

MADRAS INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (MIDS)

**QUEST FOR
PLANETARY
WELL-BEING**
*RETHINKING
ECONOMICS,
PHILOSOPHY
AND
LITERATURE*

A HYBRID
SYMPOSIUM

Our world is in crisis today. With war and climate collapse, we are challenged to envision and put into practice planetary well-being at levels of self, society, state and the world. In this symposium, visions and practices of planetary well-being, building upon traditions of well-being economics cultivated by scholars such as Amartya Sen and also the wider traditions of welfare economics would be discussed, while also building upon the works of MV Nadkarni who has worked on new horizons of ecological economics, economics and ethics. Some recent contributions from the ongoing book project, *Quest for Planetary Well-being: Essays in Honor of MV Nadkarni*, which is in its final stages of publication would be deliberated upon at this symposium. The speakers will weigh up on the challenges of rethinking economics, philosophy and literature and the need for their transdisciplinary coming together for realization of planetary well-being.

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Programme

First Session 2–4 PM

Chair & Welcome Address and Reflections on the Theme

M Suresh Babu
Professor & Director, MIDS

Quest for Planetary Well-being: Rethinking Economics, Philosophy and Literature

An Invitation and Introduction to the Symposium

Ananta Kumar Giri
Professor, MIDS

Integrating Ethics and Economics: MV Nadkarni and Amartya Sen

Niharika Singh
Symbiosis University, Pune

Dharmic Frameworks for Planetary Well-being

Mala Kapadia
Director
Transdisciplinary Research Initiatives
Anaadi Foundation, Palani, Tamil Nadu

Broad Basing Process for Socio-Economic Transformation: Dialogues with MV Nadkarni

Subhash Sharma
Indus Business Academy, Bangalore

Indic Governance and Well-being

RS Deshpande
Former Director
ISEC, Bangalore

The Well-being of the Planet in the European Tradition

Detlef Briesen
Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen

Sophia and Divine Dialogue: Cultivating a Planetary Ethos

Rowan Moses Gnanih
Independent Scholar
Thiruvananthapuram and Chennai

Artificial Intelligence and Virtues: An Inquiry into Ethics and Well-being

Meera Chakravorty
Former Professor
Jain University, Bangalore

Discussion

Note: Owing to summer and probable logistical difficulties of some in-person participants reaching the venue by 2 PM, online session will be held first, followed by an in-person session at 3:30 PM.

The symposium is open to all.

Second Session 4 PM

Chair

Ananta Kumar Giri
Professor, MIDS

Special Lecture on Revelation, Interpretation, and Analysis: MV Nadkarni's Engagement of the Gita

Ori Z Soltes
Georgetown University

Relevance / reflection of Parisara-niti-shatakam (on Environmental Ethics) to Nepali Himalayan Environmental Dynamics and Well-being

Man Bahadur Khattri
Department of Anthropology
Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal

Planetary Well-being and Creative Filmmaking

Leslie Sampaine
Fulbright Scholar

The Cry of the Earth: Literature as a Catalyst for Sustainable Behavioural Change

Minati Pradhan
Vishwanedam Center for Asian
Blossoming, Bangalore

Nadkarni and the Continuing Search for the Hindu Left

Karthik Rao Cavale
Krea University, Sri City, Andhra Pradesh

Farmers' Protest, Corporatisation of Agriculture and India's New Power Elite: State of Indian Democracy

Subir Rana
Bangalore

Economics of Waste Management and Well-being

Amala Johnsson
Mar Ivanios College
University of Kerala

People's Plan Campaign in Kerala through the Lens of Political and Administrative Hegemony and its Impact on Policymaking and Policy Implementation

Jos Chathukulam and Manasi Joseph

Quest for Planetary Well-being: Some Reflections

MV Nadkarni
Professor, ISEC, Bangalore