

ENGAGE

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Programmes accepting applications 2023-24

The deadline for receiving applications is May 8, 2024, for the programmes-

- Shastri Conferences Grant (Agricultural Sciences)
- Shastri Lecture Series Grant (Agricultural Sciences)
- Shastri Mobility Programme for Curriculum Development

Faculty members interested in applying for any of these programmes should submit their applications before the deadline. Late applications will not be accepted. For further information, please visit the official website <https://www.shastriinstitute.org/>.

Outreach, Facilitation and Visits

International Conference on “Sustainable & Innovative Materials and Design for Global Needs” (APM2024)



Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director of SICI India Office was an Invited Speaker for the International Conference on “Sustainable & Innovative Materials and Design for Global Needs” (APM2024) organized by the Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET), a distinguished academic institution under the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt. of India. The conference hosted more than 350 participants from a wide range of national and international organizations, universities, and institutions, as well as key stakeholders such as government and industry. During the event, Dr. Kaul discussed "Opportunities for Academic and Research Mobility: Crossroads with SICI".

The Director General of CIPET, Dr. Shishir Sinha along with Directors of various CIPET Institutions had a sit down discussion with Dr. Kaul to explore possible partnerships in Canada through SICI.

Strengthening Bilateral Ties: His Excellency Sanjay Kumar Verma's Visit



Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI)'s Canada Office at the University of Calgary, was honoured to welcome His Excellency Sanjay Kumar Verma, High Commissioner of India to Canada. H. C. Verma discussed the need of strengthening bilateral ties to facilitate meaningful academic and research collaboration between Canada and India. He underscored SICI's continued efforts and commitment to nurturing bilateral partnerships in the realm of higher education and other areas of mutual interest.

Dr. [Janaka Ruwanpura](#) , Dr. [Clara Joseph](#), Dr. [Abhay Lodha](#), and [Faye Salins](#) were also present for the meeting and contributed to the conversations. There was an agreement to increase collaboration opportunities, including student exchange programmes, research initiatives, and joint academic events. Additionally, the discussion concluded with following best practices and collaborating in the future.

Short-Term Virtual Course

Take advantage of the opportunity and join SICI's 5-day "Business Breakthrough Workshop for Entrepreneurship" from July 8–12, 2024! Get an insight into entrepreneurship from Prof. Vijayalakshmi Iyengar of the Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management in New Delhi. Commit 5 hours daily to transform your business.

Register Here: <https://forms.gle/wLrycEAhparkYBuk8>

For further information, visit <https://www.shastriinstitute.org/SICI-LBSIM-Workshop-2024>

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BUSINESS BREAKTHROUGH WORKSHOP FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Learn Winning Strategies and Game Changers to become a Successful Woman Entrepreneur

July 8–12, 2024 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (IST)

Join our ONLINE WORKSHOP to shape your passion and make your dream come true. Become empowering voices and inspiring futures and create history. Secure your spot right now and invest in this golden opportunity !!!

Who should attend

- All Startup Entrepreneurs
- All aspiring entrepreneurs from rural, semi-urban, and urban areas, willing to discover game-changing strategies to transform their business ideas into successful ventures.
- Academicians, Faculty, Postdoctoral /Doctoral Scholars, Students
- Government Officials, Think tanks and Policymakers

Why Should you attend the workshop?

- Personal consultation at the price of a workshop
- To give a turnaround to your business
- To make the right choice of your business model and convert your business idea into a live wire business
- Information encyclopedia on all that you need to know before you begin your entrepreneurial venture
- To understand where and how to approach for funding
- To understand the relevant IT tools to build the business and devise marketing strategies and channels to promote your business
- Master the art of creative 'Pitching Skills'
- Preparing 'Creative -Winning-Perfect Business Plans'
- Face-to-face interaction with successful women entrepreneurs of the society, policymakers and think tank officials
- How struggles created history for women
- Live narration of failed ventures
- Brainstorming on how to approach marketers and financiers
- To build self-confidence, self-motivation and other soft skills among women entrepreneurs
- Live video sessions

CONVENOR

PROF. VIJAYALAKSHMI IYENGAR
Professor | Strategic Management,
Entrepreneurship, Policy and Business Analytics
Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management
New Delhi

HIGHLIGHTS

- Direct Interaction with Funding Agencies, Government MSMEs, Start Up Officials, Marketing Agencies, Promotion Channels and Policy Think Tanks
- Networking Opportunities with Successful Entrepreneurs, Government Agencies, Venture Capitalists and Angel Investors.
- Confidence to Develop an Entrepreneurship Toolkit
- 5- day Certification by SICI in "Business Breakthrough Workshop for Entrepreneurship"

REGISTRATION FEE

INDIA
Students
SICI's Indian member institutions- 4999 INR
Non-member institutions- 5999 INR
Faculty/Working Professionals
SICI's Indian member institutions- 7999 INR
Non-member institutions- 9999 INR

CANADA
Students
SICI's Canadian member institutions- 150 CAD
Non-member institutions- 200 CAD
Faculty/Working Professionals
SICI's Canadian member institutions- 300 CAD
Non-member institutions- 350 CAD

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Member Update

IIT Kanpur



SICI is pleased to share that a distinguished delegation from IIT Kanpur, including Prof. Dhirendra S. Katti, Dean of International Relations; Prof. Ashish Garg, Head of the Department of Sustainable Energy Engineering; Prof. Raju Kumar Gupta, Department of Chemical Engineering; Prof. Lalit Pant, Department of Sustainable Energy Engineering; and Prof. Raghavendra Ragipani, Department of Chemical Engineering, visited the University of Alberta from March 25th to 27th, 2024. The delegation engaged in discussions to enhance collaboration between the institutions, particularly focusing on areas of mutual interest in the broad domain of energy.

During the visit, Prof. Katti presented mementoes to Prof. Bill Flanagan, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Alberta; Dr. Aminah Robinson Fayek, Vice-President, Research and Innovation, Dr. Cen Huang, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (International), Dr. André McDonald, Associate Vice-President, Research and Innovation; and Dr. Amit Kumar, Deputy Director, Future Energy Systems.

The IIT Kanpur delegation participated in an IITK-UoA joint Energy Transition Research Workshop, highlighting the importance of joint research efforts. The visit signifies the continued commitment to collaboration in research and education between IIT Kanpur and the University of Alberta.

TISS, Mumbai



Tata Institute of Social Sciences signed an MoU with Vancouver Island University on 12th April 2024. Prof. Shankar Das, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences met Dr. Deborah Saucier, President and Vice-Chancellor of Vancouver Island University at TISS Mumbai.

Prof. Madhushree Sekher, Chairperson of TISS Office for International Affairs had the opportunity to meet Ms. Carolyn Russell, Associate Vice-President International of Vancouver Island University to discuss avenues of collaboration including faculty exchanges, joint research and student opportunities.

University of Waterloo

Dr. [John Hirdes](#), a Professor in the School of Public Health Sciences, University of Waterloo has been appointed a member of the 'Order of Canada' for his contributions to evidence-based healthcare practice and policy, notably through the research and development of standardized assessments and decision support tools. He is one of 78 new appointees to the 'Order of Canada'.

A fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, Hirdes is known for his research in geriatric assessment, mental health, health care and service delivery and health information management. He is the senior Canadian Fellow and a board member of [interRAI](#), an international consortium of researchers from more than 40 countries.



SICI is currently facilitating Dr Hirdes and InterRAI in establishing its connections in India to grow its network and initiate and enhance collaborations with Indian institutions on "mental health issues".

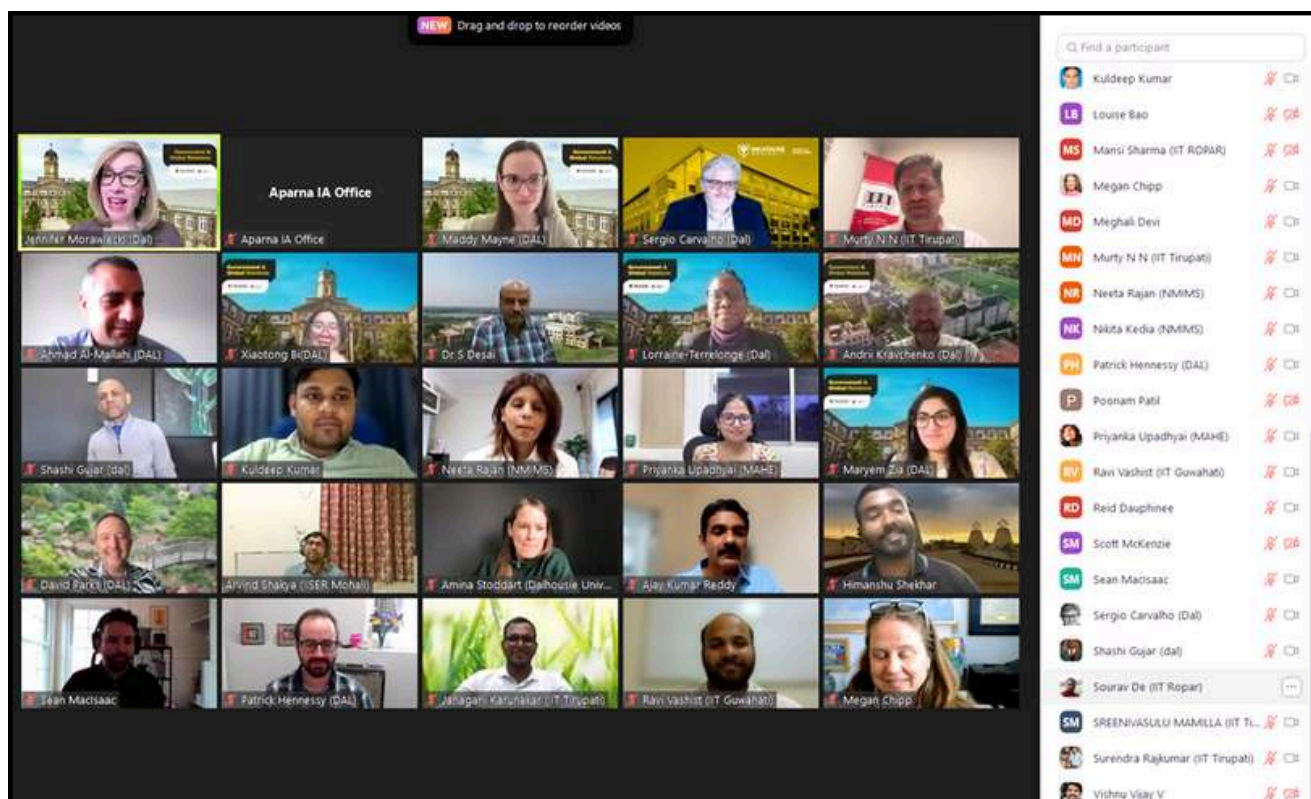
University of Windsor

A partnership deal was signed between the Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IIT Indore) and the University of Windsor to advance engineering education and research through global collaboration. This transformative alliance will facilitate various initiatives, including exchanging scholars, professional staff, and students, fostering a rich exchange of ideas and expertise between the two esteemed institutions. Furthermore, joint research projects will be promoted, focusing on addressing complex challenges and pushing the boundaries of scientific innovation.

The partnership will also see the exchange of research materials and information, enhancing the resources available to researchers and facilitating the seamless flow of knowledge across borders. Additionally, both institutions will explore opportunities to develop joint academic degree programmes, offering students a unique educational experience that combines the strengths of IIT Indore and the University of Windsor.

Promotion of articulation programmes will provide students with clear pathways to transition between undergraduate and postgraduate studies at both institutions, empowering them to pursue advanced degrees in engineering. This partnership marks a significant step in fostering collaboration between India and Canada in engineering education and research, advancing knowledge and nurturing future engineering leaders at a global scale.

India-Dalhousie Student Research Symposium: Addressing Common Challenges via Research & Innovation



A two-day virtual symposium “India-Dalhousie Student Research Symposium: addressing Common Challenges via Research & Innovation” was organised on April 3-4, 2024. Dr Prachi Kaul, Director, India office, addressed the participants of the Workshop, and congratulated Dalhousie University for its efforts to organize the third chapter of India-Dalhousie Student Research Symposium with SICI’s member institutions in India. This symposium aimed at exploring innovative research solutions to common challenges. Students got the opportunity to network and showcase their research.

Numerous institutions such as Dalhousie University, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IIT-G), Indian Institute of Technology Ropar (IIT-R), Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati (IIT-T), Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Tirupati, Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS), Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli (IIM) Trichy and Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Mohali participated in the symposium.

Student researchers from these institutions met and interacted virtually and made presentations on six broad thematic areas: Precision Agriculture; Computer Science; Medicine; Energy; Water Science & Technology; and Management from Dalhousie and Indian partners. All the presenters were presented with a Certificate of Participation, in recognition of their efforts.

Research Publications

Godse, R., Bhat, S., Mestry, S., Naik, V. (2024). Estimating the Spread of COVID-19 Due to Transportation Networks Using Agent-Based Modeling. In: Rocha, A.P., Steels, L., van den Herik, J. (eds) Agents and Artificial Intelligence. ICAART 2023. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 14546. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-55326-4_2

The publication resulted from the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's [Shastri Covid-19 Pandemic Response Grant \(SCPRG\): Call for Innovative Solutions](#) (2020-21), awarded to **Dr Vinaik Naik**, BITS Pilani, Goa Campus, India.

Events Funded by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute




In March two academic events i.e. conferences and lecture series were organised with the support of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute through its **Shastri Conference & Lecture Series Grant (SCLSG)**.

- One-Day Seminar on Sustainable Aviation using Cargo Airships (SACA-2024) organised by IIT Bombay on March 23, 2024
- Two-day lecture series on Decoding the Next Decade's Clean Energy and Sustainability Conundrums organized by Pandit Deendayal Energy University on March 28-29, 2024

A series on "Showcasing & Disseminating Knowledge and Research (SDKR)" Part - 5

Join Dr. Somabha Bandopadhyay of The National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata to learn about her academic & research journey as a SICI fellow in the upcoming series called "Showcasing & Disseminating Knowledge and Research (SDKR)" on May 17, 2024, | 11:30 AM (IST)

👉 Click the link to join: <https://meet.google.com/sdo-swms-muc>




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A series on "Showcasing & Disseminating Knowledge and Research (SDKR)" Part - 5

With a legacy of over 55 years now, SICI is proud of its alumni base in India and Canada. Join us in celebrating this legacy through this webinar, featuring SICI fellows who are sharing their fellowship experience - a life changing opportunity and their academic journey onwards.



We bring to you **Dr. Somabha Bandopadhyay**, a **SICI-MITAC GRA** awardee, who will share her academic and research journey, including experience she earned as SICI fellow, over the years.



Date
May 17th, 2024

Time
11.30 AM (IST)

JOIN NOW



Dr. Somabha Bandopadhyay
*Teaching Assistant, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata
Visiting Research Fellow, School of Criminology,
University of Montreal, Canada (SICI-Mitacs Grant
Research Scholarship Awardee)*

Upcoming academic opportunities

2024 International Canadian Studies Summit

The 2024 International Canadian Studies Summit is jointly organised by The Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies, in collaboration with the International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) and the Avie Bennett Historica Canada Chair in Canadian History. The Summit will be held online from **10–14 June 2024**. This Summit will be the occasion for international Canadianists to meet with colleagues from Canada and to discuss significant topics in the study of Canada. Register [here](#) by 7 June 2024. For any questions, please email robarts@yorku.ca. For more details [click here](#).

Call for Proposals: GWO2024

Cape Breton University is hosting GWO2024 from **June 17-20, 2024**. The Conference registration runs from April 1st, 2024, until May 17th, 2024. The conference theme is Imagining Decolonizing Knowledge Exchanges: Embracing the JEDDII Way (Justice, Equity, Diversity and Decolonization, Inclusion & Indigenization). Any enquiries, including questions about the call for stream proposals and call for abstracts, about the GWO 2024 conference itself, etc., can be directed to GWO2024@cbu.ca. For more details [click here](#)

Register for the conference on “From Targeting in Academia to Promoting Trust and Understanding“

The Faculty of Arts and Office of Research, University of Waterloo are convening an international, interdisciplinary conference on “From Targeting in Academia to Promoting Trust and Understanding” scheduled for **June 27- 28, 2024**. If you have any questions about the conference programme, please contact Lana Gonzalez Balyk at l5gonzal@uwaterloo.ca. For more details [click here](#)

Call for papers: 37th CANADA International Conference on “Economics, Management, Social Sciences & Humanities” (EMSSH-24)

37th CANADA International Conference on “Economics, Management, Social Sciences & Humanities” (EMSSH-24) is scheduled for **August 7-8, 2024** at the University of Quebec in Montréal Campus, 320 Rue Sainte-Catherine E, Montréal, QC H2X 1L7 Canada. Submit Abstract/Full Paper/Poster to email: cs@earhm.org by April 01, 2024. For more details [click here](#)

Call for Proposals: Western Canadian History Conference 2024

Western Canadian History Conference 2024 will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on Treaty six territory and traditional lands of the Cree, Sauteaux, Dene, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota and Metis nations, hosted by the Department of History at the University of Saskatchewan from **12-15 September 2024**. Please submit proposals electronically to 2024 Western Canadian History Conference at wcs2024@usask.ca by April 15, 2024. For more details [click here](#).

Call for Proposals: 27th Canadian Ethnic Studies Association Biennial Conference

The Canadian Ethnic Studies Association (CESA) invites panel and/or paper proposals for its 27th biennial conference devoted to the theme “Colonial Legacies, Contemporary Crises and Contested Futures: Canada in an Interconnected World”. The conference will be held in person at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, from **November 14-16, 2024**. Abstracts should be directed electronically to: cesa2024@ualberta.ca. For more information [click here](#).

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