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International Conference

on

Engaging Canada and India: Challenges of Sustainable Development Goals

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THE INSTITUTE

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) is a bi-national organization that promotes understanding between India and Canada through academic activities and exchanges. Its broad-based initiatives support the creation of bi-national links between academia, government, the business community and civil society organizations by funding research, faculty and student exchange, conferences, workshops and seminars. With a membership of over 115 leading Indian and Canadian universities and research institutions, SICI has facilitated greater collaboration between Indian and Canadian institutions in the humanities, social sciences, arts, science & technology, legal education, and management studies. The Institute, as part of its mandate, has also supported research on sustainable development and other United Nations Millennium Development Goals and continues to support the research on its Sustainable Development Goals.



THE CONFERENCE

With an aim of creating a global culture of sustainable development, the United Nations has set an agenda for achieving the desired end goals through the drafting of measurable targets. Referred to as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), it aims to bring in governments, businesses and civil society together on one platform. In addition, the Paris agreement on climate change has changed the dynamics of global affairs. Some of the prominent goals include provision of quality education, incorporating better practices in infrastructure, innovation and industry, making positive climate change impacts, focusing on clean and sustainable energy sources, preservation and enhancement of the natural environment, and achieving targets on general well-being.

Through this conference, it is intended to invoke debate and conduct deliberations in the area of contributions that the institutes of higher learning have made or are making through continuous change and adaptation of these goals into the curricula. The conference also aims to bring out the latest pedagogical as well as practical aspects that are being introduced in India and Canada towards fulfilling our commitments for the creation and sustenance of a sustainable global society.

The conference will highlight the research carried out as part of SICI partnerships to address the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically the goals connected to inclusive development, health, environment, and community wellbeing. The format of the international conference will bridge two divides that constrain current SDG scholarship and discourse: one between individual countries such as Canada and India as they each address the challenges of the SDGs, as well as the divisions that separate academic disciplines and categories. The conference will bridge these divides by bringing together members of the interdisciplinary network of SICI-affiliated researchers in Canada and India.

OBJECTIVES

The overall goal of this conference is to recognize and enhance SICI's bi-national research partnership by delivering an interdisciplinary international conference to bring together Canada-India research on number of SDG priorities including; reducing inequalities, improving health and community well-being, sustainable energy, and environmental sustainability. The conference also envisages to overcome the divisions between disciplinary and purely national approaches to sustainable development. The outcome of the conference shall be disseminated through our government and scholarly networks, including publications, to expand research impact and increase implementation possibilities. The platform will provide an opportunity for SICI partners to develop linkages with Indian government bodies tasked with guiding India's SDG policy. Most importantly, the conference will strengthen and promote Canadian and Indian scholarship, boost bi-national networking, training and mentoring opportunities.

FOCUS AREAS

- 1: Community Well-Being
- 2: Reducing Inequalities
- 3: Improving Health
- 4: Sustainable Energy Development
- 5: Environmental Sustainability

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers are invited from faculty, post-doctoral researchers, and doctoral students from Shastri member institutions that discuss the result of their research and the impact it has in developing partnerships, linkages, learning methodologies, and socio-cultural narratives that empower interdisciplinary research. We encourage submissions that develop inter-disciplinary themes.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstracts of the proposed presentation, in about 400 words, should be sent to Ms. Anju Taneja by email at conf2018@sici.org.in. The last date to receive the abstracts is **30-04-2018**. Authors must indicate the focus area for which they would like their paper to be considered. The abstracts will be reviewed and a selection will be made by SICI. Scholars whose abstracts are selected will be intimated by **08-05-2018**.

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