



ICSSR-ERC Funded International Conference
On
*Contemporary Issues of Sustainable Development:
Challenges and Opportunities*
Organised by the
Department of Economics, Vidyasagar University,
West Bengal, India
To be held on
8th and 9th August, 2023



Announcement and Call for Papers

The Department of Economics, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal, India, announces the ICSSR-ERC funded International Conference to be held on 8th and 9th August, 2023. Large number of teachers, scholars and researchers from Economics and related disciplines of social sciences, from different parts of India and abroad, are likely to participate in the prestigious two-day international event. In addition to the presentations of research papers by scholars in technical sessions, there are the arrangements of couple of special lectures by eminent Economists from India and abroad.

About the Theme

Sustainable development aims to meet human development goals besides enabling natural systems to provide necessary natural resources and ecosystem services to humans. Though it is a global issue, its achievements should be started from the countries and regions through the initiatives in handling the components therein. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or Global Goals are a collection of seventeen interlinked objectives designed to serve as a "shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet now and into the future". The SDGs are: no poverty; zero hunger; good health and well-being; quality education; gender equality; clean water and sanitation; affordable and clean energy; decent work and economic growth; industry, innovation and infrastructure; reduced inequalities; sustainable cities and communities; responsible consumption and production; climate action; life below water; life on land; peace, justice, and strong institutions; and partnerships for the goals. The SDGs emphasize the interconnected environmental, social and economic aspects of sustainable development by putting sustainability at their center.

Sustainable development (SD) is something that can help the entire world's population and it helps supply security for future generations, but it is not without its

challenges. There are a large number of challenges that need to be met if we are to achieve a better future. Some of these key challenges include War and Instability i.e. when there is turmoil, instability and war between nations it stands to reasons that sustainable development cannot occur; Suitability and Availability, the ability of a nation to implement sustainable development programmes in their country; Governmental Issues i.e. what initiatives Governments may want to sign-up to, and how keen they are on sustainable development; Poverty & Unemployment, one of the goals of sustainable development but this is no easy task and cannot be done without addressing a number of other issues that contribute to poverty. Sustainable development ideology has been designed to help create opportunities for individuals by raising the basic standards of living and to reduce inter-personal inequalities. This kind of development can cover a broad range of topics from human rights, food security etc. and to ensuring that, everyone has access to healthcare, for example. However, with population growth and issues surrounding climate change, the challenges of sustainable development continue and their needs must be met with new initiatives.

Sub Themes

Full paper submissions are invited from across all areas including the following:

Track 1: Poverty and Inequality. This will address the causes, consequences and solutions of poverty and inequality at different levels and dimensions, and how to reduce it in line with the SDGs and human rights principles.

Track 2: Food Security. This will explore the challenges and opportunities for ensuring food security and nutrition for all, and how to promote sustainable agriculture, food systems and diets that are resilient, inclusive and environmental friendly.

Track 3: Gender Issues. This will analyze the gender dimensions and how to achieve gender equality and women empowerment in various domains in advancing SD.

Track 4: Issues of human capital. This track will focus on the issues of human capital development and utilization for SD.

Track 5: Resource and environment. This will deal with the issues of resource management and environmental protection for SD.

Track 6: Economic Recovery. This will examine the issues of economic recovery and transformation after the COVID-19 pandemic and will also explore how to rebuild a more inclusive, resilient and sustainable economy that supports the SDGs.

Track 7: Trade and Development. This will investigate the issues of trade and development in the context of globalization and regional integration and also assess how to leverage trade as a tool for promoting SD.

Track 8: Other issues of sustainable development. This track will accommodate other relevant issues of SD that are not covered by the previous tracks which are innovative, cross-cutting or emerging.

Submission Guidelines

Interested participants are requested to contribute their original research papers of 5000-7000 words for the conference along with an abstract of around 250 words, mentioning the sub- themes to which the papers' area addressed to, and send them to

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Decision on the Submissions

The submissions will be reviewed by a Peer Review Committee, from which a set of papers will be selected for the final presentation and associated discussions in the Conference platform.

Important Dates

Submission of full papers	9 th July, 2023
Confirmation	15 th July, 2023
Conference Dates	8 th and 9 th August, 2023

Publication Opportunities

Papers selected for the conference may be considered for publication in edited volume/s, subject to the approval of the authors and fulfillment of blind review process.

Fees and Payments

The registration fee is Rs 1500/- for teachers, Rs 2000/- for corporates, Rs 700/- for research scholars and others. The details of payments of registration fees will be intimated to the candidates after selection of the paper. Outstation participants may be provided accommodations (lodging and food) subject to the availabilities which will be considered upon their prior requests on the payment ranging from Rs. 300/--1000/- (depending on accommodation, AC/non AC, etc.) per head/night in addition to the stipulated registration fees.

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