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Institute for Excellence in Higher Education (IEHE), Bhopal;

Madhya Pradesh Private University Regulatory Commission (MPPURC), Bhopal

and

Regional Science Association of India (RSAI)

Invite you

To participate in the **Golden Jubilee Annual Conference of Regional Science Association of India** on the theme

**EMERGING REGIONAL ISSUES AND SUSTAINABILITY
(February 20 - 22, 2019)**

Scholars working in the area are invited to submit their abstracts (not more than 500 words) in any of the broad issues listed below. Based on the relevance and merit of the abstracts, participants will be selected. Only selected and registered participants will be permitted to present their paper in the technical sessions of the conference. However, conference is open to all the registered participants.

Focal Theme: Emerging Regional Issues and Sustainability

Concept Note:

United Nation publishes Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) which aims at the High Level Political Forum. Science-policy interfaces refer to the many ways in which scientists, policy-makers and other stakeholders link up to communicate, exchange ideas and jointly develop knowledge to enrich policy and decision-making processes and research (Young, J.C., et al.). The 2015 GSDR underlined the importance of utilizing these linkages to identify emerging issues across the whole spectrum of sustainable development, including its social and economic dimensions (United Nation). This whole spectrum of sustainable development comprises of issues such as social and environmental paradigm of sustainability, expansion of urbanized regions, changing composition of informal sector of economy and many others.

The exercise of emerging issues identification is the complexity and inter-disciplinarily of sustainable development issues. Scientific expertise can shed new light on the complexity and interconnectivity of emerging issues, in the process strengthening the science policy interface and possibly leading to more timely responses to emerging threats or the exploitation of new opportunities. The regular scanning and multidisciplinary analyses of emerging issues from different levels and perspectives is important and should be maintained as a necessary and useful early warning system for the science policy interface. There is scope for enhanced dialogue between scientists, social scientist and policy-makers in considering both the processes by which emerging issues as well as the substantive character of issues that – out of the plethora of emerging issues (UNGSDR). Which could usefully be considered by the forum of the association (RSAI).

More over the term ‘emerging’ is based on ‘newness’, but not necessarily issues that are unheard of or that come as a surprise. Newness could be the result of **1.** New scientific knowledge, which could be in form of new data, evidence, theory or model; **2.** New technological development; **3.** New scales or accelerated rates of impact; **4.** A heightened level of awareness; and, **5.** New ways of responding to a known issue.

For more details one may refer, *Young, J.C., A.D. Watt, S. Van Den Hove*, and the *SPIRAL* project team (2013): *Effective interfaces between science, policy and society*; the *SPIRAL* project handbook and Global Sustainable Development Report July 2015.

There will be three plenary sessions, where, renowned academicians are expected to deliver their lecture. List of **expected Panelist of these plenary sessions, Invited Discussants and Chairpersons** of different sessions are as follows:

Prof Sumana Bandopadhyay	Deptt of Geography, University of Calcutta	Prof ADN Bajpai	Deptt of Economics, RDVV, Jabalpur and former Vice Chancellor of Shimla University, Shimla
Prof Manas Chatterjee	Founder Member of RAI, India and State University of New York	Prof Kishore Goswami	Deptt of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Kharagpur
Prof N Sridharan	School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal	Prof M Mallikarjun	Deptt of Management and Economics, Nirma University of Management, Ahmedabad
Prof Amitabh Kundu	Professor (Retd) CSRD, JNU, New Delhi	Prof Sarit Chaudhary	Director, IGMRS, Bhopal
Prof G S Chauhan	Deputy Secretary, UGC (CRO), Bhopal	Prof J K Pattnaik	Deptt of Political Science, JTDGM College, Roing, Arunachal Pradesh and former Visiting Scholar at the Gulf Studies Programme, School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi
Prof H S Yadav	Deptt of Economics, BU, Bhopal	Prof R P Pradhan	Humanities and Social Sciences, BIIT, Goa
Prof D K Mishra	CSRD, JNU, New Delhi	Prof Ashwani K Mohapatra	Member ICSSR, Delhi
Prof A K Thakur	Deptt of History, NEHU, Shillong	Prof S K Dash	Registrar, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry
Prof A K Bhanja	Center for Panchyati Raj, NIRD, Hyderabad	Prof Shantanu Ghosh	Maulana Azad Government College, Kolkata
Prof D K Chakravorty	Deptt of Economics, DU, Dibrugarh	Prof M L Cheepa	Former Vice Chancellor of Ajmer University and ABBH University, Bhopal
Prof N G Pendse	Deptt of Economics, RDVV, Jabalpur	Prof Saptarshi Mitra	Professor of Geography, Tripura Central University, Agartala

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Prof Ravi Shankar Singh	Professor of Geography, BHU, Varanasi	Prof Amit Nag	Deptt of Economics, Bhopal School of Social Sciences, Bhopal
Dr Akhilesh Mishra	Deptt of Economics, SDPGC, Gaziabad	Dr Sondeep Chakrovarty	Deptt of Geography, IGGC, Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh

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Against the above backdrop, it is felt that there is an urgent need to deliberate and understand the changing situation for and against sustainability and its impact on the other sectors in the economy and the society of the region particularly with respect to institutional arrangements. The three days conference aims to address some of the issues in this respect which are as follows:

1. *Agriculture and Energy*
2. *Informal Economy in India*
3. *Climate Change and Sustainability*
4. *Expansion of Urbanism*
5. *Higher Education and Regional Development*
6. *Sustainability of Regional Convergence*
7. *Women in Sustainability*
8. *Towards the Philosophy of Sustainability: The Indian Way*

Objectives and Expected Outcome

On the backdrop of the above introduction, this three-day discussions in the different technical sessions of the conference aims at bringing in scholar working on these above-mentioned issues both from the fields and practice to present their views and opinions.

At the end of the conference expected outcomes are, (i) based on the presentations and discussions, insights will be formed to develop specific perspectives/theories on these subjects. (ii) Suggestions offered on these important issues which may go as inputs for policy prescriptions. (iii) A book will be published which will include selected and scrutinized papers presented during the conference.

Date and Venue

The seminar will be held during **February 20-22, 2019** at **IEHE and MPPURC Campus, Near Kaliasot Dam Kolar Road, Ravishankar Nagar, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.**

Important Dates

- Last date for online submission of abstract (softcopy): **December 01, 2018**
- Intimation of acceptance: **December 15, 2018**
- Early bird online registration deadline: **December 30, 2018**
- Last date for full paper submission (both soft in the online template provided & hardcopy): **December 30, 2018**

The abstracts should also be mailed to rsaibhopalconference@gmail.com

For any query you can write to -

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Registration Fee in INR

Registration		Early Bird	Late Registration	On the Spot Registration
Delegate	Out Station	2500	3000	3500
	Local	1200	1500	1700
Research Scholar (Max 100 participants)	Out Station	1600	2000	2500
	Local	800	1000	1200
Students (Max 50 participants)	Out Station	800	1000	Not Allowed
	Local	500	800	Not Allowed
Virtual Participants (through SKYPE)	Only Foreigners	2500	2500	Not Allowed
	Remote area of India	800	800	Not Allowed
Accompanying Person		2500	3000	Not Allowed
Senior Citizen		2000	2000	Not Allowed

All Co-authors are to register themselves. Payment of registration fee entitles a person to get conference kit, lodging (outstation participants only) and food. This registration fee does not cover transportation and post conference tour.

The Regional Science Association

The Regional Science Association, India was established on September 7, 1967 by Prof Walter Isard, Prof C.R. Pathak located it with its headquarter at the Department of Architecture and Regional Planning, IIT Kharagpur, and subsequently in Kolkata, West Bengal, India. There are 350 Life Members, 182 Annual Members and a journal (indexed in UGC List) reaching 170 premier Institutions of India. The RSAI India is small and active group of scholars and researchers. The First International Regional Science Conference was organised at IIT Kharagpur during September 7-9, 1967. The last three conferences were held in -

- University of Calcutta, Kolkata, West Bengal. January 27-29, 2016
- Tripura University, Agartala, Tripura, January 5-7, 2017
- BIITS (Pilani), Goa Campus, Goa, May 29 - June 01, 2018

Institute for Excellence in Higher Education (IEHE), Bhopal

Institute for Excellence in Higher Education is an 'A' grade state level academy, envisioned to be a centre for academic excellence by the government of Madhya Pradesh since its inception in 1995. Located in a lush green valley adjacent to Kaliasot Dam on Kolar road, Bhopal, this educational oasis enjoys a pride of place among the premier Institutions of the country. It is autonomous in academic, administrative & financial matters which have enhanced its credibility as a catalyst of progressive and incremental changes setting new benchmarks for other Institutions of the state to redefine the limits of growth and development in Higher Education. Through an array of well structured Post-Graduate Courses, Honours Courses at Under Graduate in Science, Arts & Commerce, and short-term Vocational Courses that synergize conventional and contemporary realms of knowledge. An ideal teacher-student ratio, robust track record of placements, effective and transparent Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) scheme with its regular round of Seminars, Presentations, Group Discussions, Pedagogical Innovations and Visionary Leadership make the Institute a virtual 'Excellence in Action'.

The significant milestones like Accreditation by NAAC in 'A' grade in 2004, Reaccreditation by NAAC in highest A Grade in Jan 2011, followed by third cycle of Re-accreditation by NAAC with 'A' Grade in 2016, the prestigious conferment of 'College with Potential for Excellence (CPE)' status in March 2010, embankment on second phase of CPE status spanning between 2014-2019, recognition as a nodal centre for CEQIC (Cluster for Enhancing Quality through Innovation and Collaboration) - a scheme initiated in 2014 by the Government of Madhya Pradesh to realize international standards in research and teaching through qualitative changes, are some of the monumental achievements of the Institute. (Official website of IEHE www.iehe.ac.in).

For more detail please visit virtual tour of IEHE available at youtube in the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmlQd1cMx0o>

Madhya Pradesh Private University Regulatory Commission (MPPURC), Bhopal

Appreciating the needs and the visualizing ambitions of youth of the state and as an effort to making them true, vis-a-vis recognizing the role of non-profit making Non Government Organizations (Trust/Companies/Societies) imparting quality higher education in the country, the Government of Madhya Pradesh, in order to facilitate the student of the state, enacted 'The Madhya Pradesh Niji Vishwavidyalaya (Sthapana evam Sanchalan) Adhiniyam 2007', an Act for establishment and incorporation of self financed private universities in the State of Madhya Pradesh for imparting higher education, and to regulate their functions and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

In compliance with the provisions of section 36 (chapter-IV) of the Act, the state government vide gazette notification no. R-691-CC-09 dated 8th October 2009, established a Regulatory Commission, the Madhya Pradesh Niji Vishwavidyalaya Viniyamak Aayog, for the purpose of providing a regulatory mechanism at the state level and for working as an interface between the state government and the central regulatory bodies for the purpose of ensuring appropriate standards of teaching, examination, research, extension programme, protection of interest of the students and reasonable service conditions of the employees. (Official website www.mpnvva.in)

Bhopal

Bhopal is situated on the site of an 11th century city, Bhojapal, founded by Raja Bhoj. Bhopal today presents a multi-faceted profile; the old city with its ethnicity, huge lakes, fine old palaces and mosques and the modern new city with its well laid out parks and gardens, broad avenues and streamlined modern facilities. Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, is a city of historical, economical and as well as political importance. The monuments of the city still reflect the aristocratic lifestyle of its rulers. The city is full lush green hillocks and number of lakes and number of cites for tourist attraction are there in and around Bhopal such as Bharat Bhawan, Indira Gandhi Manav Sangrahalaya, Tribal Museum, Birla Temple, Moti Masjid, Sanchi, Bhimbetika, Bhojpur, Kerwa Dam, Raisin Forte and many more. Bhopal

is located in the central region of India and in north -western part of the state of Madhya Pradesh. It is 744 km south of New-Delhi and 779 km northwest of Mumbai.

Bhopal has a humid subtropical climate, with mild, dry winters, a hot summer and a humid monsoon season. Summers start in late March and go on till mid-June, the average temperature being around 30°C, with the peak of summer in May, when the highs regularly exceed 40°C (104°F). Total annual rainfall is about 1146 mm. At the time of conference weather will be pleasant, temperature 25°C.

(Official website of Bhopal Municipal Corporation www.bhopalmunicipal.com)

Call for Papers

The authors are requested to submit their original research works either in Hindi or in English in 1.5 line spacing, 12 font, Times New Roman, 1" × 1" margin, justified on all sides. The abstract must carry the name(s) of the author(s), designation, affiliation, contact number and email-id. The abstract should be comprehensive, including a brief introduction, objectives and major findings as well as methodologies. The format for writing of full-length paper will be the same as abstract. It must not exceed 12 pages including all the tables, diagrams, maps, references and title. Reference should contain only those which are cited in the text. The abstracts and papers will be accepted after the process of review by the editorial committee. Interested participants are requested to submit abstracts/full papers to the rsaiconferencebhopal@gmail.com. If confirmation e-mail is not received within 48 hours after submission, please contact the convener through mail. Please submit a softcopy as well as hardcopy of the full paper to the Convener of the Conference through email and by posts respectively.

Virtual Presentation

Researchers who are unable to attend the conference (applicable only for the participants from abroad and remote areas of India) can avail the opportunity of virtual audio-visual presentation through Skype/video recordings (.avi, .mp4, and .flv). Time allotted for the virtual presentations is the maximum of 10 minutes. Participants making their virtual presentations will also be awarded with the 'Certificate of Presentation' on submission of the required registration fee. Those who would like to avail the facility after acceptance of their abstracts need to contact with the organizers by December 30, 2018 through rsaiconferencebhopal@gmail.com positively.

Young Social Scientist Awards to the Research Scholars and the Students

A competition will be held in two groups one for the students and another for the research scholars below the age of 30. The winners will be felicitated with the **Best Young Social Scientist' Award**. In order to participate in the competition, one should submit an abstract of 300 words under sole authorship (clearly indicating either participation for the competition or not). Abstract submitted for '**Young Social Scientist**' the candidates shall register their names within the early bird registration deadline along with registration fee.

Accommodation

Registration fee for the outstation participants include accommodation. Accommodation will be provided in different guest houses and hostels of the academic/non-academic institutions on twin sharing basis. However, hotels of different range are available in Bhopal for which participants have to bear charges of their own, organizer may help if informed earlier to the organizers.

Transport and Communication

Bhopal is well connected by road and trains. Trains are available from Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Itarasi, Jhansi, Indore and other important junctions. Bhopal is well connected by air from Raipur, Delhi, Mumbai and Lucknow. It is three hours bus/road journey from Indore airport.

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Registration Form

1. Name of the Participant
2. Affiliating Organization
3. Dietary Preference (Veg / Non-veg / Vegan)
4. Date of Arrival
5. Time of Arrival
6. Date of Departure
7. Time of Departure
8. Postal Address
9. Email
10. Contact No
11. State
12. Country
13. PIN
14. Title of the Paper
15. Whether participating as a student participant (**Yes / No**)
16. Date of Birth
17. Details of Registration fee:
 - (i) Amount (in rupees):
 - (ii) Amount (in words):
 - (iii) Date:
 - (iv) Payment Issuing Detail:

Details for the registration fee payment will be informed in second circular.