

INDO-SWISS RESEARCH PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES JOINT SEMINAR

**Indian Council of Social Science Research – UNIL as Associate Leading House of the Indo-Swiss
Research Programme in Social Sciences**

SOCIAL DYNAMICS AND WELLBEING: INDIAN AND SWISS APPROACHES

September 09-10, 2014

St. Marks Hotel, 4/1, St. Marks Road, Bengaluru – 560 001 (India)

The Indo-Swiss Joint Seminar will examine society in a multidimensional way: 1) distribution of social goods, 2) cultural diversity, 3) social integration, 4) political reshaping, 5) environment and society. It will deliberate on the influence of the five dimensions described below on wellbeing:

1. Distribution of social goods is to describe how society is performing in terms of educational skills, working life, employment, and wealth and income distribution.
2. Cultural diversity is to present data about cultural practices, spiritual and religious practices and preferences, sports and leisure activities.
3. Social integration will give information about social cohesion, equality, poverty, social security, health, satisfaction in life and security.
4. Political reshaping will present political participation, identities, activities, and opinions. It will also show party strength and confidence in political government in particular.
5. Environment and society is to describe the state and place of environmental questions in society, but also ecological behavior and commitment of the population.

This joint seminar aims at studying these aspects with a view to highlighting their impact on wellbeing. Based along these five dimensions the conference could be structured as follows:

- *2 keynote speakers*: one at the beginning of first day (a Professor from India) and one at the beginning of the last conference day (a Professor from Switzerland)
- *5 workshop sessions*: each workshop addresses one of the 5 themes. Each workshop has 4 presentations of 20 minutes each (2 Swiss Scholars and 2 Indian Scholars) and then a general 30 minutes discussion with participants.
- *1 round table* that is composed of 4-5 Scholars who have participated in one of the workshops, and 1 moderator.

Organisation:

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR, New Delhi, India)

University of Lausanne as Associate Leading House of the Indo-Swiss Research Programme in Social Sciences (UNIL, Lausanne, Switzerland)

Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences (FORS, Lausanne, Switzerland)

Local partners: Institute of Social & Economic Change (ISEC) Bengaluru

Swissnex India, Bengaluru

Program

DAY 1

Monday, September 8

18:00-19:00 **Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) Meeting**
19:30 **Welcome Dinner hosted by ICSSR**

DAY 2

Tuesday, September 9

9:30-9:45 **Welcome Address**
Professor Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, ICSSR
Professor René Véron, Acting Chair (University of Lausanne as Associate Leading House of the Indo-Swiss Research Programme in Social Sciences)

9:45-10:45 **Keynote Address**
Professor Achin Chakraborty (Institute of Development Studies Kolkata)

10:45-11:15 **Tea break**

11:15-13:15 **Workshop Session I: The five dimensions of social dynamics - Economics**

Chair – Professor Ashok V. Desai (Former Chief Economic Advisor to GOI)
From Switzerland:
Professor Alois Stutzer (University of Basel)
Dr Maria Gabriela Flores Pentzke Saint-Germain (University of Lausanne)
From India:
Professor K. Seeta Prabhu (Tata Chair, TISS, Mumbai)
Dr Reetika Khera (Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi)
Professor S. Madheswaran (ISEC, Bengaluru)

13:15-14:15 **Lunch Break**

14:15-16:15 **Workshop Session II: The five dimensions of social dynamics - Cultural diversity and Health**
Chair – Professor G. Hargopal (University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad)
From Switzerland:
Professor Claudine Burton-Jeangros (University of Geneva)
Dr. Heidi Kaspar (University of Zurich)
From India:
Professor Kalpana Kannabiran (Council for Social Development, Hyderabad)
Prof. Samir Kumar Das (University of Calcutta, Kolkata)

16:15-16:45 **Tea break**

16:45-18:45

**Workshop Session III: The five dimensions of social dynamics - Social Integration
/ Life course**

Chair – Professor Ravi Srivastava (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

From Switzerland:

MA. Jehane Moussa (University of Neuchâtel)

MA. Céline Schmid Botkine (Swiss Center for Expertise in Social Sciences)

From India:

Dr Kancha Illaiah (MANUU, Hyderabad)

Professor S.S. Jodhka (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

19:30

Conference Dinner hosted by Swissnex India

INDO-SWISS JOINT SEMINAR
SOCIAL DYNAMICS AND WELLBEING: INDIAN AND SWISS APPROACHES

September 09-10, 2014
St. Marks Hotel, 4/1, St. Marks Road, Bengaluru – 560 001 (India)

Program

DAY 3

Wednesday, September 10

- 9:00-10:00** **Keynote Address**
Distinguished Professor from Switzerland:
Professor Christian Suter (University of Neuchâtel)
- 10:00-11:30** **Workshop Session IV: The five dimensions of social dynamics - Politics**
Chair – Professor Christian Suter (University of Neuchâtel)
From Switzerland:
Dr Swetha Rao Dhananka (University of Lausanne)
From India:
Professor Ranbir Samaddar (Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata)
Professor Ujjwal Kumar Singh (University of Delhi, Delhi)
Dr Anil Kumar V (ISEC, Bengaluru)
- 11:30-12:00** **Tea break**
- 12:00-13:30** **Workshop Session V: The five dimensions of social dynamics - Environment**
Chair – Professor Alois Stutzer (University of Basel),
From Switzerland:
Professor René Véron (University of Lausanne)
Dr. Urs Geiser (University of Zurich)
Professor Katharina Michaelowa (University of Zurich)

From India:
Dr B.K. Joshi (Doon Library and Research Centre, Dehradun)
Dr Sudha Vasan (University of Delhi, Delhi)
- 13:30-14:30** **Lunch Break**
- 14:30-16:00** **Round Table**
4 or 5 Professors from the workshops and 1 moderator
- 16:00-16:45** **Vote of Thanks**
Professors Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, ICSSR