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**16th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE  
INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND  
HEALTH (IASSH)**

*in collaboration with*

**Centre for the Study of Regional Development  
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**THEME:**

***Health, Well-being and Regional  
Development:  
Emerging Issues and Challenges***

***Conference: 10-12 December 2018***

**Nineth Pre-Conference Workshop on  
*“Advanced Methods in Large-scale Data Analysis”***

**7-9 December 2018**

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## CONFERENCE THEME

***Health, Well-being and Regional Development:  
Emerging Issues and Challenges***

## SUB THEMES:

- ST1. Health and Well-being**
- ST2. Health Programmes and Development Policies**
- ST3. Health and Regional Development: Policy and Practice**
- ST4. Health, Gender and Environment**

## TECHNICAL SESSIONS:

**ST1. Health and Well-being**

- T01. Valuing life
- T02. Health and epidemiological transition
- T03. Social and economic determinants of health
- T04. Reproductive and child health
- T05. Ageing, health and well-being
- T06. Communicable and non-communicable diseases
- T07. Public health, water, sanitation and hygiene
- T08. Family and health

**ST2. Health and Development**

- T09. Health financing and gender budgeting
- T10. Universal health coverage and insurance
- T11. Health care systems and management
- T12. Health Inequalities
- T13. Health and environment
- T14. Population, health and development
- T15. Food and nutrition security
- T16. Disability and health care

**ST3. Health and Regional Development: Policy and Practice**

- T17. Indigenous and alternative systems of medicine
- T18. Decentralization and health systems
- T19. Health infrastructure and regional disparities
- T20. Health of marginalized: inclusion and inclusive policies
- T21. Emerging demographic and health challenges in regional development
- T22. National Health Mission: Areas and Action
- T23. National Health Policy-2017 and SDGs

**ST4. Gender and Health**

- T24. Gender dimensions of health care and human rights
- T25. Violence against women and health
- T26. Migration, gender and health
- T27. Female deficit and emerging issues
- T28. Gender and sustainable development
- T29. Health and women's empowerment
- T30. Corporate social responsibility (CSR) and Health

**Call for Abstracts:**

Abstracts (maximum 300 words) are invited on topics relevant to the technical themes from scholars who want to present papers at the conference. You must submit the abstract online at: <http://www.iassh.org/onlineabstract.aspx>

**Pre-Conference Workshop: Topics**

Data Management and Data Quality Evaluation, Programming (Using Stata, SPSS, Gretl, R, Change-point Analyzer), Bivariate and Multivariate analyses, Longitudinal and Panel Data Analyses, Multi-level Analyses, Graphics, Mapping and Geo-Spatial Analyses (Using Arc GIS)

**Youth Best Paper / Poster Awards:**

An Expert Committee will select best research papers from young scholars (less than 30 years of age). These should be single authored research papers. Interested young scholars are encouraged to submit their abstracts online for competition by mentioning “**For Young Scholars Research Paper Award**”. There will be “**Best Poster Awards**” in the category of poster presentations. Oral presentation will be allotted 15 minutes time.

**Memorial Lectures**

IASSH has instituted a memorial lecture in honour of Prof. John Caldwell, doyen of Demography, who passed away in 2016. The third **Prof. John Caldwell Memorial Lecture** will be held during the conference. In honour of late Prof. K.E.Vaidyanathan, a distinguished demographer and former President of the Association, the fifth **Prof. K.E.Vaidyanathan Memorial Lecture** will also be held during the annual conference.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

<b>Last Date for Receiving Abstracts online</b>	<b>Sept 30, 2018</b>
<b>Intimation about Acceptance of Abstracts &amp; Travel Grant</b>	<b>Oct. 15, 2018</b>
<b>Payment of Conference and Workshop Registration Fee</b>	<b>Oct. 30, 2018</b>
<b>Submission of Full paper</b>	<b>Nov. 20, 2018</b>
<b>Conference</b>	<b>Dec. 10-12, 2018</b>

**Travel Grant**

Travel Grant may be awarded to PRESENTERS of few selected abstracts which include to and fro rail fare. All participants are requested to explore the possibility of obtaining TA/DA from their organizations, which will facilitate participation of more young scholars. Decisions regarding the award of travel grants rest with the review committee and depends upon the availability of funds. Local hospitality will be provided to registered paper presenters of selected abstracts.

**Registration Fees (Non-Refundable):**

Type of Participant	Early Bird Registration Oct. 30, 2018	Late Registration 30 Nov. 2018	Spot Registration (including Registrations after 30 Nov. 2018)
<b>Conference Registration Fee:</b>			
Member of IASSH	Rs. 1500	Rs. 2000	Rs.3000
Non- Member	Rs. 3000	Rs. 3500	Rs.4000
<b>Accompanying Person (Spouse and Children only)</b>	Rs. 2000	Rs. 2500	Rs.3000
<b>Pre-Conference Workshop Registration Fee</b>			
With accommodation	Rs.1500	Rs. 2000	Rs.2500
Without accommodation	Rs.1000	Rs.1200	Rs.1500
<b>Overseas Participants</b>	\$ 100	\$ 120	\$150

*Note: Preference will be given to M.Phil / Ph. D scholars in the pre-conference workshop.*

*\*\* Efforts will be made to accommodate the accompanying person(s) if participants register well in advance*

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**Seventh Annual Conference of  
INDIAN HEALTH ECONOMICS AND POLICY ASSOCIATION (IHEPA)  
STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS IN THE CONTEXT OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE**

**INDIAN HEALTH ECONOMICS AND POLICY ASSOCIATION**

in collaboration with  
**GULATI INSTITUTE OF FINANCE AND TAXATION,  
TIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

&

**Azim PREMJI UNIVERSITY, BENGALURU**

organizes its Seventh Annual Conference on  
**STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM IN THE  
CONTEXT OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE**

**Venue & Date**

**GULATI INSTITUTE OF FINANCE AND TAXATION (GIFT)  
GIFT Campus, Sreekariyam,  
TIRUVANANTHAPURAM 695017**

**24 - 25 January 2019**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

Indian Health Economics and Policy Association (IHEPA) invites policy relevant theoretical and empirical research papers. Major themes of the Conference are:

**❑ Health System: Issues of Human Resource, Access and Coverage**

Strengthening health care continues to be one of the serious challenges facing India's health care system. Strengthening the public health system has been at the forefront of several policy formulations. However, the public health system in India is crippled by issues of human resources, access, coverage and governance. National Health Mission was a major initiative to address various systemic issues including budgetary allocations to the health sector. Health system studies are relatively scarce in India. Papers analysing issues concerning the health system both public and private are welcome in this theme. Analytical papers on these issues and best practices in overall perspectives are also encouraged.

**❑ Health Care Financing including Health Insurance**

With out-of-pocket expenditure dominating the health care financing in India, addressing the increasing health care burden has been a serious challenge. The National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) recently announced by the Government of India has considered insurance as a viable option to address the health care burden of the poor. There are other health insurance schemes operational in different parts of the country with government support. It is important to have a new look at health care financing issues within the context of various policies and programme interventions. Papers dealing with health financing issues are welcome under this theme.



## Seventh Annual Conference of INDIAN HEALTH ECONOMICS AND POLICY ASSOCIATION (IHEPA) STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS IN THE CONTEXT OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

### Health Equity

Socio-economic factors that influence health of a person have been a matter of intense research in India over the last several decades. With the availability of many data sources in recent years like NFHS, NSSO and IHDS, a more nuanced understanding of health equity is possible. Health also needs to be understood not merely as death or disease but with a public health perspective. Sound analytical papers on health equity are expected under this theme with a definite contribution to the vast existing studies on this issue.

### Kerala's Health System: Achievements and Challenges

For the last several decades, Kerala's creditable achievements in health status have been a matter of both national and international attention. At the same time, with rapid changes in socio-economic and behavioural patterns, Kerala's health system is also facing several challenges. Under this theme, papers relating to issues that confront Kerala's health system as well as on its health achievements will be discussed.

### Other Related Issues

Papers on issues such as public health, nutrition, communicable and non-communicable diseases, global health relevant to the Conference themes are also solicited.

### GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF THE PAPER

We invite an extended abstract of around 4 pages (less than 1500 words) to be uploaded online using IHEPA website ([www.ihepa.in](http://www.ihepa.in)) by September 30, 2018. The abstract should reflect the whole paper including context, objectives, methodology and main conclusions. The abstracts submitted will be screened by a Panel of Reviewers of IHEPA for acceptance to the Conference. The authors of the accepted abstract are required to submit the full length paper by December 15, 2018. For any further information contact [secretary.ihepa@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ihepa@gmail.com) or [office.ihepa@gmail.com](mailto:office.ihepa@gmail.com).

### Important dates

Submission of an Extended Abstract:	September 30, 2018
Communication on acceptance from IHEPA:	October 31, 2018
Submission of Full Paper:	December 15, 2018
Conference Dates:	January 24-25, 2019

### CONFERENCE DETAILS

Accommodation will be provided to all paper presenters. Train fare equivalent to 3-AC (ordinary Express trains by the shortest route) would be reimbursed to the paper presenting author on actual basis on submission of tickets. IHEPA strongly recommends the authors to seek travel grant from other sources, including organizations to which they are affiliated. Please visit [www.ihepa.in](http://www.ihepa.in) or write to [secretary.ihepa@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ihepa@gmail.com) for more details about the Conference.

### BEST PAPER AWARD

An award for the three best papers presented in the Conference was instituted by IHEPA since 2017. The award will be based on the quality of the paper as well as the effectiveness of the presentation and defense. A committee of experts will select the papers for the award.

### IHEPA

IHEPA is a professional body registered under the Societies Registration Act. It is envisaged as a platform to discuss and share intellectual ideas pertaining to health sector in India. Economists, other social scientists, public health professionals, policy-makers and practitioners are invited to join as members and exchange, deliberate and discuss key issues and strategies to strengthen the health care system in India. Please visit [www.ihepa.in](http://www.ihepa.in) for more information.



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### GULATI INSTITUTE OF FINANCE AND TAXATION (GIFT)

The Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation (GIFT) is envisaged as a centre of excellence, specializing in research, training and consultancy, to provide fiscal and social policy inputs to the Government of Kerala in particular and the South Indian states in general. The GIFT was formed in 2009 by upgrading the Centre for Taxation Studies (CTS), an autonomous institution formed by the Government of Kerala in 1992 for undertaking research, training, consultancy, and publication in the area of public economics. For more details visit [www.gift.res.in](http://www.gift.res.in)

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### MEMBERSHIP OF IHEPA

Membership to IHEPA is open to all individuals and institutions engaged and interested in strengthening health care system of India. IHEPA welcomes all to join and strengthen the Association to make it a more vibrant and productive body of excellence in health research and policy process. For membership form and other details, please visit [www.ihepa.in](http://www.ihepa.in) or contact Secretary at [secretary.ihepa@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ihepa@gmail.com).

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IUSSP Scientific Panel "Family Demography and Family Law" organised a Special Session at the Conference of the Asian Population Association (APA) on 13th July, 2018 at Shanghai University, China. The Panelists are Dr. Sigma Ainul, Prof. Yingchun Ji, Prof. T. V. Sekher (Chair), Dr. Ki Tae Park and Prof. Minja Kim Choe (Discussant).

## BOOKS

### Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly in India

Editors: **Shankardass**, Mala Kapur, **Rajan**, S. Irudaya (Eds.), Springer, 2018

- Provides the latest data on elder abuse and neglect in India
- Is the first of its kind on India, looking at diverse variables of gender, class, and region
- Includes perspectives from academics and experienced professionals

This book highlights different aspects of the problem of elder abuse and neglect in India, and discusses its forms as well as means of prevention, intervention and management. It presents a framework for understanding the occurrence of elder abuse and neglect in India, placing the discussion within the global context. Elder abuse and neglect is a growing concern in South Asia, and this is the first comprehensive account of the topic from India. It uses data from different parts of India to describe the various dimensions of elder abuse and neglect among different population categories and sections in society. Covering rural and urban areas in different states, it discusses current perspectives on elder abuse and neglect at the household level, widows, HIV-affected populations, and those residing in institutions. This book comprises views from experts in the field and is of interest to researchers and academics from the social and behavioural sciences, policy makers, and NGOs





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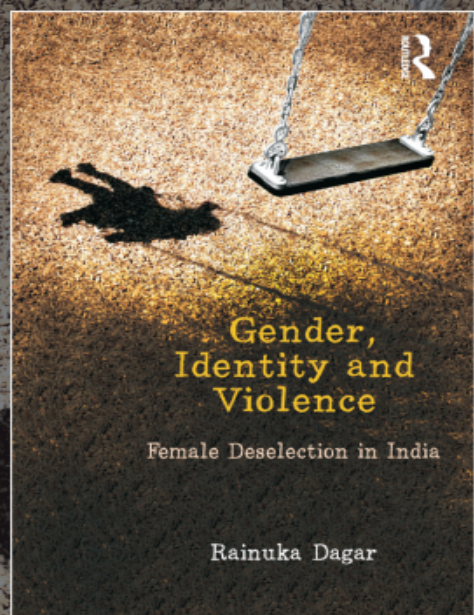


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## Gender, Identity and Violence

### Female Deselection in India

**Rainuka Dagar**

*[S]timulating, analytical and backed by empirical evidence. A valuable contribution to understanding the dynamics of social formation, identity construction and institutional mechanisms affecting individual life chances and gender inequalities.*

**RANDHIR SINGH**

Former Professor of Political Theory, University of Delhi

The missing girls in India are not a new phenomenon. The British passed an Act to check female infanticide more than 100 years ago. Since 1960, India's birth sex ratios have progressively declined from 994 to 910, implicating life-affecting gender violence. Backed by extensive field research, data and interviews, this book explores girl child deselection through cultural neglect, female infanticide and foeticide, and the role of caste and religion.

The book spans critical socio-historical contexts and examines the practice of selective right to life. It views the effects of militancy and *khaap* panchayats, and studies women's rights discourses and protective legal reforms. The gender imbalance is mapped globally and analysed in the specific conditions of the Indian states of Punjab and Haryana. The book examines the inter-linkages of gender hierarchies with male child preference and warns that theoretical analyses limited to female foeticide alone cannot address gender inequalities or change the cycle of violence.

This will be valuable to scholars and researchers of gender and women studies, sociology, politics, and population and demographic studies. It will also be indispensable for women's rights activists, NGOs, policy makers, government bodies, and those studying health and family planning.

**RAINUKA DAGAR** is Director (Research), Gender Studies Unit, at the Institute for Development and Communication (IDC), India, and Program Director with Altus Global Alliance, The Hague.

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