

Call for Papers for Young Researchers
UPE-II National Seminar on

Challenges of Development, Governance and Democracy in South and South East Asia

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Concept note

Experiments with democracy in South and South East Asian countries evolved in different historical phases and at different levels of nation-building processes. The experimentations with regime functioning, of late more popularly known as governance, have nurtured strategies and incubated counter strategies that defined and impacted on the emerging characters of territoriality of the region/s, the construction and reimagining of the ideas of nation, democracy and development in this part of the Asian continent. On the one hand, it is important to take the cue from the evolving dynamics of strategies in democratizing governance in this region. On the other hand, there are vibrant spaces of experiments with democratic dialogue towards making democracy more inclusive and at the same time that scrutinize how democracy is getting undermined in the name of governing democracy itself. The economic well-being, human development in terms of capabilities and entitlements need to be reassessed and rethought in these dimensions. Is migration affecting the well-being and democracy in this region? Is gendered migration related to democracy? The paradox, at different levels, emerges more relevant in the context of the geo-economic narrative of India's Act East policy that attempts to vibrate around a pro-active multipronged strategy involving India as the epi-centre as well as the discourse of 'Asian values' that throws light on the political and rhetorical utility of cultural relativism in addressing the issues of democracy, development and governance in South and South East Asian region. The proposed seminar will try to focus on areas like strategies of governing of development, emerging regime characters, agents and/or mediators of development like state, market and civil society associations, etc. at comparative levels.

Abstracts of **300-350 words** along with a bio-note highlighting institutional affiliations and areas of interest are to be submitted by **15th October, 2017**.

Selected scholars will be informed after a review of their abstract by **31st October, 2017**.

Selected outstation participants will be provided AC-III Tier train fare for shortest route, local accommodation and conference lunch.

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