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DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

MIGRATION STUDIES ACROSS DISCIPLINES

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

7th to 11th December, 2026
4:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Online (Webex)

About the FDP

Across historical and geographical contexts, migration has remained central to the evolution of societies, shaping cultures, influencing identity formation, and affecting economic and political structures. As an interdisciplinary field of inquiry, migration studies examines the intricate relationships between people and places, addressing critical questions about citizenship, mobility, labour, belonging, memory and governance. It interrogates how migration is framed as an opportunity or a crisis, while evaluating the numerous factors that determine why people move, who controls their mobility, and the social, economic and psychological consequences of displacement. Recognizing the need to explore how technological advancements, climate change, conflicts and other geopolitical factors are reshaping the dynamics of migration, this FDP brings together perspectives from sociology, economics, gender studies, refugee studies, psychology and literature to open up wider debates about borders, labour markets, livelihoods, diaspora, and transnationalism. Through the engagement with key concepts, methodological approaches and emerging debates in migration studies, the five-day FDP aims to foster a nuanced understanding of the changing realities of migration and its implications for developing inclusive and sustainable societies.

Objectives:

- To develop a critical understanding of the key concepts, theories, and contemporary debates in migration studies.
- To approach migration studies through the interdisciplinary frameworks of sociology, psychology, literature and economics.
- To examine the relationship between migration, urbanization, and development, with particular attention to changing social and economic structures.
- To critically engage with issues of borders, citizenship, displacement, and belonging in the context of internal and cross-border migration.
- To explore the diverse experiences of migrants and their impact on social relations, cultural identities, and psychological well-being across different contexts.

Outcomes:

- Develop a comprehensive understanding of key concepts and methodologies in migration studies.
- Apply interdisciplinary research approaches to the study of migration and its intersections with gender, identity, climate and social transformation.
- Examine critically how migration influences individual and collective experiences of displacement, identity, belonging, inequality, resilience, and social change.
- Critically assess migration policies, governance frameworks and implications for migrant communities.
- Formulate independent or collaborative research projects exploring diverse dimensions of migration.

Target Participants:

Research Scholars, Faculty Members and Working Professionals in humanities and social sciences.

Number of Participants: 50 (Maximum)

Mode of Conduction: Online (Webex)

Registration Fee:

Research Scholars – Rs 1900 (NITC scholars), Rs. 2500 (non-NITC scholars)

Faculty Members – Rs. 3500

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SESSIONS

December 7 - 11

Day 1 7 DEC	Session 1	**Migration and Development: New Evidences from Kerala Migration Surveys, 1998-2023** Prof. S. Irudaya Rajan
	Session 2	**Migrant Workers and the Politics of Mental Health: From the Colonial to the Postcolonial** Dr. Sudarshan R Kottai
Day 2 8 DEC	Session 1	**New Frontiers in the Register of Migration and Refugee Studies** Prof. Nasreen Chowdhory
	Session 2	**Migration and Development: A Critical Appraisal** Dr. Amrita Datta
Day 3 9 DEC	Session 1	**Arriving Without Belonging: Migration and the Postcolonial Indian City in Literature** Dr. Dibyakusum Ray
	Session 2	**Homeless in Homeland: Reading the Lives Behind India's Internal Migration Statistics** Dr. Mohua Dutta
Day 4 10 DEC	Session 1	**Indian Diaspora, Transnationalism and Identity** Prof. Ajaya K. Sahoo
	Session 2	**Integrating Climate Change Lens into Migration** Dr. K Aysha Jennath
Day 5 11 DEC	Session 1	**Sacrificed for Progress: Crises of Tribal Displacement** Dr. Mohamad Aslam
	Session 2	**Memories of Migration: Insights from Contemporary Literary Texts** Dr. Tiasa Bal