

**Department of Political Science**

**&**

**School of Open Learning**

University of Delhi

are co-hosting an

**International Conference on**

***Global Justice and the Global South***

**April 25-27, 2014**

**Venue: Conference Centre**

The Department of Political Science in partnership with the School of Open Learning, University of Delhi, as well as in academic partnership with the Macmillan Global Justice Program, Yale University & Centre for the Study of Global Ethics, University of Birmingham will host the conference. International travel for the conference is made possible by support of a UKIERI Grant from the British Council.

*The conference aims to highlight the voices from the global south in enriching and making the dialogue on global justice more inclusive.*

**Objective:** The main objective of the conference is to bring together scholars and students from the global South into the global justice dialogue, as well as to increase opportunities for engagement and networking in South countries for scholars and students worldwide. The conference aims to provide a platform for dialogue between global justice theorists, political scientists, economists, philosophers, sociologists, lawyers, development scholars and NGO representatives from South and North countries to present original work and share their views on key issues. Themes include, but are not limited to, cosmopolitan theory and local traditions, especially in South countries; inequality and poverty, social exclusion, health inequalities, social and economic rights, protection from violence, the effects of climate change, illicit financial flows and gendered inequalities.

**Concept Note:** One of the new forces likely to influence the future of global change and re-shape development agendas is the growing theory and practice of global justice. Given the uneven consequences of the processes of globalization both within and across nation-states, debates surrounding justice now bear an urgent cosmopolitan character. A rich body of literature and research has recently emerged delineating the scope of global justice. However, most such debates fail to articulate the lived experiences

and the needs of those who inhabit the global South. A distinctive aspect of this conference will relate to listening to the voices from the global south and use these as vital inputs to a normative analysis of a more inclusive epistemology of global justice. The conference will probe themes of poverty, global distributive justice, human rights, migration, climate change, the politics of aid and trade, illicit financial flows, and the representativeness of global institutions against the backdrop of increasing global inequality and current efforts underway to democratize institutions of global governance. A deeper methodological analysis of competing epistemologies of global justice including the fair and democratic crafting of global institutions is an objective that the conference wishes to undertake.

## Programme

### Day 1: April 25

**Noon-4 p.m.: Registration & Poster Presentation by DU students**

**4:00-4:15 pm:** Welcome and Introductory Note: **Ashok Acharya**, University of Delhi

**4:15-4:25 pm:** **Ujjwal Singh**, Head, Department of Political Science

**4:25-4:35 pm:** **C. S. Dubey**, Director, School of Open Learning

**4:35-4:50 pm:** Chief Guest: **Prof. Dinesh Singh**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi

**4:50-5:20 pm:** Opening Address by **Thomas Pogge**, Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs, Yale University

**5:20-6:00 pm:** Keynote by **P. Sainath**, Journalist

**6:00-6:10 pm:** Closing Comments: **Luis Cabrera**, University of Birmingham

**6:15 pm:** Conference Centre Dining

### Day 2: April 26

**9 a.m.:** Registration and Tea

**9:30-11 am: Panel 1**

#### ➤ **Mapping Global Justice**

**Chair: Thomas Pogge**

- Christine Keating "Plurinationalism and Global Justice"
- Jay Drydyk "Inclusion and Exclusion, Social and Global"
- Jayati Srivastava "Global Justice: Theory, Silence and Voices"

**9:30-11 am: Panel 2**

#### ➤ **Global Distributive Justice**

**Chair: Luis Cabrera**

- Christine Hobden "Global Inequality and State Duties: A Relational Lens"
- Prasenjit Biswas "Global Resource Dividend (GRD) as 'Transpositional Alternative' in the South"
- Daniel Putnam "Global Poverty, Luck Egalitarianism and Collective Responsibility"

**11-11:20 am:** Tea break

**11:20 am-1 pm: Panel 3**

➤ **Theorizing Global Justice**

**Chair: Gurpreet Mahajan**

- Michael Dusche “A Dilemma of Republican Theories of Justice and an Emergentic Reinterpretation”
- Stephen Minister “The Relational Foundation of Global Justice”
- Sridhar Venkatpuram “Contingency of Reasoning in Global Justice”
- Srijit Mishra “A Possible Defence of Rawls: A Note”

**11:20 am-1 pm: Panel 4**

➤ **Perspectives on Development**

**Chair: Prakash Sarangi**

- Mitu Sengupta “Inequality and Global Justice: Rethinking Sustainability Beyond 2015”
- Mai Hamed “Islamic Finance as a Site of Distributive Justice”
- Gyanaranjan Swain “Happiness, Welfare & Measurement: Critique of the HDI and Comparative Experience in South Asia”

**1-2 pm:** Lunch in Conference Centre Dining Hall

**2-3:40 pm: Panel 5**

➤ **Poverty in the Global South**

**Chair: Pulin Nayak**

- Araceli Damián-González “Time: the missing variable in measuring poverty”
- Julio Boltvinik “Can the Global South Measure its Own Poverty with its Own Methods? The Latin American and Mexican Stories”
- Srilakshmi Vajrakarur “The Impact of Foreign Direct Investment in Poverty Reduction in India”

**2-3:40 pm: Panel 6**

➤ **The Theory and Practice of Rights**

**Chair: Shashi Motilal**

- Adina Preda “Are there any positive rights?”
- Scott Wisor “From Sticks & Carrots to Rights Diagnostics: A New Approach to Human Rights Violations”
- Ujjwal K Singh “‘Courting Death’: hunger fasts, protests, and the contest over justice”

**3:40-4 pm:** Tea Break

**4-5:30 pm: Panel 7**

➤ **Democracy and Global Institutions**

**Chair: Christine Keating**

- Julian Culp “Hooray for Global Justice? Emerging Democracies in a Multipolar World”
- Anindya Sarkar “Making ‘Cosmopolitan Justice’ Work: Democracy and Social Justice”
- Santosh Kumar “New Institutions for Global Justice”

#### 4-5:30 pm: Panel 8

##### ➤ **State and Justice**

**Chair: Ujjwal Singh**

- Ayesha Khan ““Let Them Burn”: A Study Of The Plight Of Distraught Riot Victims in India And Why The Higher Judiciary Should Step In”
- Reecha Das “Protecting Indian Local Communities and Traditional Knowledge: The need for Stringent Domestic Policies and International dialogue on Access and Benefit Sharing”
- Rajesh Dev “Indigenous ecocentrism and the tragedy of commons”

#### 5:30-7 pm: Keynote

**V. Sitaramam:** “Who Needs the Poverty Line Anyway? A New Index for Deprivation *sans* Poverty Line”

**Chair: Rajiv Tandon**

### Day 3: April 27

#### 9:30-11am: Panel 9

##### ➤ **Climate Change and Justice**

**Chair: Jay Drydyk**

- Tim Hayward “Principles for just institutions on a crowded planet: ecological and socialist”
- Omar Dahbour “ECOSOVEREIGNTY: Reconciling Global Justice with Local Autonomy”
- Braja Sahoo “Rawls’ General Conceptions of Justice & Environmental Justice Struggles in Odisha: A Study of Anti- POSCO Movement”

#### 9:30-11am: Panel 10

##### ➤ **Critique of the Global Political Economy**

**Chair: Achin Vanaik**

- Mursed Alam, et al. “Imperial Capital, Comprador Democracy and Subaltern Justice”
- Roopinder Oberoi “Escaping the Regulatory Grille – Understanding the Taxonomy of ‘Power’ and ‘Politics’ of Global Conglomerate”
- Qingxiu Bu “The Anatomy of Chinese Multinationals’ Overseas Behavior: Human Rights Perspectives”

**11-11:20:** Tea break

#### 11:20-1 pm: Panel 11

##### ➤ **Rights and Entitlements: Local and Global**

**Chair: A R Nanda**

- Rozy Kumari “Securing Right To Food along with Food Sovereignty: An Approach towards a Hunger Free-World”
- Xie Si “Urban Direct Cash Transfer- A Comparative Study of India and China”
- Dillip Mallik “Ragpickers as Destiny’s Children: Understanding their Rights from a Capability Perspective”

#### 11:20-1 pm: Panel 12

##### ➤ **Gender and Inequality**

**Chair: Tulsi Patel**

- Nidhi Sabharwal “Dalit Women Rights and Citizenship: At the Cross-Roads of Gender & Caste”
- Lisa L. Fuller “Is Gender Oppression the Root of Global Economic Inequality?”
- Bijayalaxmi Nanda “Sex-selective Abortion and Gender Justice: A Global Perspective”
- Sarah-Louise Johnson “Commercial Surrogacy: Comparing Indian and American Practices”

**1-2 pm:** Lunch in conference dining hall

**2-3:40pm: Panel 13**

➤ **Cosmopolitan Interrogations**

**Chair: Mrinal Miri**

- Matthew Lindauer "Against Closed Borders, From the Perspective of Domestic Justice"
- Chandrachur Singh “Green Cosmopolitanism: Bringing Gandhi In”
- Fonna Forman & Teddy Cruz “Medellin is the Future: The Architecture of Civic Freedom”

**2-3:40 pm: Panel 14**

➤ **Illicit Financial Flows & Corruption**

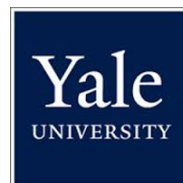
**Chair: Mitu Sengupta**

- Cristian Dimitriu “What is wrong with the current international financial system?”
- Tsepho H Mongalo “Possible Contribution of Corporate Law Remedies to Curbing Illicit Outflows of Capital from Africa”
- Pawan Kumar “Challenges of Corruption and Indian Democracy”

**3:40-4 pm:** Tea break

**4-5:30 pm:** Valedictory address: **Brooke Ackerly**, Vanderbilt University  
Vote of thanks and closing comments from organizers

**5:30 pm: Cultural Programme**



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