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Seventh Dr. K.E. Vaidyanathan Memorial Lecture

on 25th June 2021

(through virtual platform)



Dr. K. E. Vaidyanathan, a distinguished demographer and former President of IASSH, served the United Nations in various capacities. He was a faculty at the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, during 1968–1971. In 1971, he joined the Institute of Rural Health and Family Planning, Gandhigram, as Head of the Department of Population Studies and also served as its acting Director for some time. Later he joined the UN system as a Demographer in Cairo Demographic Centre, which is the regional centre for Africa and the Middle-East. In 1976 he moved to Syria as a UN Adviser to help establish the Centre for Population Studies and Research and to advise the Planning Commission of Syria. This was followed by a posting in Kampala, Uganda to serve as a faculty in the Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics in Makerere University, Kampala. In 1979 he became the UNESCO Regional Adviser for Population Education in the Arab region, and in 1982 he moved to ILO as the Regional Expert for Household Surveys under the National Household Survey Capability Program (NHSCP) in the Arab region. He later served during 1992-96 as the Chief Technical Adviser for the Sudan Population Census of 1993, which was acclaimed as the most successful census ever held in that vast and complex country. In 2001 he helped plan and implement the Living Standards Measurement Survey (LSMS) in Bosnia- Herzegovina. Dr. Vaidyanathan passed away in 2014 at Bangalore.

The Seventh Dr. K.E. Vaidyanathan Memorial Lecture will be delivered by distinguished social scientist **Prof. Monica Das Gupta** on 25th June 2021 at 4.30 pm (IST) on the theme - **Epidemic Control in India: re-focusing public health services for better outcomes**. Dr. Monica Das Gupta is a Research Professor at the University of Maryland, College Park MD, USA. Before that, she worked in the World Bank's Development Research Group in Washington DC (1998-2012); Harvard University's Center for Population & Development Studies in Cambridge MA (1992-98), and the National Council of Applied Economic Research in New Delhi (1982-92). She trained in anthropology and demography at the London School of Economics, and the Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK. She has published extensively on issues of population, poverty and development - including on child



health, gender and health, and public health systems for communicable disease control. Starting with extensive village-level research, she worked on child health, including an apparent tendency for child deaths to cluster in a few households, and how family systems shape gender differentials in health outcomes in Asia. Examining gender differentials in child survival across China, South Korea, and India, she has studied the commonalities in kinship patterns between these settings, and how they shape son preference. She has also examined the factors underlying the recent shift in South Korea, to preferring daughters for old age support. A primary area of interest has been public health, where she has focused on the production of public goods in health, through strengthening public health systems to reduce a population's exposure to disease. This has included studying the institutional design of successful models of low-cost preventive public health systems in Sri Lanka, India, and other developing countries.

Date: 25th June 2021

Time: 4.30 pm (IST)

Topic: Epidemic Control in India: re-focusing public health services for better outcomes

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