



# International Conference



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## Developmental Interventions and Open Learning for Empowering and Transforming Society



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### CALL FOR PAPERS

#### Introduction

Growth conditions in several economies of the world in general have improved. But the distribution of growth across various regions has remained skewed. In India, the states of other regions have grown faster than those of north eastern region, judged by most indicators of development. The composite index of infrastructure development which measures the relative development of various states in terms of certain minimum infrastructure facilities such as health facilities, sanitation, education, social security, banking services etc. show considerable disparities among states. The immense challenges that India has to focus are on regional imbalances and inclusive growth in terms of empowerment and transformation of society. Similar is the challenge with many economies in the world in terms of distribution of growth and human development.

The most important driver for growth lies in expanding access to resources and opportunities. The citizens regardless of their status and income should have access to health facilities, clean water, social security, banking services and good education etc. Reforms aiming at access are crucial. Development is basically a process of giving a sense of power to individuals.

The world needs to unleash its innovative potential as the prosperity in the new knowledge economy will increasingly depend on its ability to generate new ideas, methods, processes and solutions. Innovation needs to be all pervasive so as to raise capacity, productivity, efficiency and inclusive growth. This is highly challenging. We need to explore what role open education and developmental interventions can play in contributing towards transformations in both social and economic spheres in order to achieve sustainability.

#### Objectives of the Conference

1. To develop ideas on the role and status of developmental interventions and open learning in addressing relevant social challenges.
2. To explore best practices and innovation on open learning and developmental interventions in improving access to quality of life.
3. To explore the issues faced by the developmental service providers across social sectors and open learning institutions in imparting stated benefits to the societies.

#### Sub Themes

1. Theoretical framework of Open Learning and Developmental Interventions
2. Issues concerning Open Learning and Administering Developmental Processes.
3. Redressing socio economic inequalities through Open Learning and Developmental Interventions.
4. Open Education Resources and MOOCs: Extending the Benefits
5. Sector specific contribution of Open Learning towards Inclusive Growth
6. ICT/ITES-Role in Developmental Interventions.
7. Case studies of Developmental Organisations and Open Learning Institutions.

## Abstract Submission Guidelines

The Conference Committee invites submission of Abstracts (Oral or Poster) for the Conference.

1. Abstract should be written in English and should be submitted in the prescribed Abstract Format only to the e-mail ID- [conference2017@kkhsou.in](mailto:conference2017@kkhsou.in). Please visit our conference website [www.conference.kkhsou.in](http://www.conference.kkhsou.in) for Abstract Format.
2. Abstracts should be within 300 to 400 words.
3. The Abstract submitted should be in MS Word file format (.doc or .docx). It should be double-spaced with minimum 2.5 cm left, right, top and bottom margins. Standard 12-point Times New Roman font should be used.
4. Authors should indicate the preferred conference sub theme in their Abstract.
5. Joint papers are welcome, but in that case, the number of authors should be restricted to maximum three.
6. The Abstracts will be subject to a comprehensive review process. Guidelines for final papers will be communicated to the authors of selected Abstracts.

## Publication Details

1. Conference volume of selected papers will be published with ISBN number (being applied).
2. All abstracts in hard copy.

## Important Dates

Abstract Submission starts on	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017
Last Date for Abstract Submission	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2017
Communication of Abstract Acceptance	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
Last Date of Submission of Full Papers	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2017
Communication of Full Paper Acceptance	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Final Registration starts on	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Last Date of Registration for all categories	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2017

## Registration and Payment

National		International	
Category	Amount	Category	Amount
Delegates from Academia	Rs. 3000/-	Delegates from Academia	\$100/-
Delegates from Industry	Rs. 5000/-	Delegates from Industry	\$150/-
Research Scholars	Rs. 2000/-	Research Scholars	\$50/-
Participants other than presenters	Rs. 2000/-	Participants other than presenters	\$50/-
Students	Rs. 1000/-	Students	\$20/-

- The registration fee includes conference kits, certificates, morning and evening tea, snacks and lunch. Payment details shall be intimated later through the conference website. For details please visit [www.conference.kkhsou.in](http://www.conference.kkhsou.in)

**Keynote Address by**  
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