



ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY



Ministry of Human Resource Development
Government of India



GLOBAL INITIATIVE OF ACADEMIC NETWORKS
(GIAN)

Course Name: Rural Development Challenges in Transforming Global and Regional Economies

Foreign Faculty: Prof. Guy M Robinson, Australia; Host Faculty: Prof. Shahab Fazal, AMU, Aligarh.

1. Overview:

Human settlement systems include systemic environs in which they (villages and towns) are linked by interactions. Worldwide share of rural settlements are shrinking with expanding cities and transforming economies. Globally, urban population has increased and presently more than half of world population live in urban areas. Future estimates are alarming as by 2050, developing countries (traditionally dominated by rural societies) will have two-thirds of its population in urban areas. This process of urbanisation is sustained in part by ongoing migration from rural to urban areas as rural communities are increasingly depopulated while agriculture and other rural industries shedding labour. This poses many challenges for rural development, one of the greatest being at the point where the expanding cities interface with their surrounding rural hinterland. Developing countries like India, where share of rural population is still large despite of increasing urbanization thrust. Here too rural depopulation is being observed, impacting labour in agriculture and rural industries posing new challenges for rural development.

The concept of rural development has also changed in recent times, as there is paradigm shift in economic development from 'growth' to 'development'. Thus, rural development which was synonymous with agricultural development now envisages well beyond improvements in income and output. The concerns include changes in the quality of life focussing inclusiveness of rural development efforts. It includes improvements in capacity building and opportunity to all. Rural settlements observing transformations in their economic, socio-cultural and natural environment, have become '*hot-spot*' in all developmental initiatives.

The proposed course focuses on the multi-faceted topic of 'Rural Development Challenges in Transforming Economy'. It will deal with wide ranging issues like competition for resources, planning, changing nature of rural communities, livelihoods and globalising trends within rural economic activities, with special focus on Indian scenario, comparing case studies from both the developed and the developing worlds. The aim is to provide content that will relate directly to several of the *rural-urban paradigms*. The content will also reflect recent researches by the Foreign and Host Faculty, conducted in India and other countries.

Objectives

Faculty Details

Course and Module Details

Objectives:

The broad objectives of the course are:

- i. To understand the evolution of rural – urban settlement. Evidences from developed and developing economies.
- ii. The rural-urban interaction: spatio-temporal perspective.
- iii. To examine the paradigm shift and strategies of rural development.
- iv. Appraisal of livelihood and well-being.
- v. To analyse the transformations in the countryside, with evidences from India and other economies.
- vi. To sensitize with modern spatial methods and techniques.

3. Teaching Faculty with Allotment of Lectures and Tutorials:

- i. Prof. Guy M. ROBINSON (GM): 8 hrs lectures and 1 hrs tutorials
- ii. Prof. SUCHARITA SEN (SS): 3 hrs lectures and 1 hrs tutorials
- iii. Prof. SHAHAB FAZAL (SF): 2 hrs lectures and 2 hrs tutorials

4. Course Details:

This course will focus on sustainable rural development in the rapidly urbanizing world. The emphasis will be on sensitizing the participants on better management of natural and man-made environment in changing economic scenario. The spotlight would be on rural urban linkages and wellbeing along with strategies to cope with emerging monetized economy. The key feature of the course would be exposing and familiarizing participants to rural-urban hot-spots through field visits.

5. Structure and Duration of the Course: (7 Days) (29th January, 2018 – 5th February, 2018) 13 hrs Lectures and 4 hrs Tutorials and Field Visit

Day – 1: 29th January, 2018.

Session I: 10 am – 1.30 pm

Inaugural Session

Lecture – 1: 1 hrs: GM

Evolution of rural-urban settlements: process and stages ó examples from developed and developing countries.

Session II: 2.30 pm to 5 pm

Lecture – 2: 1 hrs: GM

Rural ó urban dichotomy, evidences from developing countries.

b. Interaction with participants

Day – 2: 30th January, 2018.

Session I: 10 am – 1.30 pm

Lecture – 3: 1 hrs: GM

Rural ó urban divide: where towns challenges countryside.

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Lecture 4: 1 hrs: SS

Urban Development(s) and emerging issues of inclusion, governance and sustainability in rural India.

Session 1I: 2.30 pm to 5 pm

Lecture 5: 1 hrs: SS

Drivers of non-farm employment in rural India

Tutorial – 1: 1 hrs: SS

a. Methods and Techniques for Spatial Analysis: An appraisal

Day – 3: 31st January, 2018.

Session I: 10 am – 1.30 pm

Lecture – 6: 1 hrs: S S

Rural economy in liberalizing environment: The Indian scenario.

Lecture – 7: 1 hrs: GM

Globalized agriculture and issue of food security.

Session 1I: 2.30 pm to 5 pm

Tutorial – 2: 1 hrs: SF

a. Appraisal of Open Access Softwares for RS and GIS

b. Panel Discussion and Interaction

Day – 4: 1st February, 2018.

Tutorial – 3 & 4: 1 hrs: GM + 1 hrs: S F

Field Visit ó Hot Spots of rural ó urban transformations highlighting restructuring of medieval city into modern city region.

Day – 5: 2nd February, 2018.

Session I: 10 am – 1.30 pm

Lecture – 8: 1 hrs: GM

Combating risk in the rural ó urban fringe

Lecture – 9: 1 hrs: GM

Alternatives to agri-business.

Session 1I: 2.30 pm to 5 pm

Lecture – 10: 1 hrs: SF

a. Changing land use and its implications on environment and economy.

b. Panel Discussion and Interaction

Day – 6: 3rd February, 2018.

Session I: 10 am – 1.30 pm

Lecture – 11: 1 hrs: SF

Livelihood transformations and household vulnerabilities.

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Session 1I: 2.30 pm to 5 pm

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Day – 7: 5th February, 2018.

Session I: 10 am – 1.30 pm

Lecture – 12: 1 hrs: GM

Transformations in the countryside.

Lecture – 13: 1 hrs: GM

Rural development- the way ahead.

Session 1I: 2.30 pm to 5 pm

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Who Should Attend:

- ❖ Executives, policy makers, administrators and researchers from Governmental and non-governmental institutions.
- ❖ Faculty and research scholars from academic and technical institutions, researchers and students.

Course Fee:

The participation fees for the course are as follows:

Students: Local Rs 1500; Outstation: Rs 2000

Teachers: Rs 3000;

International Participants from abroad

(other than India): USD 100

Number of seats for the course is limited to 40.

Registration will start from the 10th November, 2017

(Payments are required to be made online)

Last date of Registration: 5th January, 2018

Mode of Payment:

Course fee is to be transferred in favour of
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Invited Faculty:



Prof. Guy Martin ROBINSON,

University of Adelaide, Australia.
Director, Centre for Rural Health & Community Development, University of South Australia (2008-15)
Editor, *Land Use Policy* (since – 2007) An Elsevier Science Publication
Chair, Rural Geography Research Group, Royal Geographical Society (2007-10).
Publications: 15 books and more than 170 papers in refereed journals and book chapters.



Prof. Sucharita Sen, Professor at CSRD-JNU, New Delhi.

She was Fulbright Senior Research Fellow at Ohio State University. A scholar with specialization on developmental issues and worked on more than 15 research projects.. *Her two notable recent publications are*: Land, Livelihood, Health and Marginalisation in Globalising Delhi and 'Land Resources: State of Indian Farmers', besides this she has published more than 60 articles in some of the leading national and international journals.

Host Faculty:



Prof Shahab Fazal

Professor of Geography, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

Prof Fazal has published Fourteen books and more than Sixty research articles in various national and international journals of repute. He is recipient of prestigious fellowships such as-CSIR Fellowship (1991-93); Canadian Government-Shastri Faculty Research Fellowship (2003 and 2009); British Government-Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship (2004); DST-DAAD Fellowship (2000-2001); Netherlands Government – NWO-ICSSR Visiting Professor (2011); United States of America - Fulbright Fellowship (2013-14). He has successfully completed four Major Research Projects sponsored by DST, ICSSR, DST-DAAD and SICI (Canada).

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