South Korea; the Department of Environment Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh, the Centre for Study of Administration of Relief (CSAR), New Delhi and Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) New Delhi. The UN-Habitat; NBCC; the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh; The Climate Reality Project India, New Delhi; the Centre for Urban Green Spaces (CUGS), New Delhi and the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh.

**Mr. Manoj Kumar Teotia**, Coordinator of the Conference & Secretary WG05, while briefing about the theme of the conference highlighted the need to understand and contextualize the notion of sustainable development while keeping in mind the ways and means to make these more sensitive towards environment and overall ecology. The theme holds crucial relevance given the increasing recognition that cities would play a significant role in coping with climate change. Rapid and unplanned urbanization, depleting green cover, abuse of natural resources, unplanned promotion of tourism, etc. all add to the vulnerability of an already fragile ecosystem, especially in the mountain cities. Hence, in the light of Sustainable Development Goals, it becomes imperative to dwell on the role of cities, development, ecology, climate change and livelihood in a comprehensive and nuanced manner.
Prof. Dai-Yeun Jeong, Director, ACCEC, Jeju, South Korea, chaired the inaugural session. He stated that the evolution of human society from agricultural to industrial to post-industrial and finally to the information society has always been based upon the relationship between humans and nature. He highlighted that the modern industrial society is a risk society in three major aspects: pollution of nature, promotion of socio-economic development exceeding capacity of nature and anthropocentric perspective of nature. He mentioned that the conference would contribute practical and concrete understanding on relationship between environment and society within the bounds of sustainability.

Prof. T. K. Oommen, Padma Bhushan and Former President of ISA, delivered the inaugural address. He situated his talk within the larger ambit of climate and environment, where he quoted from the UN General Assembly September 2000 resolution that “Prudence must be shown in the management of all living species and natural resources, in accordance with the precepts of sustainable development. Only in this way can the immeasurable riches provided to us by nature be preserved and passed on to our descendants. The current unsustainable patterns of production and consumption must be changed in the interest of our future welfare and that of our descendants”, which encapsulates the value and principle of sustainability. He highlighted the differences between the homocentric and cosmocentric views on environment, where the former places only the welfare of humans at the center with no thought for ecological welfare, the latter promotes symbiotic relationship between humans and nature which focuses on reciprocity. According to him technological pluralism can efficiently look into the problems of mountain cities, environment and sustainability. He ended by stating that he conference would be problem solving in tenor and orientation.

Dr Harjit Singh Anand, Chairman, CSAR, New Delhi and President of the WG05 of ISA gave the keynote address where he focused upon the symbiotic relation between rural and urban through a regional perspective. He presented the scenarios of global warming, climate change, ozone layer depletion in the Antarctic which have caused disasters and calamities ranging from
temperature increase, to skin cancers and other diseases, floods, droughts, floods, etc. directly effecting livelihoods of many people across the world. All these have been a result of imbalance between man and nature. The focus must be on making a successful shift towards environmental sustainability which ensures sustainable planet for future generations, reducing carbon imprint, energy efficiency, enhancing green cover, restoring ozone layer. Sustainable development must ensure that needs of people are met without compromising the ecology. Mountains, especially the Himalayas are lifeline for billions of people across Asia. Hence, fragile ecosystems as these and sustainable mountain development could be brought on same page through activities like integrated watershed development and by promoting alternative livelihood opportunities and by guaranteeing structural and legislative measures.

The Conference has following symposiums, technical sessions and a youth forum:

Symposium A: Socio Economic Vulnerabilities in Mountain Cities
SESSION 1: Climate Change & Its Impacts: Emerging Trends, Issues and Strategies
Youth Forum: Social and Solidarity Economy, Peace and Urban Sustainability
Special Address: Mr. Varun Gandhi, Hon’ble Member-of Parliament, on the “Road to Sustainability: Opportunities and Challenges”
Session 3: Natural Disaster Management, Adaptation and Resilience
Session 4: Energy, Green Growth and Eco-Efficiency
Session 5: Air, Water and Land Pollution and the Emerging Risks
Session 6: Environment Management and Sustainability
Session 7: Designing Infrastructure, Transport and Housing to cope with the Climate Change
Session 8: Eco-Environmental Concerns of Mountain Cities - I
Session 9: Poverty, Livelihood, Displacement, Migration and Exclusions
Session 10: Social Dimensions of Climate Change: Social and Economic Impacts, Human Rights, Gender and Vulnerable Communities
Session 11: Climate Change to Governance: Role of Local Governments, Communities, NGOs, Media and Other Stakeholders

Symposium B: Institutional Framework for Sustainability in Mountain Cities
Session 12: Managing Urbanization to cope with Climate Change

Valedictory Address by Chief Guest Prof Kaptan Singh Solanki , Hon’ble Governor of Haryana

Upcoming Conferences

Will be updated on the WG05 website after the Toronto World Congress.

Recent Member Activities: Books, Special Issues, Book Chapters and Articles.

New Books:


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Urban development in North-Western Region of India comprising Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Chandigarh is at cross roads. The Region is facing many crucial and new urban challenges in post liberalization era. The scale of emerging challenges, such as housing, slums, poverty, infrastructure and services, transportation, parking, environmental pollution, is unprecedented. Slums, with multiple deprivations, are growing rapidly even in the hilly states like Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir due to migration of the poor population. Urban development seems to be neglected in urban policy planning over successive planning eras.

The onset of liberal regimes in promoting development of real estate markets, beginning of low interest home loans, lack of strong regulation of sale and purchase of land and housing seem to have made them the commodity for speculation. Housing problem seem to acquire serious dimension in the wake of rapid urbanization, commodification of land and housing, distortion in land market and weakening of public sector housing provision. The social segregation and marginalization of urban poor continue to be major challenges. The town planning is poor and local governance is weak to cope with haphazard urbanization and emerging urban problems in the region. The deficiencies in infrastructure and services are visible and people’s perception about the same is very poor. The social and environmental fabric of cities in the region is under stress.

Based on compilation of extensive data on various aspects of urban development in North-Western India, the book is an attempt to contribute to the existing debate on emerging trends, concerns and strategies in urban development in India. With the discussion on the city and state level case studies from the region, the volume tries to explore how state and city governments in North-Western India have been dealing with the emerging urban issues and challenges and what sort of local policies are emerging to deal with the growing crucial urban problems. The volume provides good source of relevant data/ information to planners, local and state level policy makers and students of urban studies.
Articles:


- Sanjukta Baduri (2017), Redraw the lines… for better planning, The Hindu, 7.10.2017


• Dr. Manveen Kaur published a paper on Role of SHG in empowering women- Lessons from Mewat, published “25 years of Empowerment”, a publication of NCW in January 2018.

Recent Seminar/ Conference Presentations/ Participation/ Training events etc:

Harjit Anand

• Paper on “People-centric approach to Governance within a Structural-Functional Framework” presented at the International Conference on “Gandhiji, Gram Swaraj and Democratic Decentralization” organized by the Kerala Institute of Local Administration at Thrissur (Kerala) in India from 27th to 29th Nov. 2014.


• Keynote Address on “Global Warming, Carbon Emissions & Climate Change” at the National Seminar organized by Rashtriya Chetnashakti Foundation and YMCA University of Science & Technology, Faridabad (India) on 21st January 2016 at Faridabad.

• Paper on “Informal Sector as an Instrument of job Creation,” Session of WG(05) of ISA at the Third ISA Forum of Sociology from 10th to 14th July, 2016 at Vienna (Austria).

• Keynote Address on “What ails Education in India and how to mitigate the Situation?” at YMCA Technical University & the Chetna Shakti Foundation on 7th Feb. 2017 at Faridabad.

• Address on “Sustainable and Inclusive Cities of the Future” at the International Conference organised by the Planeta.com on 23rd Oct, 2017 at Florianopolis, Brazil.

• Address on “Housing Policy in India” on 26th Oct., 2017 at City Council of Florianopolis.

• Talk on “Ecological cum Environmental Imperatives, Urban Planning and Economic Growth.” at the Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC) on 25th Oct, 2017 at Florianopolis, Brazil.

• Talk on “Different Models for improving the quality of life in Urban Slums.” at the Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC) on 27th Oct, 2017 at Florianopolis, Brazil.

• Keynote Address at the International Conference on “Mountain Cities, Climate Change and Urban Sustainability” organized by Asia Climate Change Education Centre, Jeju, South Korea, Centre for Study of Administration of Relief (CSAR), CRRID at Chandigarh and allied agencies.
Manoj Kumar Teotia

- Organized a Film Screening-Direction Home and a Panel Discussion- Housing for the Urban Poor/ Homelessness in the Region at CRRID on April 8, 2016. The film made by Professor (Dr) Hilary Silver, Director, Urban Studies Programme at Brown University was shown to the invited audience. The panel discussion, moderated by Manoj Kumar Teotia, was addressed by eminent speakers such as Dr Harjit Singh Anand, IAS (retd), Mrs. Madhu Sarin, Architect-cum-Development Planner, Ar Surinder Bahga, Saakaar Foundation, Chandigarh, Dr K Gopal Iyer, Former Professor, PU, Chandigarh, Dr S S Sangwan, SBI Chair Professor, CRRID, Mr Sunil Bansal, Associate Professor, CRRID and Dr Bindu Duggal, Associate Professor, CRRID.

- Attended the World Habitat Day function at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on October 3, 2016

- Worked as Joint Coordinator of International Conference on Marginalization, Poverty and Decentralization organized by KILA, Thrissur in collaboration with the RC 10 of ISA and WG05 of ISA on November 19-22, 2016.

- Chaired a session on Urban Governance in International Conference on Marginalization, Poverty and Decentralization organized by KILA, Thrissur in collaboration with the RC 10 of ISA and WG05 of ISA on November 19-22, 2016.

- Gave a presentation on Housing the Slum Dwellers in Metropolitan and Capital Towns of North-Western India: A Case of Srinagar, Faridabad, Shimla and Chandigarh in International Conference on Marginalization, Poverty and Decentralization organized by KILA, Thrissur in collaboration with the RC 10 of ISA and WG05 of ISA on November 19-22, 2016.

- Gave a presentation on Urban Development in North Western India: Some Emerging Sociological Questions based on his new book on Urban Development in North Western India in the Seminar on Urban Development and Environmental Crises in North India organized by The Department of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh on November 16, 2016 at Panjab University, Chandigarh.

- Gave a lecture on Augmenting Urban Environmental Infrastructure and Services in North Western India: Status, Issues and Alternatives in a regional workshop on “Swachh Bharat Mission: Challenges and Implementation Strategies” on Nov 29-30, 2016 at CRRID, Chandigarh under HUDCO Chair Programme at CRRID.
Gave a lecture on “Augmenting Housing and Urban Services in North-Western India: Status, Issues and Alternatives” in regional workshop on Dec 21-22, 2016 at CRRID, Chandigarh under HUDCO Chair Programme at CRRID.

Attended 6th Asia Pacific Inter-ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) on Emerging Urban Forms-Policy Responses and Governance Structure in the Context of the New Urban Agenda organized by the APMCHUD, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Govt of India in collaboration with the UN HABITAT at the Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on December 14-16, 2016.

Manoj Kumar Teotia was invited to present ‘Emerging Challenge of Climate Change and Coping Strategies in Urban India’ (Invited Talk), during 7th Asia Climate Change Education International Workshop on ‘Strategies Responding to Climate Change’ and Study tour on 'Innovative Climate Change, Resilience and Adaptation Strategies for Smart Cities and Regions' organized by Asia Climate Change Education Centre (ACCEC), Jeju, South Korea October (11-16, 2017).

Manoj Kumar Teotia was invited to be Panelist in the Panel discussion on Innovative Solutions for Asian Urban Challenges- SSE Approaches and also give a presentation on Towards Slum Free Cities in North-Western India: A Case of Housing for the Poor in Chandigarh, India (Invited Talk) during Asia Policy Dialogue (APD) organized by the Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF), Seoul, South Korea (June 30-July 1, 2017).

Manoj Kumar Teotia gave a presentation in ‘Towards Including the Excluded in a Planned City: A case of Housing for the Urban Poor in Chandigarh, India’ in 3rd International Conference on Inclusive Innovation and Innovative Management organized by Valaya Alongkorn Rajabhat University under the Royal Patronage, Pathum Thani, Thailand (November 23-29, 2015).

Manoj Kumar Teotia attended IGU Regional Conference “Geography, Culture and Society for Our Future Earth” organized by The Russian Geographical Society at Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia (August 17-21, 2015).

Manoj Kumar Teotia presented a paper on ‘Inclusive Urban Development in Chandigarh, India through Participatory Environmental Revitalisation-Ramdarbar Shows the Way’ in 2nd International Conference on Inclusive Innovation and Innovative Management organized by Valaya Alongkorn Rajabhat University under the Royal Patronage, Pathum Thani, Thailand (December 11-12, 2014).

Manoj Kumar Teotia presented a paper on ‘Air Pollution and Urban Mobility in Four Metropolitan Cities in Northwestern India: Trends, Status and Emerging Issues (Some

- Manoj Kumar Teotia attended a Two week Capacity Building Programme for Social Sciences Faculty organized by CRRID and sponsored by the ICSSR on February 19 to March 4, 2018.

- Manoj Kumar Teotia attended a 6th Asia Pacific Inter-ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) on Emerging Urban Forms-Policy Responses and Governance Structure in the Context of the New Urban Agenda organized by the APMCHUD, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Govt of India in collaboration with the UN HABITAT at the Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi (December 14-16, 2016).

- Manoj Kumar Teotia coordinated a Winter School on Public Finance and Urban Policy at CRRID including one day Workshop on Public Finance, Urban Policy and Federalism at University of Delhi (for Russian Students from RANEPA, Moscow) on November 26-December 2, 2017

**Manveen Kaur**

- Dr. Manveen Kaur presented a Research paper on Gender and Climate Change which has published in 13th Annual Conference of UPUEA held at Jhansi on 14-15 October, 2017.
- Dr. Manveen Kaur invited as Resource Person in a workshop on Work Life Balance on 7th April, 2018 at Agra.

**Sanjukkta Bhaduri**

- Lecture on Metropolitan Planning - current trends and future strategies, 31st October, Manipal University, Jaipur
- Lecture on “Policy Formulation for resilience”, Amity School of Architecture and Planning, Amity University Gurugram on the occasion of the XIX Annual NOSPLAN Convention, 27th December 2017
- Chairperson and Lead Speaker, International Conference "Livable Cities: Transforming Sustainability and its Challenges" on 5th to 7th Feb, 2018," Department of Geography, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi
• Capacity building programme on sustainable Urban Transport at Kolkata from 7-9th February, 2018
• “Social IMPACT Assessment of Urban Transport Projects” The futures we want; Global Sociology and the struggles for a better world, International Sociological Association (ISA) Forum, Vienna, Austria, July 10-14, 2016
• International Conference on “Shelter for Marginalized Communities: Challenges and Options” Poverty, Marginalization and Decentralization, Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), RC-10 of International Sociological Association (ISA) and Centre for the Study of Administration of Relief (CSAR), Thrissur, Kerala, 19th-22nd November, 2016.
• Innovative Cities Summit, “E-participation of stakeholders in local area planning and development” TRAICON, Bengaluru, March 2017

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