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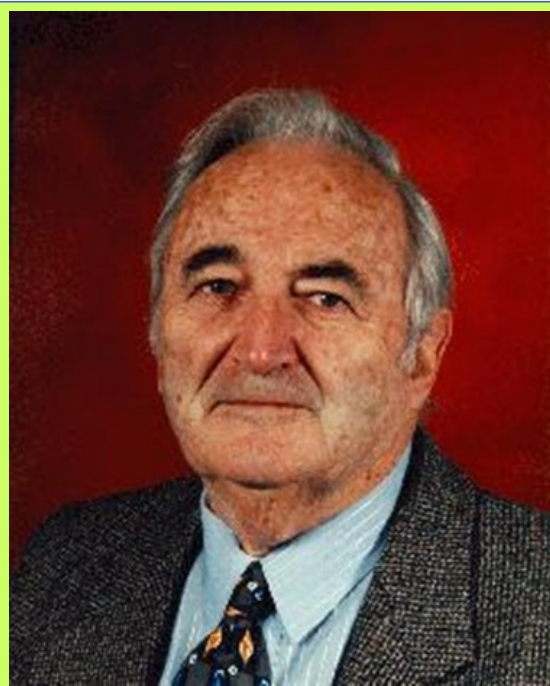
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JOHN CALDWELL MEMORIAL LECTURE



First Prof John Caldwell Memorial Lecture



Prof. K. Srinivasan delivering the first Prof. John Caldwell Memorial Lecture

The Doyen of Demography Professor John Charles (Jack) Caldwell died on 12th March 2016 at the age of 87 in Canberra. He was associated with the Department of Demography of Australian National University (ANU) for many decades. Caldwell's seminal work included documentation of the role of mother's education in fertility limitation and child mortality decline, and the role of circumcision in inhibiting the spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa. He is known for his "wealth flows" theory, which relates demographic transition theory to changes in intergenerational transfers within the family. He has encouraged and mentored many young scholars from India, and good number of them received their Ph.Ds from ANU under his able guidance. His anthropological demographic work on south India, particularly on marriage, fertility and contraception, received lot of research attention.

His students, colleagues and friends have approached the Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) to institute a memorial lecture in his honour. IASSH decided to institute the lecture series in memory of the most famous demographer of our times. The First Prof. John Caldwell Memorial Lecture was held during the 14th Annual Conference of IASSH on 24th Sept. 2016 at Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Deemed University), Pune. Distinguished Demographer **Prof. K. Srinivasan** (former Director of IIPS, Mumbai) delivered the first Professor John Caldwell Memorial Lecture on the theme - "Malnutrition and mortality among children in India: Need for a revisit to ICDS Program". He also recollected his long association with Prof. Caldwell and Pat Caldwell.

Using the available empirical evidence, Prof. Srinivasan emphasized the need to redefine the problems of malnutrition and also the ways of strengthening the ongoing programs. Dr. Venkatesh Srinivasan, Assistant Country Representative, UNFPA-India chaired the session. He listed the programmatic challenges that we are facing to ensure nutrition and health care to poor. Prof. T.V. Sekher read out the citation highlighting the contributions of Prof. Caldwell to demography as a discipline and specifically his work on India. Prof. S. Siva Raju introduced the guest speaker Prof. K. Srinivasan. Dr. Anjali Radkar presented bouquet and shawl to the guest speaker. Prof. K.N.M. Raju (formerly with ISEC, Bangalore), who completed his PhD at ANU under the supervision of Prof. Caldwell, took the initiative in organizing this memorial lecture, recollected his personal association with his mentor and guide. IASSH is grateful to Prof. Srinivasan for agreeing to deliver this lecture, which generated lot of discussion among participants. For wider circulation, IASSH is bringing out this lecture as a publication.



Prof. John Caldwell Memorial Lecture was chaired by Dr. Venkatesh Srinivasan, Assistant Country Representative of UNFPA, India. Also seen are Prof. T.V. Sekher (General Secretary, IASSH), Prof. S. Siva Raju (President, IASSH) and Prof. K. Srinivasan



View of the Conference Participants at the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune.

CONFERENCES

International Population Conference



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Statistics South Africa, on behalf of the Republic of South Africa, will host the 28th International Population Conference of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) in Cape Town, South Africa at the Cape Town International Conference Centre from 29 October to 4 November 2017.

The IUSSP International Population Conference is a major international event drawing over 2,000 scientists, policy makers and practitioners in the global population community to meet and address issues of common concern. The Conference takes place once every four years, providing a unique forum for population experts to take stock of recent research on population trends and issues and to debate possible actions and policy responses to the challenges posed by population phenomena. The conference is organised as a joint collaboration between the host country, whose National Organising Committee is led by Statistics South Africa, and the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population.

The Conference will include invited plenary debates and panel discussions on population and sustainable development issues as well as over 240 scientific sessions featuring the results of recent research from around the globe. Sessions will cover a wide range of topics including international migration, sexual and reproductive health, poverty and inequality, population and environment interactions, the consequences of population ageing and issues related to children and youth, education, the labour force, and gender and human rights. There will also be a set of sessions on Population and Policy Challenges in Africa. Attention to advances in methods and data measuring population phenomena and evaluating progress towards health and development goals such as the SDGs will be a key concern cutting across all sessions. In addition, there will be exhibits, side meetings and training sessions. The Conference is open to all members of the population community and draws in experts working in research, teaching, governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as the private sector including publishing companies and the media. Institutions working in the population field are encouraged to organise exhibits, side meetings, and training workshops or become an institutional sponsor.

ABOUT THE IUSSP

The IUSSP is the largest international professional association of population specialists. With over 2000 members from 140 countries, the IUSSP brings together researchers, scholars, policy makers and others from diverse disciplinary and professional backgrounds to address key population issues. The IUSSP's main activity is the organisation of scientific seminars and conferences. Every four years, the IUSSP organises the International Population Conference. This conference provides an opportunity for scientists, program managers and policy makers from all over the world to review advances made in the study of population issues and to debate possible actions and policy responses to the challenges posed by population phenomena.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS / EVENTS

NATIONAL SEMINAR on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls

February 27 to March 01, 2017 at NIRD, Hyderabad.

Seminar Coordinators

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ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Dr. Vijaya Khader (vijayakhader@gmail.com)

Given a talk on **SOLAR FOODS FOR HEALTH & WEALTH** in Training programme on "Application of Solar Energy in Food Sector" on 21 – 24th June 2016 at **Society for Energy, Environment & Development**

Chief Guest on the occasion of **Satellite National Conference on New Trends in Reproductive Health and Biochemistry** held on 8th Nov. 2016 Organized by Department of Biochemistry Osmania University, Maternal Health & Research Trust (MHRT) & Indian Women Scientist's Association, Hyderabad Chapter.

Gave a talk at CRIDA 016 on Impact of diversification in agriculture, food consumption and Nutrition, on 18th Nov 2016

Carey-Rao Theorem - Dr. Arni S.R. Srinivasa Rao (arni2006@gmail.com)

Carey-Rao Theorem on Carey's Equality received attention at the Joint Mathematical Morsels. Dr. James Carey, who is a biological demographer, observed in his biological experiments on fruit flies that in a life table or stationary population, the fraction of individuals who are captured at age 'a' will be exactly equal to fraction of individuals who will further live for 'a' years. This phenomenon is labeled as **Carey's Equality** by Prof. James Vaupel of Max Plank Institute in 2009. Dr. Arni Srinivasa Rao gave a mathematical statement of this phenomena and gave an innovative proof in 2013 and collaborated with Dr. Carey which was published in 2015. This theorem received wide media attention, including an article by a reporter for [American Mathematical Society](#). Dr. Rao wrote an invited essay on this work in 2015 for [PAA Affairs](#) (Population Association of America). Recently in 2017 at the Joint Mathematical Meetings, an annual conference of American Mathematicians, Carey and Rao's work was figured along with five other mathematical results ([See this report.](#)). Rao and Carey collaborations are bringing new results in stationary and stable population theories. For more details : <http://bit-player.org/2017/joint-mathematics-morsels>

Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship for Prof. T.V. Sekher (tvsekher@gmail.com)

Dr. T.V. Sekher, Professor with the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, is awarded with the prestigious **Fulbright-Nehru Senior Fellowship** for this academic year (2016-17). He is researching on "Gender and Social Welfare Policies" at the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Prof. Sekher, a sociologist and demographer, is the General Secretary of the Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) since 2014.

Dr. Anand Ambali (anandambali@yahoo.com)

The geriatric clinic of BLDE University Shri B M Patil Medical College and RC, Vijayapura has been awarded with "Best Geriatric Care Unit-2016" by Department of Welfare of differently abled and senior citizens, Government of Karnataka on October 1st, 2016. Award was presented by Shri Tanvir Sait, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, Minority Welfare and Wakf, Government of Karnataka.

**Dr. Umakanth Siromani** (siromaniumakanth@yahoo.co.in)

Appointed as Editorial Board Member - **World Journal of Sociology and Anthropology**

PUBLICATIONS

Ina Goel (inagoel@gmail.com)

Paper "Hijra Communities of Delhi". **Sexualities** (Sage Journal), May 2016.

Mukherjee, Aparna and T.V. Sekher

Paper "Do only girls suffer? We too": Early marriage repercussions on boys in rural India", in **Economic and Political Weekly**, Vol. LII (1), Jan. 2017.

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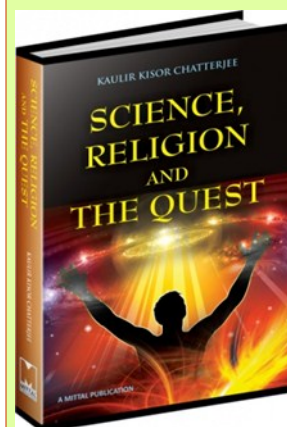
Paper published as Editorial: Adaptations of Effective Blood Donor Motivation Strategies, Umakanth, S and Mammen, J J, **Austin Emergency Medicine**, 2(6): 1032., 2016

BOOKS

Science, Religion and the Quest by Kaulir Kisor Chatterjee

This book is a scientific analysis of religion, spiritualism, life, death, afterlife and faith based on multidisciplinary approach involving evolutionary biology, microbiology, physiology, neurology, sociology, history, physics, geology and fringe science. It deals with evolution of universe, life, modern man and his socio-political transformation accompanied by intellectual development. Somewhere along the course, came the concept of gods as a response to fear; and the important deities worshipped by people of 10 ancient civilizations along with their roles and interrelationships have been described accompanied by analytical commentaries on the rationale and its relationship with God; analysis of 13 living religions with reference to historical background, philosophy, moral precepts, rituals, etc. and commonalities amongst them. This is followed by an analysis of quantum mechanics and fringe science. The book goes further to look into the various scientific and philosophical theories of evolution and also the scientific theories of prayers and mantras, as well as the rationale behind the deification of fire, cow, etc. Finally, the power of fear and faith and the indispensability of conscious faith in something or other have been emphasized.

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