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Announcement: World Population Day Symposium on July 11, 2020

On the occasion of World Population Day on July 11, 2020, the International Institute for Population Sciences is organizing a two-hour virtual symposium between 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM.

Theme

“Demography and Pandemics: Lessons Learned and Way Forward of COVID – 19 Pandemic for India”

Symposium Chair: Prof. K S James, Director and Senior Professor, IIPS.

Distinguished speakers:

1. Dr. Shreelata Rao Seshadri, PhD (Pennsylvania State University, USA), Professor, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru would speak on “Health policies in India: are they geared for pandemics?”

2. Dr. Sayantan Banerjee, MBBS, MD, DNB DM (Infectious Diseases), WHO, SEARO, INDIA, New Delhi, would speak on “COVID 19 - Message to the population scientists from a clinician”

Participants:

The faculty, staff, students of the IIPS, Population Research Centres Staff, special invitees and interested professionals from academic institutions, government and private sectors, NGOs, and representatives from media are requested to attend the symposium.

All are cordially invited to attend the deliberation.

The Symposium would be organized via WEBEX Video Conferencing Application. The details of which are as follows:

Webinar / Event
Link: https://iips.webex.com/iips/onstage/g.php?MTID=e7ea08d30e0bab57b49b417a5e278fea1

Event number: 166 398 6402

Event password: 20wpd20

Date and time: Saturday, July 11, 2020 10:30 am

India Time (Mumbai, GMT+05:30)

Prof. Usha Ram
Prof. Archana K Roy
Coordinators, Publication Cell & Short-Term Training Program, IIPS
## World Population Day Symposium on July 11, 2020

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| Guest speaker: Dr. Shreelata Rao Seshadri  
Professor, Azim Premji University, Bangaluru, Karnataka, India  
Topic: Health policies in India: are they geared for pandemics? | 10.40–11.15 am |
| Introducing the Guest Speaker: Prof Usha Ram | |
| Guest speaker: Dr. Sayantan Banerjee  
Technical Officer - Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) & Rapid Research & Innovations Cell for COVID-19, Regional Director’s Office, World Health Organization; Regional Office for South East Asia; (WHO SEARO), New Delhi, India  
Topic: COVID-19 - Message to the population scientists from a clinician | 11.15–11.45 am |
| Observation: Chair Prof. K S James | 11.45–12.00 noon |
| Discussion: Open to all | 12.00–12.25 pm |
| Vote of thanks by Prof Archana K Roy, IIPS | 12.25–12.30 pm |
Symposium Announcement by the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, India
World Population Day: July 11, 2020

About IIPS
The International Institute for Population Sciences, celebrated its Golden Jubilee in the year 2006, was established in Mumbai in July 1956 with joint collaboration of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Government of India, and the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust to serve as the regional institute for training and research in population studies for the countries in Asia and the Pacific region. The Institute is a “Deemed University” functioning under the administrative control of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The only institute of its kind in the world exclusively devoted to teaching and research in population and health related issues. The IIPS alumnus are occupying prestigious positions in international and national organizations, universities, development agencies, and non-governmental organizations, and have created a brand value for the Institute. The Institute is running a number of research activities in collaboration with international and national research institutes/organizations and universities.

The Institute plays a pivotal role in planning and development of the country by generating valuable health and development indicators through nationwide large scale sample surveys at state and district level, and is a National Nodal Agency for conducting the prestigious surveys like NFHS (DHS-India), DLHS, LASI, SAGE, GATS, and Youth Study. Until 2019, the Institute has trained 4192 students (3514 from India and 678 from 41 different countries) through various courses.

Guest Speaker – Dr. Shreelata Rao Seshadri

Dr. Shreelata Rao Seshadri, Professor with Azim Premji University holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Bangalore University, Master's in Child Psychology from the University of the Philippines and a Ph.D. from the Pennsylvania State University, USA in Community Systems Planning and Development within the College of Health and Human Services. She teaches Health and Development, Public Health: Policies, Planning and Programs, Measuring Development - Analyzing Health Indicators. Her research interest are Social determinants of health, Gender and health, Public health administration/ health systems development and reform, Governance and accountability in health, Decentralization and its impacts on health outcomes, Child nutrition, health and education.

She has previously worked with the Center for Global Health Research, University of Toronto and other international agencies for almost two decades. In her last position as the Resident Director of the Center for Global Health Research in Bangalore she led the team working on a national study on the use of evidence in health sector decision making; providing policy guidance on the most cost-effective strategies to reduce avoidable death and disability; and conducting focused studies on transparency and governance issues in the health sector. As member of the Karnataka Knowledge Commission (since 2009), she has contributed to the development and writing of the Karnataka Health Status Report (November 2010) and will continue to be involved in the development of strategies to implement these recommendations. As an associate of the Swasthya Karnataka Consortium - a coalition of academic institutions and NGOs engaged in the health sector - she has been part of the team that has designed and scaled-up a training program for strengthening capacity at the district level for the implementation and monitoring of the National Rural Health Mission.
Shreelata has worked extensively with the World Bank and other international organizations on the development, supervision and evaluation of large scale health projects, including in Karnataka, Orissa, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu (among others). Her contribution in training and capacity building has been through design and development of Training Manuals, Training Resource Materials and Modules for senior program managers in organizations such as Population Foundation of India. She has also worked with many NGOs to support the implementation of interventions under National Aids Control Program and in Management of Primary Health Centers. Shreelata has written extensively on health, in reports, evaluations and published articles.

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Sayantan Banerjee**

Dr. Sayantan Banerjee is working in the office of the Regional Director, WHO South East Asia Regional Office, 2nd Floor, The Metropolitan Hotel Office Block, Bangla Sahib Road, Gole Market, New Delhi, India, and his present affiliation is Technical Officer, Antimicrobial Resistance and Rapid Research & Innovations Cell for COVID-19, World Health Organization, South East Asia Regional Office. He is a medical professional and has completed MBBS (Medical College, University of Calcutta, India, 2006), MD (Maulana Azad Medical College, University of Delhi, India, 2013). Dr, Banerjee has also completed DNB (Clinical Microbiology) (National Board of education, India, 2014), Dip RCPATH (Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases) (Royal College of Pathology, UK, November, 2017), DM (Infectious Diseases) (All India Institute of Medical sciences, New Delhi, India, 2019) – FRSPH (Fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health, UK, January, 2020).

He has previously workers as Consultant, AMR, WHO SEARO, Consultant, Infectious Diseases, Indian Council of Medical Research, Senior Resident & Postdoc Fellow, Infectious Diseases, AIIMS. Between 2014-16, he worked as an Assistant Professor, Clinical Microbiology, ESI-PGIMSR-MC, Kolkata and was a Senior Resident, Clinical Microbiology, ESI-PGIMSR-MC, Kolkata during 2013-14. He has also worked as Senior Resident, Clinical Microbiology, MAMC, Delhi, Junior Resident & PG trainee, Clinical Microbiology, MAMC, Delhi and Junior Resident, Internal Medicine, Medical College, Kolkata. His Pubmed profile is https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=banerjee+sayantan%5BFull+Author+Name%5D.