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# DYUTI 2024

International Conference on  
**SDGs: Social Work Priorities and Practices**

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## Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous)

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) was established as a result of the indefatigable industry and foresight of the CMI Congregation. Rajagiri College of Social Sciences has been placed 27th in the country in the 'Colleges' category by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2022, MHRD, Govt of India.

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences was selected and granted "College with Potential for Excellence" (CPE) status by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India in 2016. The institution was reaccredited in the fourth cycle with an A++ grade and a CGPA of 3.83 by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). Rajagiri School of Social Work, started in the year 1955 was one of the pioneering institutions in south India, establishing programmes and setting standards in the field of social work education. According to The India Today - MDRA and OUTLOOK - ICARE Survey of Best Social Work Colleges 2023 rankings rated the Social Work Programme of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences as the second-best in Pan India. The presence of live labs (extension departments) in the campus adds quality to education through experience.



## 25 years of Internationalisation @ Rajagiri

'Internationalisation' has been a catchword for Rajagiri since its inception and we have completed 25 years of official International collaborations. Currently, Rajagiri has official agreements with 60+ International Universities across 30 countries. Establishing vibrant academic tie-ups with leading universities all over the world has not only helped the students to get international exposure, but also facilitated in sharing of resources for faculty training, curriculum development, research, and consultancy. Our students from PG and UG programmes regularly do short-term study programmes in our Partner Universities with a duration ranging from 1 month to 6 months. We host International students in our regular programmes as full-time students which is also supported by the Study in India (SII) Programme from the Govt of India. The various programmes offered by Rajagiri also have twinning, dual degree arrangements with world-class International Universities across the globe.

# About DYUTI

DYUTI – Developmental Yearnings for a United and Transformed India Rajagiri with its vision of ‘becoming a centre of excellence in learning for enriching and fulfilling LIFE’ has been regularly providing an annual forum for deliberations on vital issues of development from a Rights perspective. This annual series of deliberation (started in 1998) is named DYUTI meaning ‘Spark of Life’. DYUTI 2024 is the 24th in its series.

## Background

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) underscore the pivotal role of the social work profession in fostering collaboration with diverse professions and partners, thereby enriching a comprehensive, interdisciplinary, and multisectoral approach to service delivery. With

a steadfast commitment to enhancing both social and economic well-being at various strata of society, the SDGs seamlessly align with the profession’s mission to advance the welfare of individuals, families, organizations, and communities. Social work professionals actively engage with specific focus groups specified within the SDGs, including women, children, youth, individuals with disabilities, older adults, indigenous communities, internally displaced populations, migrants, and refugees. The global mandate of the SDGs presents social work professionals with a unique opportunity to redefine their role, championing human rights and social justice for these target populations, and contributing significantly to the global pursuit of these vital objectives.

# Major Subthemes

## **Inclusive Societies**

- Human Rights, Policies and Practices
- Accessibility, Participation and Equity
- Education, leadership and capacity-building for inclusiveness
- Dimensions and levels of inclusion and exclusion

## **Safe, Resilient, and Sustainable Habitats**

- Innovative urban planning, infrastructure and housing
- Disaster Management and Climate Change
- Sustainable Resource Management

## **Enhancing Healthy Lives and Promoting Well-Being**

- SDGs in fostering health
- Innovation in healthcare and public health
- Mental Health Support and well-being

## **Reducing Inequalities Among Specific Groups**

- Policies, Initiatives and grassroots movements
- Developed, developing and under-developed countries
- Income inequalities

## **Partnership Models in SDG Initiatives**

- Civil societies, Business and Government partnership models
- Collaborative efforts and results
- Partnering in the 'new normal' and facilitating role of NGOs.



## The University of Edinburgh, Scotland



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The University of Edinburgh is a public research university based in Edinburgh, Scotland. Founded by the town council under the authority of a royal charter of King James VI in 1582 and officially opened in 1583, it is one of Scotland's four ancient universities and the sixth-oldest university in continuous operation in the English-speaking world. In academic rankings, Edinburgh is positioned among the top universities in the United Kingdom and the world. It has the third-largest endowment in the UK, behind only Cambridge and Oxford. Edinburgh is the seventh-largest university in the UK by enrolment and receives over 75,000 undergraduate applications per year, making it the second-most popular university in the UK by volume of applications.

## Kerala Institute of Local Administration



**KILA**  
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Local Administration



Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) is an autonomous institution functioning for the Local governments in Kerala. It was registered under the Travancore-Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Act 1955. KILA has the mandate of facilitating and accelerating the socio-economic development of the State through strengthening the Local Self Government Institutions (LSGIs). The Central university of Kerala has recognised it as a Research centre attached to the Department of International Relations w.e.f 14 July 2014. The Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) plays a vital role in promoting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through various activities and initiatives including training, action-research, publications, seminars and workshops, consultancy, documentation, handholding and information services, partnership and networking.

# Protestant University of Applied Sciences



The Evangelical University of Ludwigsburg is a state-recognized university run by the church. By training social workers, social educators, religious educators, deacons, nursing staff and childhood educators, the Ludwigsburg Evangelical University takes on the social educational mission with a particular focus on the scientific development and professional design of the social community. Studying at the Evangelical University of Ludwigsburg means living and learning with an international focus in the areas of social affairs, social welfare, pedagogy,

nursing and religion. The Ludwigsburg campus offers the best study conditions for around 1,300 students. The Reutlingen campus with 140 students in the Social Work (BA) course complements the offering. A total of twelve bachelor's and six master's degree programs are offered. Over 40 professorships and over 85 lecturers guarantee an excellent range of courses in a personal atmosphere and small learning groups at both locations.

# Our key speakers

## Dr. George Palattiyil, PhD, SFHEA

*Head of Social Work & Senior Lecturer*

*School of Social and Political Science,*

*The University of Edinburgh*



Dr. Palattiyil has been a member of staff at the University since 2009, director of the successful and internationally regarded Master of Social Work programme in recent years and is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

With teaching and research experience spanning across India and Scotland, he is passionate about internationalising the curricula and enabling students to have cross-cultural experiences and is deeply committed to diversity and social justice. His teaching and research interests are in the area of forced migration and refugees, human rights, individuals and families affected by HIV and AIDS and older people. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Multi-Cultural Family Base, a third-sector organisation in Edinburgh supporting BAME children and families while also providing mentoring support to BAME social work students. For his contribution to student support, he was awarded the Best Personal Tutor Award (2019) by the Edinburgh University Students Association.

## Dr. Joy Elamon

*Director General*

*Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA)*



He is a medical doctor with Masters in Public Health (MPH) and MBBS. His areas of interest and expertise include Decentralisation and local governance, participatory planning, monitoring and evaluation, climate change and development, capacity development and institution development and knowledge management for development.

Dr. Elamon had successfully completed a Climate Change and Health course at the Institute of Public Health, University of Heidelberg, Germany. He was a National Resource Person of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, India for decentralised participatory planning. He has also served in many committees set up by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, India and the Government of Kerala. He was earlier included in the UNDP Democratic Governance Roster of Experts in Local Governance and Local Development. Dr Elamon was awarded the Outstanding Community Builder award by UNDP India (Solution Exchange) in 2007. Dr. Elamon is a former Vice President of Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishad (People's Science Movement), State Convener of Jan Swaasthya Abhiyaan Kerala (People's Health Movement) and President of Kerala Sasthra Parishad (KSSP) Delhi Forum. He had also served as a member of the Syndicate, Senate and Academic Council of the University of Kerala.

## Prof. Dr. Stephanie Goeke

*Professor of theory and practice of social work/practical research in social work.*



Prof. Dr. Stephanie Goeke currently serves as the professor of theory and practice of social work/practice; research in social work at the Evangelical University of Ludwigsburg Protestant University of Applied Sciences. She worked as a consultant in the competence centre for social policy and social work at Diözesan Caritasverband Rottenburg-Stuttgart e.V. Additionally, she was an honorary teacher for the subject of social management at the private vocational school Dr Engel in Böblingen and Stuttgart. She also serves as a research assistant at the Evangelische Hochschule Ludwigsburg, providing scientific support for the “Living in Place” project. Furthermore, Prof. Stephanie worked as a research assistant at the Pedagogical Institute, under the guidance of Prof. Dr. E. Heinemann at Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz.

## Prof. Dr. Sandra Fietkau

*University Disability Officer*

*Head of the Inclusive Pedagogy and Special Education program*

*Member of the scholarship award committee of the EH Foundation*



Dr. Sandra Fietkau currently works as head of the inclusive pedagogy and special education program at the Evangelical University of Ludwigsburg, Protestant University of Applied Sciences. She started working with people with disabilities while she was still at school. After studying social work (social work/pedagogy, FH), she worked in various areas of offerings and services for people with disabilities, led various projects on the topic of inclusion and has been a professor with a focus on inclusion at the Evangelische Hochschule Ludwigsburg since 2018. Since February 2023, external lecturer at the Bertha von Suttner Private University of St. Pölten. She also works as a moderator for personal future planning, as a coach and supervisor and as a moderator.

## Dr. Varoshini Nadesan

*Senior Lecturer of the Department of Social Work and  
Community Development  
University of Johannesburg*



Dr. Varoshini Nadesan currently serves as a senior lecturer in the Department of Social Work and Community Development at the University of Johannesburg. Dr. Varoshini Nadesan is the former Treasurer and President of the Association of South African Social Work Education Institutions. She is currently a consultant on the IASSW Global Standards (GS) and appointed the Convenor of the IASSW Task Force for the Global Standards for Social Work Education to develop the IASSW GS online learning programme. She conducts research in social work education, field instruction, alcoholism child and youth care work, and restorative justice.

## Dr. Rimple Mehta

*Senior Lecturer in Social Work | Parramatta South Campus  
Associate Dean- International (South and Southeast Asia) School of  
Social Sciences Western Sydney University, Australia*



Dr. Rimple Mehta is Associate Dean of international (South Asia and South East Asia), and Lecturer of social Work and Community Welfare, at the School of Social Sciences, Western Sydney University. Her research and field engagements broadly focus on women prisoners, refugee women, and trafficking.

She also engages with questions of borders, citizenship and the criminology of mobility. She adopts an intersectional feminist perspective with a strong emphasis on questions of epistemology, therefore viewing 'reality' from intersecting positions of marginality.

Previously she was an Assistant Professor at the Tata Institute for Social Sciences, Mumbai and an Assistant Professor at the School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University. She studied Sociology, Social Work and Women's Studies and has written on gender, borders, sexuality and prisons, especially the criminalization of mobility and Bangladeshi women in Indian prisons. Her paper titled "So Many Ways to Love You/Self: Negotiating Love in a Prison" won the 2013 Enloe Award. She has worked with organisations such as Swayam and networks such as Maitree against violence on women in West Bengal, as well as with women prisoners in Mumbai, Kolkata and the Netherlands.

## Dr. Ina Schildbach

*Professor of political science with a focus on social policy*

*Faculty of Applied Social and Health Sciences*

*OTH Regensburg, Germany*



Dr. Ina Schildbach teaches political science at the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg and at the Georg Simon Ohm Technical University Nuremberg. Her research focuses on poverty, migration and racism as well as political economy. She has been a political science professor at OTH Regensburg and lectures at Nuremberg Technical University and the

Evangelical University of Nuremberg. Her focus is on poverty, social policy, political economy, right-wing populism, flight and migration, and political education in the post-factual age. Since 2014, she conducted various political science lectures, workshops, and discussions as part of social initiatives, church associations, and adult education centres, including “Rights instead of Leftovers”.

## Dr. Derek M. Doroski

*Assistant Professor of Biology*

*1235 Franciscan University of Steubenville, USA*



Dr. Doroski currently serves as a professor of biology and the director of the engineering program. He received his doctorate in biomedical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and currently teaches freshman biology, developmental biology, and rigid body dynamics. Dr. Doroski’s experimental

research is focused on stem cell delivery and tissue engineering and has been published in scientific journals such as Biomaterials, Tissue Engineering, and PLOS One. He is a regular speaker on IVF, stem cells and other bioethical topics. Dr. Doroski’s analysis demonstrating how *Humanae vitae* has advanced reproductive healthcare contributed to the book *Why Humanae Vitae Is Still Right*, which was edited by Janet Smith. He has also written and spoken on the dominance of adult stem cells in clinical trials, how to understand when organisms begin from a biological perspective, and what the biological data says about the metaphysics of embryo fusion. His work has been presented at conferences on Bioethics and the Philosophy of Medicine and published in journals such as the *Linacre Quarterly*, the journal of the Catholic Medical Association, and *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*.

## Call for Papers

Abstracts based on original research and practice models are invited for the following

- Oral Presentation
- Poster Presentation

## Guidelines for Abstract

- The abstract should be within 300 words of text including the title and keywords (MS Word Doc.)
- The text should be arranged according to the following headlines: Objectives, Design, Model, Result and conclusion.
- The abstract's title page should include the paper's title, Author's name, designation, institution affiliation, mailing address, contact number and email id.
- It is essential that you specify the Theme and Subtheme to which your abstract pertains when submitting it.
- The Abstract should be submitted through the URL: <https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/RajagiriSDG2024>

## Publication

Selected papers presented at the conference may be considered for publication in **Scopus-indexed journals** proceedings after due review process.

## Mode of payment

### Domestic

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## Important Dates

Last Date of Abstract  
Submission  
**30th November 2023**

Last date of  
Early Bird Registration  
**10th December 2023**

Notification of Abstract Acceptance  
Within 15 Days of Abstract  
Submission

Last Date of Full Paper  
Submission  
**15th December 2023**

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# Registration Details

## National Participants

Category	No. of conference Days	Early Bird Registration	Late/Spot
Indian Professionals/ Academicians	4 Days	Rs. 4000*	Rs. 4500
	3 Days	Rs. 3000*	Rs. 3500
	2 days	Rs. 2000*	Rs. 2500
	1 Day	Rs. 1000**	Rs. 1500
	Half-day	Rs. 600**	Rs. 900
Indian Students	4 Days	Rs. 3500*	Rs. 4000
	3 Days	Rs. 2500*	Rs. 3000
	2 days	Rs. 1500*	Rs. 2000
	1 Day	Rs. 750**	Rs. 1250
	Half-day	Rs. 500**	Rs. 800

\*Registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, tea, dinner and conference kit.

\*\*Conference kit won't be provided. Tea, lunch/dinner will be provided as applicable.

DYUTI academic sessions will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024, for 2 days.

On 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024, field and cultural visits will be there.

Those who want to participate in these have to register for 4 days.

## International Participants

Category	Early Bird	Late/Spot
Foreign Professionals / Academicians	\$ 350	\$ 400
Foreign Students	\$ 250	\$ 300
SAARC Countries' professional / Academicians	Rs. 10000	Rs. 10500
SAARC Countries Students	Rs. 8000	Rs. 8500

Registration fee includes accommodation (during conference days), breakfast, lunch, tea, dinner and conference kit.

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