

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Reflections on the Impact of Pandemics on People, Places and Communities: A Social Science Interdisciplinary & International Conference

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8:30 – 9:00 am: Registration

9:00-9:25 am: Welcome remarks - Bandana Purkayastha (University of Connecticut) and Sharmila Ray Kuman (Loreto College)

Lighting of the lamp

Address by the Principal - Dr. Sr. Christine Coutinho (Loreto College)

9:30-11am: Session 1

Politics of Invisibility and Vaccine Approvals During a Global Pandemic: Lessons Learned

Session Chair: Sumana Bandhyopadhyay (University of Calcutta)

1. Pandemic, Persons with Disabilities and Resurgent Networks (Nandini Ghosh; Institute of Development Studies Kolkata)
2. Vaccine Approvals during a Health Emergency: Lessons from the Covid-19 Epidemic (Biju Paul Abraham; IIM Calcutta)
3. Invisibility and Experiences of Inequality in Times of Pandemic: A Qualitative Analysis of Women Workers' Experiences in South India. (S. Anandhi; Madras Institute of Development Studies)

11:00-11:15am: Coffee Break

11:15am-12:45 pm: Session 2

Carework and Community Building during the Pandemic

Session Chair: Sayoni Bose (Governors State University)

1. Exchanging 'Care': Exploring Coping Strategies in/through the Covid-19 Pandemic among Indian students in Higher Educational Institutions (Maria Anne Fitzgerald, Delhi School of Economics)
2. Crafting relatedness: Citizen Aid in Kolkata during the Covid 19 Pandemic

(Shoma Choudhury Lahiri, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata)

3. Transnational Caregiving and Care Receiving Among Asian Indian Immigrants in the USA During the COVID-19 Pandemic (Elizabeth Chacko, The George Washington University)

12:45-2pm: Lunch

2:00-3:30pm: Session 3

Impact on Pandemics on Precarious Communities

Session Chair: Elizabeth Chacko (The George Washington University)

1. From Beneficiaries to Actors: Transformative Journeys of Women through Local Community Organizing During the Pandemic (Sayantoni Datta, Independent Scholar)
2. People on the Move: Internal Migrants and Covid-19 (Anushyama Mukherjee, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata)
3. The Efficacy of ZMET as a Tool to Understand Covid-Induced Migrant Precarity (Anand Venkatesh, Institute of Rural Management, Anand; Vidya Anand, Independent Scholar)
4. "America is My Home Too": A Punjabi Immigrant Community in Mid-Western Ohio. Redefining Precarity, Boundaries, and Belonging During COVID-19 Lockdown (Jaita Talukdar, Loyola University, New Orleans)

3:30-3:45pm: Break

3:45-5:15: Session 4

Work life balance and stress among high skilled workers during the pandemic

Session Chair: Sabiha Sethwala (Loreto College)

1. The Pandemic and the People: Impact of Lockdowns on Legal Professionals in India (Debasree Sinha, Loreto College)
2. Unseen by All: The Invisibility of High-Skilled Temporary Indian Immigrants in the US during Covid (Rianka Roy and Bandana Purkayastha, University of Connecticut).
3. How has the pandemic impacted work-life balance among higher skilled Indian immigrants in USA (Soma Chaudhuri, Michigan State University; Elizabeth Chacko, The George Washington University; Paromita Sanyal, Florida State University)

5:15-5:30 pm: Concluding remarks: Elizabeth Chacko (The George Washington University) and Soma Chaudhuri (Michigan State University)