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## **A new way to think the human development perspective in the informational era: The Latin American discussions**

Venue : Cherussery Auditorium, Kannur University, Thavakkara Campus

On : 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 11.00 a.m.

### **Abstract**

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The central idea of this presentation is that the current goal of human development is both the autonomy and dignity of people. From this starting point it is possible to analyze processes and developing policies. This goal would constitute the main demand of the people who seek new ways of life in cultural, institutional, socio-economical, ecological, and political fields. Dignity would give a new meaning to development. The exposition starts with conceptual arguments and empirical examples that aim to put dignity at the center of the debate. Afterward, four strategic themes to strengthen the proposals of this approach will be presented: informationalism, environment, inclusion and social exclusion, and social conflict. Finally, the idea of a "human development agency" will also be discussed. The argument is supported in the sociology of the actor and in the concepts and empirical findings of human development reports, particularly in the global and Latin American reports.

## **The new multiculturalism in Latin American societies. Ongoing transformations in the informational era**

Venue : Seminar Hall, School of Environmental Sciences  
Mahatma Gandhi University, Athirampuzha, Kottayam

On : 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

### **Abstract**

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The exposition will focus on the principal transformations in the Latin American multiculturalism in the last 20 years:

- Hegemony of individualism and consumption
- Culture of techno-sociability
- The diversity and strength of identity
- Family, patriarchy and women's social movements
- Diaspora culture
- New religiousness
- Ecological communitarianism

## **Latin American modernity as an intercultural network. Uncertainty and new challenges in a global *Kamanchaka***

Venue : Harmony hall, Mascot Hotel, Thiruvananthapuram

On : 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 11.00 a.m.

### **Abstract**

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It has been proposed that there is a "game of mirrors" in the intellectual interactivity between Latin Americans and Europeans. As Latin Americans, they have developed in relation to Europe since colonial times, but they are different. On the other side, Europeans almost never looked at themselves in the mirror of Latin Americans, which has rendered them a feeling of emptiness, where more life and ideas could have developed.

It will be discussed that as intellectuals Latin Americans have been influenced by the German, the French and the English Illustration, and also by the Jesuits in the field of education. But they received these influences from the multicultural networks. Such kind of intellectual construction is at the same time particular and accumulative. It is particular because it varies according to national or international historical circumstances. It is accumulative because it has a certain continuity over time.

## **What is the populism? Discussion in Latin America.**

Venue : Harmony hall, Mascot Hotel, Thiruvananthapuram

On : 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 03.00 p.m.

### **Abstract**

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In this conference, "l'etat de l'art" about populism in Latin America will be introduced and its links with democracy and development. Populism (or the political orientation towards national and popular policies), in its different historical moments, was the most important and diverse social and political experience in the region. The discussion about this issue is important at global level nowadays.