



शिक्षा मंत्रालय  
MINISTRY OF  
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## Global Initiative of Academic Networks

# International Migration from South Asia: Context and Policies

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### Overview

International migration is characterized by three primary actors- the individual migrants, the source country and the destination nation. The process itself involves several contradictory processes and multitudes of outcomes which South Asian countries have witnessed for a prolonged time. It includes on the one hand, outmigration of skilled labor, which contributes to remittance outcomes as well as shortage of skilled human resources. On the other hand, there lies the practice of illegal migration, especially to the OECD countries, which has been on the rise for the past couple of decades.

At a surface level, it seems convenient to explain this migration aspirations of individuals, in terms of inadequate infrastructural and employment availability condition at home country and abundant opportunities at destination countries. However, underlying the individual intention to migrate, exists the global political economy, which has established migration as a right and as a solution facilitating economic liberalization. Under this economic order, member countries of international organizations become important stakeholders and regulators of migrant influxes, thereby complicating the process, in the meantime. Amidst the consequent differential agencies of home and host country in setting rules and limitations for migration process, lies another power dynamics. Individuals who earn higher status in their home country for migrating and becoming “successful”, face discrimination and stigma from the natives of host country, for taking up their domestic jobs. Times of crisis like the recent pandemic add far more nuances to such issues confronted on an everyday basis by migrants, who often work odd jobs at odd hours for a better future in a place far away from homeland.

The course, therefore, intends to throw light on the history, empirical realities and broader political economy aspect of international migration, by emphasizing the agencies of individual as

well as institutions. Simultaneously, the course has elements focusing on recent research trends, data gaps and various frameworks to explicate migration. The objective here is to help fellow researchers and migration studies enthusiasts, get a glimpse and sense of research scopes in the area.

## Objectives

1. Exposing participants to the multitudes of perspectives in studying international migration.
2. Providing an understanding of the history and context of human migration.
3. Discussing basic tenets of migration in terms of motives, means and broader theoretical debates around migration.
4. Highlighting the empirical realities of migration in the context of individual migrants, source and destination countries, with a special focus on South Asian migrants.
5. Informing the participants about the immigration policies, and migrant responses to policy changes.
6. Familiarize participants with the current research trends, methods and challenges in the field of migration research.

<b>Duration</b>	April 21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2025. The Number of participants for the course will be limited to <b>fifty(50)</b> .
<b>You Should Attend If...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are a Bachelor's or Master's degree student</li> <li>• You are a Ph.D. Scholar or Independent Researcher</li> <li>• You are a faculty or employee from an Academic/Research institution or NGO interested in learning about different theoretical frameworks and political economy of international migration.</li> </ul>
<b>Fees</b>	<p>The participation fee for the course is as follows:</p> <p>Participants from abroad: <b>US \$500</b></p> <p>Industry/NGO and other participants: <b>INR 5000/-</b></p> <p>Faculty from Academic/Research Institutions: <b>INR 3000/-</b></p> <p>Students and Ph.D./Independent scholars: <b>INR 1000/-</b></p> <p>The above fee includes all instructional materials and working lunch.</p> <p>The accommodation will be provided to outstation participants on payment basis.</p>
<b>How to Register</b>	<p>The Link for the <b>Application Form (FORM1)</b> for the course is:  <a href="https://forms.gle/FUHcLfzasB3C7Qro6">https://forms.gle/FUHcLfzasB3C7Qro6</a></p> <p>The applicant will receive the confirmation of their slot <b>via email</b>, then they have to <b>pay the registration fees</b> via NEFT and fill-up the Registration Form (FORM 2). The link for FORM 2 will be shared in the confirmation mail.</p>

**Step 1: Application Form (FORM 1)**



**Step 2: You will receive confirmation via email**



**Step 3: Pay the registration fees via NEFT**



**Step 4: Fill up the Registration Form (FORM 2)**

**LAST DATE TO APPLY: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**LAST DATE TO PAY & REGISTER: 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Registration fee can be paid through National Electronic Transfer (NEFT), to the account of Central University of Haryana GIAN ; Account No: 7824000100044572; IFSC Code: PUNB0782400, Branch: Jant Pali; Swift Code: PUNBINBBRR; MICR code: 123024106

## The Faculty



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**Dr. Ellina Samantroy** is working as a faculty at the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute under the Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE). She is a Sociologist by training and has a PhD in Sociology from JNU, New Delhi. Her research interests are in the area of Unpaid work, Time Use Studies, Gender and Social Protection, Labour Codes and International Labour Standards. She has more than 18 years of professional experience. She has undertaken several research projects/consultancy assignments both with international organizations particularly, UNICEF, World Bank, ITC-ILO, Turin, the ILO and at the institute on issues pertaining to gender and labour. She has published extensively in the form of books, research monographs, articles in peer-reviewed academic journals, chapters in edited volumes, book reviews and articles in newspapers and digital dailies. Her book '*Gender, Unpaid Work and Care in India*' was recently published (2023) by Routledge, UK

She has represented the Government of India in various international forums like BRICS EWG, South Africa (2023) and L20 under India's G20 presidency in 2023. She is a member of the recently constituted Task force on Improving Female Labour Force participation in India (2023) by the MoLE.

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His writings are published in various National/International journals (SCOPUS enlisted) and edited books. The major areas of publications are related to Development Economics, Agricultural Economics, Labour Economics, Tribal Development, Rural Development and Gandhian Economics. The journals include the Journal of Poverty (Routledge), Journal of South Asian Development (Sage), Economic and Political Weekly, Journal of Land and Rural Studies (Sage), International Journal of Innovations and Sustainable Development, Gandhi Marg Journal, and Journal of Rural Development, among others.

He has presented several research papers including World Bank, Washington DC (Land and Poverty Conference). He was the winner of the National Essay Competition organized by the Ministry of Finance (Indian Economic Service) in 2011.



**Dr. Reema Gill** is an Assistant Professor at Department of Sociology, Central University of Haryana. Her area of interests is international migration of health workers, Sociology of health and medicine, population studies, research methodology and qualitative research tools. She has published work on the different aspects of migration in indexed journals. She also received grant from Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) to undertake research on international nursing migration from Punjab, India. Dr. Gill has also contributed paper for the Global Partnership Network (GPN) collaboration on nursing migration from different countries. GPN is a collaboration of higher education institutions and civil society groups for research, teaching and workshops around the SDG 17: “Global Partnership for Sustainable Development” and is based at University of Kassel, Germany.

## About the Host University

Central University of Haryana is one of the fifteen new Central Universities established by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India (GoI) in XI Five Year Plan (2007-2012) under the Central University Act-2009 of the Parliament. The University has been accredited with ‘A’ Grade in the second cycle of NAAC assessment and accreditation conducted in August 2023. The University has been listed among the top 150-200 Universities in NIRF ranking. The University is spanned over 484 acres of lush green campus in Aravalli Foothills

(<https://cuh.ac.in/information-about-cuh.aspx>) and offers 85 different programmes through 34 departments under 8 schools. The CUH is home to more than 4500 students from 25 different states and is one of the fastest growing research universities. The CUH is one of the fastest growing research universities with an h-index of 53 and credited with 40 patents, 05 DST-FIST sponsored departments, 39 ongoing extramural projects, 50 functional MoUs and more than 300 consultancy projects.

### **About the Department**

The Department of Sociology was introduced in the academic year 2014-15. The Department currently offers two courses, namely Master of Arts (M.A.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). The Department also offered M.Phil. programme from 2018-2021, however, after the implementation of National Education Policy 2020, it was discontinued. The Department is functioning under the School of Humanities and Social Sciences which is the oldest School of the University. The Department has made significant progress in a short period of time and there are students from different states, thus reflecting the diversity of the Department. In the field of research, it is continuously trying to innovate new research tools and techniques to provide a holistic glimpse of Society.