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**Sharda School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Sharda University, Greater NOIDA**

Organizing an International Conference

THEME:

***Contextualizing Health in Social Sciences:
Global and National Perspectives***

15th -17th March 2023

**at Sharda School of Humanities and Social Sciences,
Sharda University, Greater NOIDA**

***Eleventh Pre-Conference Workshop on
“Qualitative Research Methods in Social Sciences”***

13th -14th March 2023

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Background:

Health is a state of “complete physical and mental well-being” experienced by disease-free people living in harmony with their environment and with one another. The COVID-19 pandemic has given us not only challenges but also the opportunities to evaluate the health perspectives and context from global to the local vicissitudes. This idea of health promotes governing authorities and the public, the understanding that health is not something that can be achieved exclusively by managing day to day life, but it is profoundly influenced by the conditions of life and the context in which people live. Health can be interpreted in myriad ways- from global to local outlook, economic conditions to psychological parameters and policies, which dwell upon the understanding of people in the context. People’s health depends upon the context in which they live, while there are layers of perspectives of health which societies keep on building. Therefore, it is pertinent to ponder the contexts of health.

The very basic doctrine of public health is not only the health and well-being of the population, but also its health behavior, and healthcare utilization. Healthcare utilization and behavior also depends partly on people’s personal resources which can be influenced by their culture, region, population, understanding and circumstances— in other words, their context. People’s personal resources can be their personal stock of health or their health capital, as well as other more tangible resources. So, if we consider health, we are indirectly deliberating at three levels: people, perspectives, and their context. Perspectives are most often connoted with understanding and viewpoint, while context basically involves many factors that influence a person’s life- the biology of interacting diseases or treatments, to the values and life goals of the individual and family, the health and functioning of family and caregivers, and relevant health care system factors, community resources, geographies, environment and certainly, governing policies.

Health therefore has an intrinsic value when we interpret such dimensions, we see several assimilating factors which are often real and imaginary, especially when the global dimensions have changed tremendously. No one can deny the importance of health in societies and thus, health in context becomes explorative and multi-dimensional in social sciences. The enormous contributions made by disciplines of humanities and social sciences converge in the landscape of health. Such contributions with changing time, place and community are ‘extremely diverse and can be put in the context of perspectives of places and the culture too’.

This Conference has a multidisciplinary approach and provides an exciting, exclusive opportunity to the academicians, researchers, medical practitioners, funding partners, philanthropists, and non-profit organizations to exchange their research work, ideas, and policy perspectives.

Session Themes:

Trek 1	Digital health (e-healthcare, artificial intelligence)
Trek 2	Environmental challenges (sustainable consumption, environmental law, ecological economics, environmental diplomacy)
Trek 3	Ethics and Health (ethics of research, ethics of care, universal values)
Trek 4	Food, nutrition, and well-being, (food sovereignty, sustainable food system, food consumption)
Trek 5	Communication, literature, and language in health (value of vernaculars, social acceptance, Language barrier)
Trek 6	Health economics (insurance, prevention, care and health workers, marketing)
Trek 7	Politics and Health (health data protection, universal health coverage, patient rights, right to health (social inequalities, social justice))
Trek 8	Health diplomacy (internationalisation of health policies, public and private actors, the role different global organisations)
Trek 9	Therapeutic innovations and empowerment (interventions given by unrecognised medicine persons (quacks, Dai) and cosmetic industry)
Trek 10	Mental Health, Issues, Challenge, and Intervention
Trek 11	Universal healing, Sports, and Yoga (contribution in rejuvenation and restoration of health)
Trek 12	Media and Health (act of advertisement and health information networks)
Trek 13	Public health and demographic changes
Trek 14	Health and epidemiological transitions
Trek 15	Urban health, migration, and epidemics
Trek 16	Health care and services in post-pandemic era
Trek 17	Geriatric health, ageing policies, and programs
Trek 18	Fertility, family planning and reproductive health
Trek 19	Gender dimensions in health care access

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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>

Topics Covered in the Pre-Conference Workshop

Introduction to Qualitative Research, Approaches in Qualitative Research, Methods of Collection of Qualitative Data, In-depth interviews, focus groups, observations, key-informants, case studies, ethics in data collection, familiarizing with Atlas-ti and Nvivo soft wares. Those interested to attend the workshop, please register here.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/AtfnAJKf2SrcAowZ9>

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 the 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 two memorial lectures. The **fifth Prof. John Caldwell Memorial Lecture** will be held during the conference. In honour of Prof. K.E.Vaidyanathan, former President of the Association, the **seventh Prof. K.E.Vaidyanathan Memorial Lecture** will also be held during this eighteenth annual conference.

Important Dates:

Last Date for Receiving Abstracts online	: Jan. 25, 2023
Intimation about Acceptance of Abstracts & Travel Grant	: Jan. 30, 2023
Payment of Conference and Workshop Registration Fee	: Feb. 10, 2023
Submission of Full paper	: March 1, 2023
Pre-Conference Workshop	: March 13-14,2023
International Conference	: March 15-17,2023

Travel Grants

Travel Grant may be awarded to paper presenters of 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 (accommodation and food) will be provided to all registered paper presenters of selected abstracts.

Registration Fee:

Type of Participant	Early Registration by Feb.10, 2023	Late Registration by 1 March, 2023	Spot Registration (including Registrations after 1 March 2023)
Conference Registration Fee: • Member of IASSH • Non- Member	Rs. 1500 Rs. 3000	Rs. 2000 Rs. 3500	Rs.3000 Rs.4000
Pre-Conference Workshop Registration Fee: With accommodation Without accommodation	Rs.1500 Rs.1000	Rs. 2000 Rs.1200	Rs.2500 Rs.1500
Overseas Participants	\$ 100	\$ 120	\$150

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

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