



International Webinar on

**MIGRANTS AND DISPLACED PERSONS AMID COVID-19:
Issues, Challenges and Policy Options**

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Program Schedule

DAY 1: 15/10/2020, Thursday

Inaugural Session

IST 09:30-10.00 AM	<p>Webinar Theme Introduction: Dr Lirar Pulikkalakath, Chairperson, CIDS & Assistant Professor, School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India</p> <p>Inauguration: Prof (Dr) Sabu Thomas Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India</p> <p>Vote of Thanks: Vinny Davis, Research Scholar, School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India</p>
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Keynote Address

IST 10:00-11:00 AM Student Coordinator: Vinny Davis	<p>Dr Chinmay Tumbe Department of Economics, Indian Institute of Management - Ahmedabad (IIM-A), India</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Chair: Dr Shivakumar Jolad, FLAME University, Pune, India Mohsina Noorien and Aadarsh Ciril</p>
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11:00-11:10	Break
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Session 1: Internal Migration

<p style="text-align: center;">IST 11.10-01.00 PM</p> <p>Chair: Dr Divya Balan FLAME University, Pune</p> <p>Student Coordinator: Cyriac S. Pampackal</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Snehal Mutha and Rahul M.R</p>	<p>V Mathew Kurian</p> <p>Joint Director, KN Raj Centre, MG University, Kottayam, Kerala</p> <p><i>Topic: COVID-19 pandemic and the 'displacement effect' of internal migrant workers of India</i></p>
	<p>Rukmani¹ & Ravindra Nath Pathak²</p> <p>¹Assistant Professor, Political Science, School of Open Learning, University of Delhi & ²Assistant Professor, Computer Science, SSJ Campus, Almora, Kumaun University, Uttarakhand</p> <p><i>Topic: Unlocking the locks: Study of reverse migration in Uttarakhand during COVID-19</i></p>
	<p>Shamsher Singh</p> <p>Assistant Professor, Sociology, FLAME University, Pune</p> <p><i>Topic: Inter-state migrant workers: Vulnerabilities and responses during the lockdown in Pune city</i></p>
	<p>Marilyn Gracy¹ & Ashik Bonofer²</p> <p>^{1&2}Assistant Professor, Madras Christian College, Chennai</p> <p><i>Topic: Perils of reverse migration: Impact of COVID-19 on the guest workers in Chennai</i></p>
	<p>Rajasree E R¹ & Neethu C M²</p> <p>¹Assistant Professor, ITSr, University of Calicut & ²Assistant Professor, Carmel College, Mala, Kerala</p> <p><i>Topic: Impact of COVID-19 among migrant community in Thrissur</i></p>
	<p>Moameren Pongen</p> <p>Research Scholar, Political Science, Nagaland University, Lumami, Nagaland</p> <p><i>Topic: Role of civil society during COVID-19 in Nagaland: An analysis</i></p>

	<p>Swasti Sharma</p> <p>Assistant Professor, English, Satyawati College, University of Delhi</p> <p>Topic: <i>Invisible woman: Discerning the plight of migrant women during COVID-19</i></p>
	<p>Urna Bhattacharjee¹ & Nandita Deb²</p> <p>¹Research Scholar & ²Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Education, Shishuram Das College, University of Calcutta, West Bengal</p> <p>Topic: <i>COVID-19: Challenges faced by migrant workers' children on light of online education</i></p>
	<p>Rima Debnath</p> <p>Research Scholar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Assam</p> <p>Topic: <i>COVID-19 pandemic, return migration and livelihood struggles</i></p>
01.00-04.00 PM	Break
Session 2: Internal Migration	
<p>IST 04.00-05.55 PM</p> <p>Chair: Dr Rakesh Ranjan TISS-Patna</p> <p>Student Coordinator: Athitha Sunil</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Unnikrishnan Venugopal and Malavika</p>	<p>Anila K T</p> <p>Assistant Professor, ITSr, University of Calicut, Kerala</p> <p>Topic: <i>COVID-19's travel bans and dilemmas of migrant workers in India</i></p> <p>Deepika Santhanakrishnan</p> <p>Research Scholar, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Maharashtra</p> <p>Topic: <i>Labour market and COVID-19</i></p> <p>Annesha Mech</p> <p>Assistant Professor, Economics, Dakha Devi Rasiwasia College, Assam</p> <p>Topic: <i>Effects of COVID-19 on demand of public transport services</i></p>

	<p>Anuja Rajam Cherian</p> <p>LLM Student, Department of Law, Central University of Kerala</p> <p><i>Topic: The need for conducive housing and workplace conditions for migrant workers in Kerala</i></p>
	<p>Mateen Yousuf</p> <p>Research Scholar, Sri Venkateshwara University, Jammu & Kashmir</p> <p><i>Topic: Impact of COVID-19 on student migration and its effect on education economy</i></p>
	<p>Bhavani Ch</p> <p>Assistant Professor, English, Megha Women's Degree and PG College, Hyderabad</p> <p><i>Topic: Psychosocial traumatic conditions of migrant workers amid COVID-19 pandemic</i></p>
	<p>Chitra Saini</p> <p>Research Scholar, West Asian Studies, JNU, New Delhi</p> <p><i>Topic: A pandemic and gendered division of implications in India</i></p>
	<p>M M Muhammed Jabir</p> <p>Assistant Professor, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai</p> <p><i>Topic: Situational analysis of women migrant health workers in India</i></p>
	<p>Merlin Bijo Abraham</p> <p>Postgraduate Student, Assumption College, Changanasserry, Kerala</p> <p><i>Topic: A dusty exodus: Forced migration and migrant women</i></p>
05.55-06.00 PM	Break

Special Address

<p>IST 06.00-06.45 PM</p> <p>Student Coordinator: Athitha Sunil</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Mohsina Noorien and Arjun S</p>	<p>Dr M V Bijulal Assistant Professor, School of International Relations and Politics (SIRP), Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala</p> <p>Topic: <i>COVID-19 as Alibi: Politics of the Rights of Migrant Workers' in India</i></p> <p>Chair: Dr Rakesh Ranjan, TISS-Patna</p>
<p>06.45-07.00 PM</p>	<p>Closing Remarks: Dr Smita Tiwary, GRFDT, New Delhi</p>

DAY 2: 16/10/2020, Friday

Keynote Address

<p>IST 10:30-11:30 AM</p> <p>Student Coordinator: Parvathy Devi</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Tejaswinee Jog and Theresa Johnson</p>	<p>Mr Shabari Nair Regional Migration Specialist, Decent Work Technical Support Team (DWT) for South Asia and India, ILO, New Delhi</p> <p>Chair: Dr Smita Tiwary, GRFDT, New Delhi</p>
<p>11:30-11:35 AM</p>	<p>Break</p>

Session 3: International Migration

<p style="text-align: center;">IST 11.35-01.00 PM</p> <p>Chair: Dr Smita Tiwary GRFDT, New Delhi</p> <p>Student Coordinator: Parvathy Devi</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Ujjwala Lakhanpal and Anurag</p>	<p>Raju John¹ & V Mathew Kurian²</p> <p>¹ Assistant Professor, Baselius College, Kottayam & ²Joint Director, KN Raj Centre, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam</p> <p><i>Topic: COVID-19 and Kerala's emigration scenario: An overview</i></p>
	<p>Chitra Natarajan</p> <p>Non Resident Fellow, Middle East Institute, New Delhi</p> <p><i>Topic: Risk of health and safety in labour camps and working sites among migrant workers in Gulf countries amid spread of COVID-19</i></p>
	<p>C S Akhil¹ & Parvathy Devi K²</p> <p>¹Research lead, Centre for Indian Migrant Studies & ²Research Scholar, SIRP, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam</p> <p><i>Topic: Revisiting reintegration policies of major countries of origin during the COVID-19 pandemic</i></p>
	<p>Muneer Illath</p> <p>Assistant Professor, Sociology, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj, UP</p> <p><i>Topic: 'Learning frugality and while being grounded in reality': Reimagining economic and social life among Kerala's Gulf migrants in the era of pandemic</i></p>
	<p>Sonal Thakker</p> <p>Associate Professor & Head, Sociology, M.E.S. College, Zuarinagar, Goa</p> <p><i>Topic: Impact of reverse migration on home communities</i></p>

	<p>Monika Bisht Ranjan</p> <p>Research Fellow, Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism (GRFDT), New Delhi</p> <p>Topic: <i>Impact of COVID-19 on student mobility: A case study of India</i></p>
	<p>Kouser Fatima</p> <p>Assistant Professor, History, AAAM College, Cluster University, Srinagar</p> <p>Topic: <i>Religious pilgrims and COVID-19 challenges: Global-local response structure between India and Iran</i></p>
01.00-04.00 PM	Break
Session 4: International Migration	
<p>IST 04.00-05.55 PM</p> <p>Chair: Dr Mathew Varghese Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala</p> <p>Student Coordinator: Aashika</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Manjima Anjana and Safna Mol</p>	<p>Delfo Canceran</p> <p>Professor, De La Salle University, Manila NCR, Philippines</p> <p>Topic: <i>Returning displaced OFWs during the pandemic: The Philippine case</i></p>
	<p>Muhammadfatton Dohae</p> <p>Research Scholar, Political Science, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh</p> <p>Topic: <i>Thailand Deep South migrant workers in Malaysia amid COVID-19: Problems and challenges</i></p>
	<p>Ojo, Olayinka Olabimpe¹ & Abibu, Akinyemi Akintunde²</p> <p>¹Lecturer, Department of General Studies, College of Education Ikere, Ekiti State, Nigeria & ²Lecturer, Department of General Studies, The Federal Polytechnic Ilaro, Ogun State, Nigeria</p>
	<p>Topic: <i>The challenges of Ebira migrant workers in pandemic situations: COVID-19 in perspective</i></p>

Parvathy Poornima

Assistant Professor, Political Science, St. Joseph's College
(Autonomous), Bangalore

Topic: *COVID-19, repatriation and gender concerns: The case of Indian diaspora in the United Kingdom*

Raja Pandey

Research Scholar, Jiwaji University, Gwalior, M. P.

Topic: *COVID-19: A double whammy for Indian diaspora and migrant communities*

Jadeeda K

Research Scholar, School of International Relations and Politics,
Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam

Topic: *Impact of COVID-19 on Malayali diaspora in GCC countries*

Umubyeyi Joyeuse Auguste¹ & Muzaffar Assadi²

¹Research Scholar & ²PhD Supervisor, Political Science, University of
Mysore, Karnataka

Topic: *Social protection for internal migrants and foreign nationals during the COVID-19 crisis: A Human rights perspective*

Irene Bijo Abraham

Postgraduate student, St. Berchmans College, Changanassery,
Kottayam, kerala

Topic: *The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and the crisis of migration*

Jenna L Hennebry¹ & Hari K C²

¹Associate Professor & ²Research Scholar, International Policy &
Governance, Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario, Canada

Topic: *Women migrant workers bearing the brunt of COVID-19: Breaking the precarity chain through reimagining labour migration governance*

05.55-06.00 PM		Break
Special Address		
<p>IST 06.00-06.45 PM</p> <p>Student Coordinator: Aashika</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Tejaswinee Jog and Krishna</p>	<p>Ms Paddy Siyanga Knudsen Migration Governance Analyst & SNR Consultant with IOM, The Gambia</p> <p>Topic: <i>Flashlight on migration trends: Is COVID-19 a disruptor or an accelerator of flows within African states and from the continent?</i></p> <p>Chair: Dr Mathew Varghese, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala</p>	
06.45-07.00 PM		Closing Remarks: Dr Lirar Pulikkalakath, Mahatma Gandhi University
DAY 3: 17/10/2020, Saturday		
Keynote Address		
<p>IST 10:30-11:30 AM</p> <p>Student Coordinator: Harisa</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Pooja Priya and Derry Paul</p>	<p>Dr Parivelan K M Chairperson & Associate Professor, Centre for Statelessness and Refugee Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, India</p> <p>Chair: Dr Shahina Mol A K, Assistant Professor, KAHM Unity Women's College Manjeri, Kerala</p>	
11:30-11:35 AM		Break

Session 5: Forced Migration & Refugees

<p style="text-align: center;">IST 11.35-01.00 PM</p> <p>Dr Shahina Mol A K KAHM Unity Women's College, Kerala</p> <p>Student Coordinator: Harisa</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Anushree Nair and Vrinda</p>	<p>Vinny Davis</p> <p>Research Scholar, SIRP, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala</p> <p><i>Topic: International organisations and COVID-19 : Need for strengthening global governance</i></p>
	<p>Faria Ahmed</p> <p>Postgraduate Student, Bangladesh University of Professionals, Dhaka, Bangladesh</p> <p><i>Topic: Impacts of Rohingya refugee influx on informal labour market of Bangladesh</i></p>
	<p>Athira Sajeev</p> <p>Postgraduate Student, Politics and Human Rights, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala</p> <p><i>Topic: Considering pandemic-affected internal migrants as Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs): India's policy deficit, challenges and emerging needs</i></p>
	<p>Faisal Mohammed Saleh Anaam</p> <p>Research Scholar, English Language and Literature, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram</p> <p><i>Topic: Internally displaced people of Yemen at the time of COVID-19: Challenges and difficulties</i></p>
	<p>Adarsh V Nath</p> <p>Research Scholar, Political Science, Madras Christian College (Autonomous), Chennai, Tamil Nadu</p> <p><i>Topic: Syrian refugees and COVID-19: Concerns and challenges</i></p>

	<p>Nancy Puri¹ & C R Akhouri²</p> <p>¹Research Scholar, Amity Institute of International Studies (AIIS), Amity University & ²Officiating Director, Amity Humanity Foundation (AHF), Noida, Uttar Pradesh</p> <p>Topic: <i>Challenges faced by Rohingyas in Bangladesh during COVID-19 pandemic</i></p>
	<p>Vinisha U</p> <p>Research Scholar, Political Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram</p> <p>Topic: <i>Pandemic in Lebanon: Double whammy for Palestinian refugees</i></p>
01.00-04.00 PM	Break
Session 6: Mobility, Law & Governance	
<p>IST 04.00-5.55 PM</p> <p>Chair: Dr Sadananda Sahoo IGNOU, New Delhi</p> <p>Student Coordinator: Madhuri</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Oluwaseyi Olawuyi and Shalini</p>	<p>Gireesh Kumar J¹ & Arjun Philip George²</p> <p>¹Assistant Professor Department of Law, Central University of Kerala & ²Advocate, Kottayam</p> <p>Topic: <i>Exclusionary economic policies and migrant labour crisis in India: A critical analysis</i></p>
	<p>Harkirandeep Kaur</p> <p>Assistant Professor, Department of Law, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab</p> <p>Topic: <i>Migrant workers and COVID-19 pandemic: Untangling the impact of new labour codes on migrant workers in India</i></p>
	<p>Aathira Raju</p> <p>Assistant Professor, Department of Law, Central University of Kerala</p> <p>Topic: <i>The pitfalls of laws related to migrant workers</i></p>

Sanyukta Moitra¹ & Sukla Saha²

¹Assistant Professor & ²LLM student, Department of Law, University of North Bengal

Topic: Migration policies and governance in India amidst COVID-19 pandemic: Challenges and possibilities

Shruti Singhi¹ & Anirudh Tagat²

^{1&2}Research Scholars, Monk Prayogshala, Mumbai

Topic: Lawless: A socio-legal perspective on labour laws and migrant workers displaced by COVID-19

Rohit Roy¹ & Ruchi Singh²

¹PGDM (Rural Management), Prin. L. N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development & Research, Mumbai & ²Assistant Professor (Research), Prin. L. N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development & Research, & Bangalore

Topic: Skilled workers during COVID-19: Impacts and measures

Nirun R N¹ & Aswani K Sunil²

¹Research Scholar, Department of Law, Central University of Kerala & ²Advocate, Kottayam, Kerala

Topic: Judicial approach to migrant labourers' issues during COVID-19: Whether courts deviated from pro-activism?

Navas Mariyil Khadar

Research Scholar, School of International Relations and Politics, MG University, Kottayam

Topic: Interstate migrant workers and COVID-19 situation in Kerala: A Human rights perspective

	<p>Irum Alvi</p> <p>Assistant Professor, HEAS Department, Rajasthan Technical University</p> <p>Topic: <i>COVID-19 migrant narratives for policy making: A review based paper</i></p>
	<p>Ananda Majumdar</p> <p>Educator & Student, Alberta, Canada</p> <p>Topic: <i>COVID-19 and the challenges of ethnic minorities</i></p>
05.55-06.00	Break
Valedictory Session	
<p>IST 06:00-06.45 PM</p> <p>Student Coordinator: Madhuri</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Pooja Priya and Dinoop</p>	<p>Prof S Irudaya Rajan Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala</p> <p>Chair: Dr Sadananda Sahoo, Indira Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi</p>
6.45-07.00 PM	Vote of Thanks: Dr Divya Balan, FLAME University, Pune, India
