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**HIGHER EDUCATION IN A
DEVELOPING ECONOMY:
PROBLEMS, POLICIES
AND PERSPECTIVES**

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On IUCAE

At present the neo classical economic ideas, which are taught as universally acceptable principles and policies, are prescribed as one size fit for all. This homogenization is derived from the individual rationality and utility maximization principle. Amartya Sen in his essay "Rational Fools" had given a critique to the behavioral foundation of such a single fit of the conceptual and theoretical underpinning of theory and practice. Given the kind of socio economic reality of the present world economy, he kept arguing that the persuasion of standardized norm is not helpful for all, at least to achieve development and its assessment. It invokes us to think alternative trajectories to evaluate and pursue the question of development. At an alternative level, humanism is increasingly foregrounded in resolving present problems and the whole socio-economic and even the political framework is incrementally getting revolutionized on the principles of rights rather than individual rationality. Development thus envisages new economic ideas and policy regimes, which need to be studied and evaluated with utmost care and quality. This begs us to have studies beyond the mainstream and dominant views and approaches that are very much embedded in the curriculum, which slowly dismisses the heterodoxy of economic approaches. In this context Inter University Centre for Alternative Economics (IUCAE) is designed and committed to make discussions across the schools and approaches.

On the International seminar

Development of human resources is crucial for economic development of a country. Human resources can be developed by imparting skills and education. In fact the relationship between education and economic development is mutually reinforcing. Higher education contributes to national development through dissemination of specialized knowledge and skills. India has one of the largest higher education systems in the world. However Indian higher education system faces several quantitative as well as qualitative challenges. Ensuring equitable access to quality higher education for students coming from various socio economic groups remains as a major challenge. There exists a huge demand –supply gap in the higher education sector. Given the high demand, the expansion of higher education system appears to be slow. The privatisation of higher education sector is expected to fill the gap by bringing foreign universities and starting new institutions of higher learning. Further the quality of higher education which can be assessed in terms of performance of students and employability of graduates is lower in India than the developed and the emerging economies in the world. Gradual government withdrawal and the consequent under-investment in institution facilities make it strenuous to provide quality instruction or engage in cutting –edge research. Majority of graduates coming out of universities are not employable due to the lack of necessary skills.

Lack of adequate financial support from government has made it difficult for many institutions to attract qualified and talented teachers and have to run courses with sub-qualified teachers on ad hoc basis, which is serious threat to quality of education. Most of the premier institutes in India face a faculty crunch with keeping nearly one third of the posts vacant. The poor connectivity of higher education institutions with research centres and the poor education industry linkage are other issues. The expenditure on higher education as a percentage of GDP and the expenditure on higher education in proportion to total education expenditure are very low and declining over the years, compared to the developed countries and the emerging economies.

The recent trend in higher education consists of the increasing role of private sector and gradual withdrawal of public sector. The implicit policy pursued by central and state governments in general since the mid 1990s to promote elementary education at the cost of higher education affected the expansion of higher education institutions in the public sector. This trend reduces the relative size of public sector. Eleventh and Twelfth Five Year Plans promote public private partnership in higher education along with emphasizing the role of

private sector expansion. This policy has led to the proliferation of self financing education, which has serious implications for access, social equity and quality. Growth of for-profit institutions in higher education with a tradeoff between cost efficiency and quality raises serious menace to quality. Besides, there is a lack of effective regulatory framework to control private institutions. Uncontrolled private institutions already contribute towards vulgar forms of commercialization. In public private partnership, very often profits are shared among private partners while costs and risks are for the public, raising questions against its effectiveness. The proposed seminar would discuss these issues and offer alternatives.

Registration

The delegates and participants are directed to register their names with a registration fee (Rs. 500 to teachers/researchers and Rs. 300 to post graduate and M.Phil students) through the Demand draft /CASH in favour of Honorary Director of IUCAE. A soft copy of the registration may be sent to the mail (iucae2016@gmail.com)

Programmes

Day 01 24-10-2016 (9.30 AM - 4.30 PM)

9.30AM – 10.30AM : Registration

10.30AM – 1.00 PM : Inaugural Session

Chairperson : **Dr. N. Veeramaniandan**

: *Hon'ble Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala*

Welcome Speech &

Introduction of the Theme : **Prof. Abdul Salim A**

: *Honorary Director, IUCAE & Head of Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala*

Inaugural Address : **Prof. C. Raveendranath**

: *Minister for Education, Government of Kerala*

Keynote Address : **Prof. Jandhyala B Tilak**

: *Vice-Chancellor,*

National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi

Special Address : **Prof. Dato' Morshidi Sirat**

: *Professor & Founding Director, Commonwealth Tertiary Education Facility (CTEF), University Sains Malaysia*

Role of Government in Higher Education of Emerging Economies

Felicitations : **1. Dr. AchuthSankar S.Nair**

: *Director, IQAC, University of Kerala*

2. Dr. Suresh Jnaneshwaran

: *Director, School of Social Sciences, University of Kerala*

Dr. Manju S.Nair

: *Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala*

2.00PM -3.20 PM: Technical Session 1

Higher Education in India : A Comparative Perspective

: **Siddik R**

: *Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala*

Chairperson

: **Prof. Jandhyala B G Tilak, Vice-Chancellor,**

National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi

Speaker : **Prof. N V Varghese**
Director, Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education, New Delhi
The Changing Landscape of Higher Education: An Analysis of Changes in Developing and Developed Countries

Presentation : **Prof. K. Gangadharan**
Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Member Syndicate, Kannur University
Social Science Research in India Determinants and Determinants

Responses :
Vote of Thanks : **Anuradha S Pai**

3.30PM-4.40PM Technical Session II
Quality of Higher Education : Capturing the Present for Future

Welcome : **Arya Devi**
Chairperson : **Prof. N V Varghese**
Director , Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education, New Delhi

Speaker : **Prof. A. Sukumaran Nair**
Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Kerala
Quality Improvement of Higher Education Through Teacher Empowerment

Presentation : **Dr. Asha JV**
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Education, University of Kerala.
Quality Issues and Trends in Teacher Education: An Alternative Perspective

Responses :
Vote of Thanks : **Gopika Varma**

Day 2 25-10-2016 (9.30 AM-4.30 PM)
9.30AM- 11.20 Am Technical Session-III

Policy Crisis in Indian Higher Education-1

Welcome : **Dr. Anitha, V.**
Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala

Chairperson : **Prof. Rajan Gurukkal**
Former Vice-Chancellor, MG University, Kerala

Speaker : **Prof. M. Kunhaman**
Emeritus Professor Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Thuljapur Campus, Mumbai

Higher Education in the Context of Development

Presentations

1. **Dr. Radhakrishna G Pillai**
Centre of Excellence in Interdisciplinary Studies and Research University of Calicut
Impact of De-nationalisation and Globalisation on Science Education and Research in Developing Countries

2 **Aishna Sharma**
Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Autonomy and Accountability of Universities in India

Responses:

Vote of Thanks : **Vijayasree R.M.**

11.30 AM -1.00 PM Technical Session- IV

Policy Crisis in Indian Higher Education-2

Welcome: Ancy John.
Chairperson : **Prof. M. Kunhaman**
Emeritus Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Thuljapur Campus, Mumbai

Speaker : **Prof. Rajan Gurukkal**
Former Vice-Chancellor, MG University, Kerala
National Higher Education Policy of India 2016: A Review in Critical Political Economy Perspective

Presentations

1. **Dr. A. Nujum**, Professor, School of Modern Languages, Aligarh Muslim University, UP
Planning of Indian Languages and Higher Education
2. **Dr Christabell .P J & Rajeev B**, Dept. of Futures Studies, University of Kerala
Gender Participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education and Emerging Challenges to Innovation in India

Responses :

Vote of Thanks : **Reshma Rajeevan**

2.00PM-3.20PM Technical Session-V
Restructuring of Higher Education in India

Welcome : **Amitha R**

Chairperson : **Prof. Saumen Chattopadhyay**
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Speaker : **Prof. N Varaprasad**
Adjunct Professor, University of Singapore
Structure and Pattern of Higher Education Courses in Singapore

Presentations

1. **Dr. G. L Arunjilal**, Head, Dept. of Economics, Government Arts College, Trivandrum
Higher Education and Labour Market in India: Missing Linkages
2. **Dr. Malish. C .M, & Dr. Nidhi S Sabharwal**, Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education, NUEPA, New Delhi.
Diversity and Discrimination in Higher Education Institutions in India: Case Study of Selected States

Responses :

Vote of Thanks : **Aabid Firdausi MS**

**3.30 PM-4.40 PM Technical Session –VI
Access and Equity in Higher education**

- Welcome : **Anamika Dinesh**
Chairperson : **Prof. Dato' Morshidi Sirat**
Faculty, Founding Director, Commonwealth Tertiary Education
Facility (CTEF), Universiti Sains Malaysia
- Speaker : **Prof. Govardhan Wankhede**
Former Professor, TISS, Mumbai

Inclusive Nature of Higher Education: Myth or Reality

Presentations

1. **Dr. N. Murukan**, Associate Professor & N. Niyathi, Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Development Studies, Trivandrum.
Access and Equity: A Study on the Impact of Self-Financing Colleges in Kerala
2. **Dr. Manju. S. Nair**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala
Visibly invisible: The Case of Disabled in Kerala's Higher Education Scenario.
3. **Dr. S. R. Sheeja**, Assistant Professor, IDE, University of Kerala
Access and Equity in Higher Education in India
4. **Dr. C. Anil kumar**,
Research officer, Kerala State Planning Board, Trivandrum
Performance of Marginalized Groups in Engineering Education – A Case Study

Responses :

Vote of Thanks : **Kavya Nair P. J.**

Day 3 26-10-2016 (9.30 AM-4.30 PM)

9.30 AM- 11.20 AM Technical Session –VII

Financing Higher Education in India: A Comparative Perspective

- Welcome : **Remya Mohan**
Chairperson : **Prof. N Varaprasad**
Adjunct Professor, University of Singapore
- Speaker : **Prof. Saumen Chattopadhyay**
Jawaharlal Nehru University
*Mode of Funding Higher Education: Can it Reform
University Governance*
- Presentations :

1. **Dr. C. Krishnan**, Vice Principal, Government College Kodanchery, Calicut
Are our Universities Financially Sustainable : The Case of Four South Indian Universities
2. **Dr. V. Nagarajan Naidu**, Head, Dept. of Economics, University College, Trivandrum
*Strategic Planning for Higher Education Funding: A Study Based on the Financial Health of
Government Supported Universities in Kerala*

Responses :

Vote of Thanks : **Tanita Eloo Philip**

**11.30AM-1.00PM Technical Session –VIII
Higher Education in Kerala**

- Welcome : **Lekshmi Krishnan**
Chairperson : **Cyriac Mathews**, Fellow, Institute for Sustainable
Development and Governance, Trivandrum.

Speaker : **Prof. Rajan Varughese**

Former Pro-Vice Chancellor, M G University
Government Withdrawal and Privatization of Higher Education in Kerala

Presentations

1. **Dr. Sunija Beegum N**, Assistant professor, Govt. College for Women, Trivandrum
Role of Private Institutions in Promoting Higher Education in Kerala
2. **Dr. P. S. Devakumar**, Assistant Professor, Govt. College for Women, Trivandrum
Bridging the Industry-Academia Gap: The Way Ahead for Higher Education in Kerala
3. **Shyla Hameed**, Assistant Professor & Head, MES College, Idukki, Kerala
New Initiatives in Kerala Higher Education System -Potentials and Constraints

Responses:

Vote of Thanks : **Anupama G. K**

**2.00PM-3.20PM Researchers' Session
Higher Education in India and Kerala**

Welcome : **Neena S Johnson**

Chairperson : **Dr. A K Prasad**
Department of Economics, University of Kerala

Presentations

1. **Rajilan .M. C**, Hon. Chairman, Research Academy for Creative Excellence, Trivandrum
Higher Education and Employability in India : The Road Less Travelled
2. **Mohammed Shafeer .K. P**, Assistant Professor, KMCT, Malappuram, Kerala
The Impact of Brain Drain on the Quality of Higher Education in Kerala
3. **Sajida P**, Research Scholar, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin, Kerala
Gender Dimension and Influence of Migration in Higher Education and Employment in Kerala
4. **Himanshu Tripathi**, Research Scholar, Alagappa University, Tamil Nadu
Honours Undergraduate Course: A Tool to Enhance Quality of Higher Education in Kerala

Responses :

Vote of Thanks : **Suha. AM**

3.30 P M-4.40 PM Valedictory Session

Welcome : **Siddik. R.**
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala

Chairperson : **Dr. N Veeramankandan**
Hon'ble Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala

Inaugural Address : **Dr. T. M. Thomas Isaac**
Minister for Finance, Government of Kerala

Financing Higher Education in Kerala

Special Address : **Dr. B. Ekbal**

Former Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala

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Vote of Thanks : **Prof. A . Abdul Salim**

Honorary Director, IUCAE, University of Kerala