

International Conference
Diaspora and Development
Prospects and Implications for Nation States

(7-8 September 2011)

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Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi-110068 (India)

Tuesday, 6th September 2011

16: 00- 21: 00 h

Welcome at Convention Centre, IGNOU, New Delhi
Greetings, Registration, Cultural Event and Dinner

Day 1: Wednesday, 7th September, 2011

9: 45 - 11: 15 h

Inauguration at Main Hall, Convention Centre

Welcome

Dr. Latha Pillai, Pro Vice Chancellor, IGNOU

Release of Conference Compendium

Dr. A. Didar Singh, Secretary, MOIA, GOI

Presidential Address

Prof. VN Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU

Key Note Address

The Global Community of Diaspora: Contributions, Challenges and Prospects
Prof. Mizan R. Miah, Director, School of Social Work, Southern Illinois University, USA

Address by Chief Guest

Dr. A. Didar Singh, Secretary, MOIA, GOI

Vote of Thanks

Prof. B.K. Pattanaik, Conference Coordinator

11:15-11:30 h

High Tea

Session I: 11: 30- 13:30 h, Main Hall, Convention Centre

Plenary I: Diaspora and Development Dynamics: Issues, Strategies and Practices

Chair : Prof. R.K. Jain
Discussant : Dr. Mohammad Salahuddin
Rapporteur : Ms. Smita Tiwari

- 1. The Promotion of International Best Practice in the Field of Diaspora Strategy: A Critical Reflection on the Experience of Policy Transfer to Date** — Prof. Mark Boyle & Dr. Rob Kitchin
- 2. The Link with a Home Country : A Comparative Analysis of Host-country Environments for Diaspora Engagement** — Dr. Metka Hercog, Dr. Gabriela Tejada, Dr. Christiane Kuptsch & Prof. Jean-Claude Bolay
- 3. The African Brain Drain — Causes, Costs, Consequences** — Prof. Brij Maharaj
- 4. Contrasting Regional Migration and Diaspora-led Transformation in Kerala and Punjab: Is it Evidence of Migration-led Development?** — Dr. Margaret Walton-Roberts

13:30- 14:15 h Lunch, IGNOU Guest House

Session II: 14:15-16:30h, Main Hall, Convention Centre

Parallel Session I: Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion

Chair : Prof. A.S. Narang
Discussant : Dr. Nandini Sen
Rapporteurs : Khusboo Jain & Smita Tiwari

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1. **Diasporic International Relations: Agent of Change as Soft Power Diplomacy** — Dr. Samson S. Chiru
2. **Joining the Mainstream Bandwagon: A Study of Political Participation of Indian Diaspora in the United States** — Prof. Mohammed Badrul Alam
3. **Being Tibetan in Shimla: Cultural Hybridity and Social Development of the Tibetan Diaspora** — Dr. Renuka Thapliyal and Dr. Vibha Arora
4. **Fluid Boundaries and Diaspora: Multiple Identities and Globalizing Networks** — Dr. Manisha Tripathy Pandey
5. **The Role of Ethnic Diasporas in the Innovative Development of Post Soviet Era** — Dr. Sergey Krivov
6. **Muslim Diaspora and European Identity: The Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion** — Dr. Branislav Radeljic
7. **Diaspora, Cultural Disintegration and Underdevelopment: The Case of Zimbabwe in the Last Ten Years (2001 – 2011)** — Dr. Francis Matambirofa

Session II : 14:15-16:30h, Room No: 5, Convention Centre

Parallel Session II : Human Development

Chair : Prof. Sanjoy K. Nayak
Discussant : Dr. Ginu Zacharia Oommen
Rapporteur : Sheetal Agarwal

1. **Diaspora as a Knowledge Community in Policy Making for Nation Building of Post-War Sri Lanka** — Mr. Chaminda Hettiarachchi
2. **UNDP “Global Armenia” Initiative: A Platform for Transferring Armenian Diaspora’s Expertise, Experience and Financial Resources to the Homeland for Advancing Human Development** — Mr. Armen Baibourtian
3. **“Brain drain” from Greece: “Unskilled” People Migrating to Greece from Less Developed Countries while Greek Professionals migrate to Developed Countries** — Prof. Lois Labrianidis
4. **Brain Circulation and Indian Development: A Perspective from Australia and New Zealand** — Dr. Wardlow Friesen
5. **Reverse Brain Drain: Millennial Strategies by Developed and Developing Countries** — Dr. Anjali Sahay
6. **Philanthropy and Sustainable Development in Regional Towns: Role of Diaspora Telugus in Guntur** — Dr. T.L.S.Bhaskar
7. **The Diaspora as Carrier of Soft Knowledge for Development to the Home Country: Evidence from Highly Skilled Filipino Migrants in New Zealand and Australia** — Ms. Sheila Siar

16:30 – 16:45 h Tea Break

Session III: 16:45-18:45h, Main Hall, Convention Centre

Parallel Session I : Diaspora Finance and Socio-Economic Development

Chair : Ambassador Paramjit Sahai
Discussant : Dr. Wardlow Friesen
Rapporteurs : Apneet Riyait & Smita Tiwari

1. **Indonesian Migrant Workers: Foreign Exchange Heroes?** — Mr. Agung Setiyo Wibowo
2. **On Some Aspects of Labour Migration and Remittances in Indian Experience** — Mr. Akhil Alha
3. **Proposals, Possibilities and Realities: Diaspora Linkages and Investments in the Homeland: The South West Cameroon’s Example** — Dr. Richard Agbor Ayukndang Enoh
4. **Can the Diaspora be an Agent of Development? Assessing the Role of Diaspora Finance in Punjab’s Economic Development** — Prof. Shinder S. Thandi
5. **Africa’s Money in Africa: The Impact of Remittance on Investment and Economic Development** — Dr. Osabuohien Evans & Dr. Efobi Uchenna
6. **Remittance Inflow into Rural Economy of Bangladesh** — Prof. Md. Saiful Islam, Howlader Abubakar & Syed Afroz Keramat
7. **A Causal Note on The Relationship Between Migrants’ Remittances and Economic Growth In Bangladesh** — Dr. Mohammad Salahuddin & Dr. SM Shafiul Alam
8. **India’s Diaspora Connect: Financial Instruments, Strategy and Options** — Dr. RP Pradhan
9. **Diaspora Bonds and the Caribbean: Tapping into Innovative Financing Mechanisms** — Mr. Jwala Rambarran

Session III : 16:30-18:45 h, Room No: 5, Convention Centre

Parallel Session II : Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion

Chair : Ambassador J.C. Sharma
Discussant : Dr. Mohammed Badrul Alam
Rapporteur : Mr. Akhil Alha

1. **Diaspora in Mauritius: Recipe for Contested Development** — Honita Cowaloosur
2. **Old Faiths and Global Organisational Frames** — Dr. Kiranmayi Bhushi
3. **The Dark Side of 'Diaspora' in Africa's Great Lakes Region** — Mr. Sebastiano Rwengabo
4. **The Impact of Turkish Diasporic Community Living in Germany on German and Turkish Laws** — Ms. Hande Unsal,
5. **Incidence of Elder Abuse Among South Asian Immigrants in the US: Quest for Some Remedies** — Prof. Pramod Kumar Mishra
6. **Do Numbers Matter? Role of Indian Diaspora from Smaller States** — Dr. KM Baharul Islam
7. **On the Law on the Protection of the Rights and Interests of Returned Overseas Chinese and the Relatives of Overseas Chinese** — Prof. Guofu Liu
8. **Migrant Work and Human Rights in the GCC Countries: Some Pointers in the Context of Labour Unrest** — Dr. Bijulal M.V
9. **Indian African Diaspora's Role in Economic Growth and Development in India- A Study in Context of Tanzania and Kenya** — Dr. Inderjeet Singh Sodhi

19:30-20:15 Dinner, IGNOU Guest House

Day 2 : Thursday, 8th September 2011

Session IV : 9:00 to 11:00h, Main Hall, Convention Centre

Parallel Session I: Human Development

Chair : Prof. Mark Boyle
Discussant : Mr. Jwala Rambarran
Rapporteur : Sheetal Agarwal

1. **Tapping Talents in India through Diasporas Network: Opportunities and Challenges** — Dr. Falendra Kumar Sudan
2. **Rethinking Development through Dynamics of Skilled Human Migration from India** — Dr. Leena Singh
3. **Knowledge Diasporas: Educational Migration and Transnational Development** — Ms. Maria Sian Chavan
4. **Moroccan Reef Diaspora: History, Effects, and Plan for Development** — Dr. Ilyass Balga
5. **A South-South Approach to Migration and Development: Some Reflections on the Experiences of Overseas Filipino Workers** — Ms. Lermie Shayne S. Garcia
6. **Indian Diapora and Knowledge Transfer: Myth or Reality** — Mr. Jeetendra D. Soni
7. **Harnessing Diasporas for Grassroot Development: A study in Rural Punjab** — Mr. Apneet Riyait

Session IV : 9:00- 11:00 h, Room No: 5, Convention Centre

Parallel Session II: Gender in the Diaspora

Chair : Prof. Margaret Walton-Roberts
Discussant : Dr. Kiranmayee Bhushi
Rapporteur : Ms. Khusboo Jain

1. **Does Role Mobility Empower immigrant Women?** — Prof. Shu-Man Pan & Dr. Jung-Tsung Yang
2. **Women of the New Algerian Diaspora: Networks, Social Consciousness and Political Engagement** — Ms. Latefa Narriman Guemar
3. **Women of Malaysian Diaspora in Qatar: Managing Home and Managing Properties** — Prof. Maznah Hj Ibrahim & Prof. Siti Rugayah
4. **Rationale for Establishing a Return and Retirement Fund for Indian Overseas Women Migrant Workers in the ECR Countries** — Dr. Kavim V Bhatnagar

11:00- 11:15h Tea Break

Session V : 11:15 to 1:30h, Main Hall, Convention Centre

Parallel Session I: Film & Theatre

Chair : Padmashri Dr. Sunil Kothari

Discussant : Dr. Manisha Tripathy Pandey

Rapporteur : Mr. Akhil Alha

1. **In Search of and Connecting to Indian Identity: the Popular Hindi Cinema and Diaspora** –Dr. Vishav Raksha
2. **From Cultural Degradation to Cultural Recognition: Indian Diaspora through Hindi Movies (Bollywood)**—Dr. Tapasi Ghosh
3. **Diaspora in the Indian Cinema and the Notion of Indianness** –Dr. Shilpa Nandy
4. **“Irangeles”–Representation of Migration in Films of the Iranian Diaspora** – Ms. Alena Strohmaier
5. **The Empire Writes from Within: Kali Theatre Company- A Case Study**— Ms. Alice Colombo

Session V : 11:15 to 1:30h, Room No.5, Convention Centre

Parallel Session II: Diaspora Writings

Chair : Prof. Francis Matambirofa

Discussants : Prof. Malti Mathur & Kara Hemachandran

Rapporteur : Ms. Sheetal Agarwal

1. **The creation of Diaspora and its historical significance: A Study of Amitav Ghosh’s Sea of Poppies** - Dr. Nandini C Sen
2. **Diasporic Vision in Kiran Desai’s *The Inheritance of Loss*** - Dr. Anshu Pandey
3. **Diasporic Enclosures in the Writings of Peter Nazareth, Vassanji & Tejani**- Dr. Deepa SP Mathur
4. **Diasporic Sensibility of the South Asian Writers: Nostalgia, Concern for Homeland or Cashing of Emotions** - Dr. Shaista Maseeh & Dr. Shamenaz Bano
5. **Diasporic Vision of African Women Novelists**- Dr. Kanu Priya Verma

13:30- 14:15 h Lunch, IGNOU Guest House

Session V: 14:15- 16:15 h, Main Hall, Convention Centre

Plenary II: Engaging Diaspora: The Way Forward

Chair : Ambassador J.C. Sharma

Rapporteurs : Ms. Smita Tiwari

Panelists

1. Dr. Margaret Walton Roberts
2. Dr. Francis Matambirofa
3. Ambassador Paramjit Sahai
4. Prof. Mizan RMiah
5. Dr. Gabriela Tejada
6. Prof. Shinder S. Thandi

16:15- 16:30 h Tea Break

Valedictory Session : 16.30 – 17.30 h, Main Hall, Convention Centre

Welcome : **Prof. Velayutham Saravanan**, Director, SOITS

Remarks : **Dr. Latha Pillai**, PVC

Valedictory Address : **Shri Gurucharan**, CEO, Indian Council of Overseas Employment (ICOE), MOIA, New Delhi

Conference outcome : **Prof. Brij Maharaj**, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Presidential Remarks : **Prof. VN Rajasekharan Pillai**, Vice Chancellor

Vote of Thanks : **Dr. Sadananda Sahoo**, SOITS

19:30-20:15 Dinner, IGNOU Guest House

End of the Event