

**1.30 PM-2.50 PM : Technical Session VI  
Education**

Chairperson : **Dr. Abdul Salim A**, Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala

**Speakers :**

1. **Dr. Rajan Varughese**, Member Secretary, Kerala State Higher Education council  
Higher Education In Kerala : The Past Experience And The Present Challenges
2. **Dr. K.S. Hari**, Assistant Professor, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune.  
Kerala becoming the Knowledge Hub of India: Opportunities and Challenges
3. **Dr. Christabell P J**, Assistant Professor & **Rajeev B**, Department of Futures Studies,  
University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram  
Manifestations of Knowledge-based Economy: A case of Doctoral Research in Universities of Kerala
4. **Dr. Sunija Beegum N**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, Government College for Women  
Alternative Funding Options for Revamping Higher Education System of Kerala

**Discussions:**

Tea Break

**3.00 PM-4.00 PM : Technical Session VII**

**Local Governance, Decentralisation & Best practices**

Chairperson : **Dr. Rajan Varughese**, Member Secretary, Kerala State Higher Education council

**Speakers :**

1. **Dr. Jacob John**, President, KDS-Delhi  
Inclusive Economic Development and Income Generation Activities in Post-disaster Kerala: Repositioning  
of Local Government Institutions
2. **Dr. V Nagarajan Naidu**, Associate Professor, University College, Thiruvananthapuram  
Rebuilding Kerala: Lesson from spatial planning
3. **Dr. C Krishnan**, Associate Professor of Economics, Government College Kodancherry  
Governance for Development : Are Kerala's Experiments Replicable?

**Discussions:**

**4 PM to 5 PM : Valedictory Session**

Welcome Speech : **Dr. Anitha V**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala

Presidential Address : **Dr. Ajayakumar P P**, Hon'ble Pro- Vice- Chancellor, University of Kerala

Valedictory address : **Dr. V K Ramachandran**, Vice- Chairman, Kerala State Planning Board

Concluding Remarks & Vote of Thanks : **Prof. Abdul Salim A**, Organising Secretary

**Organising committee**

Chief Patron : **Honorable Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala**

Organising Secretary : **Prof. Abdul Salim A**, Honorary Director, IUCAE

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: **Dr Manju S Nair**, Dept. of Economics

: **Dr. Anitha V**, Dept. of Economics

: **Mr. SiddikRabiyath**, Dept. of Economics

: **Saisree K G & Reshma R** (IUCAE Staff ), Research Scholars and Students



**International Conference  
on  
Restructuring Kerala Economy:  
Alternative Perspectives**

**Dates: 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019**

**Venue: Senate Chamber, University of Kerala**



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For Alternative Economics**

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## On IUCAE

Evolution of economic ideas was closely linked with specific historical situation of each society. As such, we find different ideas and policies across the world in historical times. However today the economic ideas which are taught as universally acceptable principles and policies, are prescribed as one size fit for all. The corner stone of this view stems from individual rationality and utility maximization. Given the kind of socio-economic reality of the present world economy, the persuasion of this standardized norm is not helpful for all. At an alternative level, humanism is increasingly foregrounded in resolving present problems and the whole socio-economic and even the political framework is incrementally getting revolutionized on the principles of rights rather than individual rationality. Development thus envisages new economic ideas and policy regimes. Further in the modern economy, especially under the onslaught of capital and its vociferous idea of individualism, the whole lots of issues already emerged so far and in the process of emergence cannot be dealt with the mono lens of capital and its supporting neoclassical idea. This requires studies beyond the mainstream and dominant neo classical ideas that are embedded in present curriculum.

The great visionaries like Mahatma Gandhi and the policy makers of the country have realized the critical role of Alternative Economics for advancing the cause of a just and egalitarian society. They have also realized the need for a research base which can accelerate the growth and development of our country. No doubt, development of a nation requires sustained efforts, innovative ideas and innovations. In this context, we need to integrate various alternative socio-economic ideas and thereby strengthen our research base to meet the challenges of the fast growing knowledge economy. This necessitates the creation of a new inter university centre for advanced studies in Alternative Economics.

Set up in 2015 by Professor Abdul Salim. A of the Department of Economics, University of Kerala, the Inter University Centre for Alternative Economics (IUCAE) promotes research and studies in alternative economics which would address the problems of the economy and society beyond the neo-classical mainstream ideas. The centre is attached to the department of Economics, University of Kerala in Karyavattom campus, within 15 Kilometers from the city of Thiruvananthapuram. Research studies in the centre are being organised into ten focus areas.

## On the Conference

Kerala's economy had witnessed structural changes during the period of 1980-81 to 2010-11 although the sustainability of the trajectory of growth during this period remains debatable. One of the structural changes is the sharp reduction in the share of primary sector in Gross State Domestic Product with the corresponding decline in employment share. The service sector-led growth did not offer employment opportunities that would match its returns. The process of industrialization failed to take off as is evident from the falling share of income from the secondary sector. According to the Kerala State Planning Board reports, growth in the state economy has been declining recently. For instance, the GSDP growth rate that continuously stood above the national average began to show a declining trend from 2012-2013. It further slipped to 8.6 percent in 2015-2016, when the national average stood at 9.9 percent.

Another major factor that affected the state was the decreased inflow of foreign remittances. As a result, the activities in the state, particularly in the fields of construction, trade and real estate have weakened. The decline in export demand, combined with national trade policies had resulted in a decrease in the prices of plantation and related products affecting adversely the traditional industries that had been the backbone of the state's economy. In Kerala, many macro-economic problems were exacerbated by the demonetization policy. It negatively affected the purchasing power of the people

and the economic activities of agriculture, handloom, coir and other small scale industries in the state. The State also faces the problems due to an ageing population, rapidly increasing urbanisation and increasing pressures on natural resources. The frequent flash floods, droughts, landslides, salinity intrusion, soil erosion, water logging, silting of reservoirs and pollution are the major consequences of anthropogenic activities, all capable of causing serious ecological and environmental damages. The hydrologic modification of wetlands and over exploitation of groundwater also pose challenges in many parts of the state.

Kerala's development attains the status of an independent model that is often termed as 'the Kerala Model'. The 'Model' which is counted as a potential idealization of a 'sustainable development paradigm' had primarily concentrated on social sector development particularly health and education. For the last several decades, Kerala's achievements in health sector have been a subject of international attention. At the same time, with rapid changes in socio-economic and behavioral patterns, Kerala's health system is also facing several newer challenges. Higher education in Kerala is faced with several problems such as over commercialization of education, eroding standards of teaching and absence of national as well as regional linkage and monitoring mechanisms. Even in the context of a fast growing world economy, the state has been following an outdated model of 'white collar' higher education system. The state needs to promote entrepreneurship, innovation and skill development to accelerate the process of investment and employment generation for encouraging both economic development and environmental sustainability. For sustainable development of the economy, it is necessary to improve the quality of growth in terms of productive capacity, structural transformation and human development.

The disastrous flood of 2018 is estimated to be the most damaging one which has resulted in the huge loss of lives and economic assets in the state. The total death due to Kerala floods stands at 506 with 54,11,712 people affected. The floods have damaged 1952 houses fully and 21964 partially. The floods have affected over 57024 Ha of total crop area and caused massive damage to state infrastructure. By the estimates of World Bank, ADB and UN agencies, the loss of assets is valued at Rs.31000 Cr which is more than the annual plan expenditure of the state. Almost all sectors have been affected, especially agriculture, electricity, roads and public institutions that provide basic services and hence its impact on Kerala society and economy particularly on state finance and productive sectors will be substantially damaging. Already the state is in an unsustainable path of development and the problems emerged out of the recent flood make it more unsustainable. The State is vulnerable in getting more funds from external sources due to the stringent measures of the central government in receiving funds. The state needs to tap its own sources along with whatever funds made available by the Central government and utilize it more effectively. In the context, it is high time the state of Kerala to design and implement measures for the development of sustainable agricultural practices, sustainable high-tech industry, alternative energy sources, waste management system, and a strong ecotourism industry maintained by advanced legislation.

In order to discuss these aspects for Restructuring Kerala Economy, a three day International conference is proposed to be held during January 2019 by the Inter University Centre for Alternative Economics, University of Kerala. A deliberate attempt is made to get the participation of those resource persons and delegates looking at some of the alternative development options and proceed to explore the possibilities of policy formulation in the context of rebuilding the post-disaster Kerala.

**Dr. Abdul Salim A**  
Organising Secretary



## Programme Schedule

Day 1 21-01-2019

- 9 AM - 10 AM : Registration
- 10 AM-12.30 AM : Inaugural Session
- Welcome & Theme Presentation : **Prof. Abdul Salim A**  
Honorary Director, IUCAE & Head, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala
- Presidential Address : **Dr. V. P. Mahadevan Pillai**  
Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, University of Kerala
- Inaugural Address : **Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan**  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala
- Special Addresses : **Prof. Prabhat Patnaik**  
Emeritus Professor, JNU (*Restructuring Kerala Economy*)
- : **Prof. MA Oommen**  
Honorary Fellow, Centre For Development Studies  
*On the threshold of a Grand Opportunity: Salience of an Approach*
- Keynote Address : **Dr. K P Kannan**  
Hon. Fellow, Centre for Development Studies  
*The Great Kerala Floods 2018 and Beyond: Lessons and Challenges*
- Felicitations : **Adv. K H Babujan**, Member, Syndicate, University of Kerala
- : **Dr. S Nazeeb**, Member, Syndicate, University of Kerala
- : **Lenin lal**, Member, Syndicate, University of Kerala
- : **Shiju Khan**, Member, Syndicate, University of Kerala
- : **Siddik Rabiyyath**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics
- Vote of Thanks
- Lunch Break
- 1.30 PM-2.50 PM : Technical Session- I
- Rebuilding Kerala : **General Perspective**
- Chairperson : **Prof. Prabhat Patnaik**, Emeritus Professor, JNU
- Speakers :
1. **Dr. K Ravi Raman**, State Planning Board, Government of Kerala  
Rebuilding Kerala: Toward a Resilient, Egalitarian and Ethical State?
  2. **Prof. D Narayana**, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, Thiruvananthapuram  
Flood Damage 2018 in Kerala: Paying the Price for Neglecting the Environment
  3. **Dr. D Shyjan and Binduja. V**, Dr. John Matthai Centre, Thrissur  
Rebuild Kerala: A Sustainable Development Practices Approach
  4. **Siddik Rabiyyath**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala  
Missing Institutions in the Modelled Experience: Revisiting the Past to Build a Better Kerala
  5. **Aishna Sharma**, Visiting Faculty, Dept. of Economics and Public Policy, Shiv Nadar University, NOIDA  
Performance Assessment, World Classness and Universities as Public Sphere: A Study of A State University in Kerala

Discussions:  
Tea Break

3.00 PM- 4.00 PM : Technical session -II  
**Industry, Power and Infrastructure**

Chairperson : **Prof. R Vijay** Professor, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad

Speakers :

1. **Dr. Vijayamohan Pillai N**, Associate Professor, Centre For Development Studies  
Energy Efficiency in Kerala
2. **Dr Martin Patrick**, Chief Economist, Centre for Public Policy Research, Cochin  
Role of Local Bodies in Promoting Sustainable Tourism
3. **Dr. Radhakrishna G Pillai**, Department of Life Sciences, University of Calicut  
Effective management of the Blue-Green infrastructure investment pathways for restructuring Kerala Economy

Discussions:

Tea Break

4.10 PM-5.00 PM : Researchers' Session-1

Chairperson : **Prof. D Narayana**, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, Tvpm

Speakers :

1. **Dr. Jerry Alwin**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, S N College, Sivagiri, Varkala  
Fiscal Situation in Kerala: Recent Trends and Challenges
2. **Chinthu P S**, Research Scholar, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala  
Intensity of Structural Transformation Of Kerala And Its Imbalance
3. **Dinoop K**, Research Scholar, School of International Relations And Politics, MG University  
Impact of Nitaqat on Migrant Labour- A Study of Saudi Returnees of Kerala
4. **Reshma Rajeevan**, Mphil Scholar, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala  
On the Unmasking of Urban Poverty and Inequality in Kerala
5. **Kavya Nair P J**, Former PG Student, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala  
Towards A Society for All Ages"- Integrating Elderly into the Framework of Digitalising Kerala"

Discussions:

Day 2 22/01/2019

9.30 AM -10.30 AM : Researchers' Session: 2

Chairperson : **Dr. Anitha V**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala

Speakers

1. **Shyla Hameed**, Assistant Professor, MES College, Nedumkandam  
An Alternative Development Model for Idukki District-After Devastating Flood and Landslide
2. **Saisree K G**, Research Associate & **Prof. Abdul Salim A**, Director, Inter University Centre for Alternative Economics  
Restructuring Higher Education System in Kerala
3. **Smitha Pavianose**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, Christian College  
Process of Urbanisation in Kerala: An Inter District Analysis
4. **Swathy Vasudevan**, Research Scholar, Dept. of Economics, University College  
Urbanising Agriculture for Safe Urbanisation
5. **Shiji O. et.al.**, Dept. of Economics, Dr. John Mathai Centre, University of Calicut  
Rebuilding Kerala: Taking the Puramboke Settlement Seriously

Discussions:

Tea Break

10.40 AM-12.30 PM : Technical session III

## Agriculture, Livelihood and Urbanization

Chairperson : **Dr. Manju S Nair**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala

Speakers:

1. **Dr. Mani K P**, Former Head, Dept. of Economics, University Of Calicut  
Impact of Recent Flood on Kerala Agriculture: Status and Revival Strategies
2. **Dr. D. Rajesenan**, Director, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, CUSAT  
Segregation and the Outlier Communities: Issues of the SC-STs of Kerala
3. **Dr. Joseph T J**, Assistant Professor Dept. of Economics, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod.  
Dynamics of land use and agricultural change in Kerala
4. **Anuradha S Pai**, Assistant Professor, Govt. Law College, Thiruvananthapuram  
Enhancing employment and ensuring livelihood for Kerala in the post flood scenario
5. **Gayatri Somasekharan**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, Sreevyasa NSS College, Wadakkanchery  
Is Organic Farming A Boon Or Bane in Kerala: A Case Study.

Discussions:

Lunch Break

1.30 PM-3.30 PM : Technical session IV

Chairperson : **Dr. D Rajesenan**, Director, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Cochin

Speakers :

1. **Dr. B. Ekbal**, Member, Kerala State Planning Board  
Kerala Health: Challenges and Opportunities
2. **Prof. Irudaya Rajan S**, Professor, Centre For Development Studies  
Return Emigrants in Kerala: Potential for Development?
3. **Dr. K Gangadharan**, Professor and Head, Dept. of Economics, Kannur University  
Emigration, Remittance and Development: A study on Kerala
4. **Dr. G Visakh Varma**, Visiting Professor (Economics), MES School of Architecture, Kuttippuram  
Joint Projects Among the Grama Panchayaths of Kerala
5. **Dr. Vinoj Abraham**, Associate Professor, Centre For Development Studies  
The Emerging Structure of Labour Market in Kerala
6. **Dr. Godwin S K**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, Government College for Women  
Tortoise and Rabbit Story: Is it relevant for Kerala's health story?

Discussions:

Tea Break

3.40 PM to 5 PM : Researchers' Session : 3

Chairperson : **Dr. Prasad A K**, Asso. Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala

Speakers :

1. **Lalija V K**, Research Scholar, Kerala University Library, Thiruvananthapuram  
Rainwater Harvesting- A Solution to the Drinking Water Crisis in Kerala
2. **Sunitha Vijayan**, Research Scholar, Department Of Futures Studies, Kariavattom Campus  
Crop Insurance in Kerala: The Journey of a Lost Saviour
3. **D. Sarada Devi**, MPhil Student, University of Kerala & **Sachin Pavithran A P**, Research Scholar, CUSAT  
Socio-Economic and Environmental Aspects of Community Based Coastal Tourism Initiatives
4. **Arun Kumar R, Angelin R Jose & Revathi U**, PG Students, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala  
Solar Energy As A Sustainable Alternative To Hydro Electric Power In Kerala

5. **Sreelakshmi Sudhakaran**, Union Christian College, Aluva  
Unscientific Infrastructure Building and Failure of Sustainable Development Goals
6. **Anju Susan Thomas**, Assistant Professor in Economics, Government College for Women & Prof Thomas Varghese, Rtd Professor, University College  
The Dynamics of Social Capital in Rebuilding the Kerala Economy: Evidence and Experiences.
7. **Surya Sudharsanan & Anusree V V**, PG Students, Dept. of Economics, University of Kerala  
Vulnerability of Women during Kerala Flood 2018: Alternatives under Kudumbasree Mission

Discussions:

Day 3 23/01/2019

9.30 AM to 10.20 AM : Researchers' Session : 4

Chairperson : **Dr. C Krishnan**, Associate Professor of Economics, Government College, Kodanchery

Speakers:

1. **Amala Anie John**, Research Scholar, Dept. of Economics, University Of Kerala  
Education-Employment Linkages: Does The Linkage Actually Work In The Post Liberalized Market Economy Of Kerala?
2. **Bhagya S & Shagishna K**, PG Students, Dept. of Economics, University Of Kerala  
Need for the Reconstruction of Secondary School Curriculum with Special Emphasis on Additional Skill Acquisition Programs (ASAP).
3. **Arya K**, M.Com Student, Department of Commerce, University of Kerala  
Empowering Human Capital Stock Of Nation: Role Of Asap Kerala
4. **Ajitha R**, Research Scholar, Dept. of Economics, Dr. John Matthai Centre, Thrissur  
Tribal Development: Issues of Tribal Sub Plan Allocation and Utilization in Kerala
5. **Meera parvathy A L**, PG Student, Dept. of Economics, University Of Kerala  
Sustainable Construction Practices for Rebuilding The Housing Sector Of Kerala: An Enquiry Based On The Cost Ford Construction Techniques
6. **Sharon Jose and Deepthi S**, PG Students, Dept. of Economics, University Of Kerala  
An Alternative to Conventional Construction of Houses in Kerala- A New Sustainable Model

Discussions:

Tea Break

10.30 AM-12.30 PM : Technical Session V

## State Finances and Fiscal crisis

Chairperson : **Dr. Cyriac Mathews**, Former Deputy Director, Collegiate Education, Govt. of Kerala

Speakers:

1. **R Mohan, IRS** Financing the Rebuild
2. **Dr. B A Prakash**, Chairman, 5th State Finance Commission, Kerala  
Fiscal Decentralisation : Approach, Recommendations And Status of Implementation of 5th State Finance Commission of Kerala
3. **Dr. Jose Sebastian**, Gulati Institute Of Finance And Taxation, Thiruvananthapuram  
Public Resource Mobilisation for Restructuring Kerala Economy: Options and Sources
4. **Dr Lekha S Chakraborty**, Associate Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, JNU, Fiscal Marksmanship in Kerala
5. **Dr. S Muraleedharan**, Associated Professor (Rtd.), Dept. Of Economics, Maharaja's Autonomous College, Ernakulam  
Rebuilding Kerala - A Resilience cum Adaptive Transition Approach
6. **Dr. C. Saratchand**, Assistant Professor, Satyawati College, University Of Delhi  
On the Overcoming of Neoliberal Constraints on Resource Mobilisation in Kerala

Discussions:

Lunch Break