



Webinar on
Inter-disciplinary and
Trans-disciplinary Education:
Approaches and Reflections



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Interdisciplinarity combines two or more disciplines to a new level of integration, forcing the suggested conventional component boundaries of disciplines to break down. Trans-disciplinarity occurs when two or more discipline perspectives transcend each other to form a new holistic approach. Transcending disciplinary boundaries are becoming increasingly important for devising solutions to the world's most pressing issues. Institutions of higher education often face challenges on teaching students how to work and innovate in transdisciplinary themes. The School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, encourage inter as well as trans-disciplinary approaches to teaching and learning across all programmes and courses of study. The central idea of the approach is to educate students in the exploration and utilization of diverse approaches to critical thinking and to participatory and interactive learning so that they authentically make connections among multiple disciplines, work jointly with students from other Schools on an area of common interest, co-create knowledge, construct their own meaning and transfer the learning to real world applications. Multidisciplinary study provides opportunity to choose from a wide range of subjects, allowing learning in diverse ways.

This webinar identifies and explains the importance of inter-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary studies. It aims to provide the participants a unique opportunity to understand the significance of inter-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary study in a wider perspective, and how to apply it in different contexts and real-life scenario. It will also help in appreciating the connections between various subjects of study and to transfer knowledge beyond subject boundaries. It is in this spirit that the School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India has collaborated with the Directorate of Minority Welfare, Government of Kerala and conceived this webinar on Inter-disciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Education.

DIRECTORATE OF MINORITY WELFARE, GOVT. OF KERALA

The Minority Welfare Department is one of the nodal agencies for implementing schemes and programmes of both the state and central government. Kerala State Minority Commission, Kerala State Minority Development Finance Corporation, Madrasa Teachers Welfare Fund, Coaching Centre for Minority Youth are functionaries under the department. It implements and monitors various welfare schemes, programmes and scholarships for students. There are 22 Coaching Centres for Minority Youth in Kerala working under Minority welfare Directorate, Government of Kerala. The centres provide coaching to youth for various competitive examinations conducted by KPSC, UPSC, SSC, RRB, IBPS etc. It also provides Career Guidance Classes in schools and Pre-Marital Counselling classes for the youth

SCHOOL OF PEDAGOGICAL SCIENCES, MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

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GUEST SPEAKERS AND TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- 1. Prof. (Dr.) Kalpana Kannabiran**
Professor & Regional Director, Council for Social Development, Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad
Topic: Law, Gender and the Social Sciences: The Reflections on Disciplines and interdisciplinarity Relevance
- 2. Prof. (Dr.) Babu P. Ramesh**
Dean, School of Development Studies, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Delhi
Topic: Introduction to Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies.
- 3. Prof. (Dr.) N. C. Narayanan**
Professor, Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas (CTARA) IIT Mumbai
Topic: Practicing Transdisciplinary Engaging Academic Institutions: To Engage with Local Problems.
- 4. Dr. Ratheesh Kumar**
Assistant Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, JNU
Topic: Practicing Interdisciplinarity: On Subject Matter, Theory and Method.

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Event	Speaker
Day 1 Wednesday 28 th October 2020	14.00-14.10	Welcome Address and Session Chair	Prof. Dr. Minikutty A., HoD, SPS, Mahatma Gandhi University
	14.10-14.20	Inaugural Address	Prof. Dr. Sabu Thomas, Hon. Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University
	14.20-14.40	Key Note Address	Dr. Moideen Kutty A.B, Director, Directorate of Minority Welfare, Government of Kerala
	14.40-15.40	Special Lecture: <i>Introduction to Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies</i>	Prof. Dr. Babu P Ramesh, Dean, School of Development Studies, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi
	15.40-15.55	Open Forum	
	15.55-16.00	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Sajna Jaleel, Associate Professor, SPS, Mahatma Gandhi University
Day 2 Thursday 29 th October 2020	14.00-14.10	Welcome Address and Session Chair	Prof. Dr. T. V. Thulasidharan, SPS, Mahatma Gandhi University
	14.10-15.10	Special Lecture: <i>Law, Gender and Social Sciences: The Reflections on Disciplines and Interdisciplinary Relevance</i>	Prof. Dr. Kalpana Kannabiran Regional Director, Council for Social Development, Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad
	15.10-15.25	Open Forum	
	15.25-15.30	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Ismail Thamarasseri, Assistant Professor, SPS, Mahatma Gandhi University
Day 3 Friday 30 th October 2020	14.00-14.10	Welcome Address and Session Chair	Prof. Dr. Jaya Jaise, SPS, Mahatma Gandhi University
	14.10-15.10	Special Lecture: <i>Practising Trans-disciplinarity: Engaging Academic Institutions to Engage with Local Problems</i>	Prof. N.C. Narayan, Professor, Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas, IIT Mumbai
	15.10-15.25	Open Forum	
	15.25-15.30	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Muhammed K. V., Assistant Professor, SPS, Mahatma Gandhi University
Day 4 Saturday 31 st October 2020	14.00-14.10	Welcome Address and Session Chair	Prof. Dr. Asha J. V., SPS, Mahatma Gandhi University
	14.10-15.10	Special Lecture: <i>Practising Interdisciplinarity: On Subject Matter, Theory and Method</i>	Dr. Ratheesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, Centre for Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi
	15.10-15.20	Open Forum & Feedback	
	15.20-15.30	Valedictory Address & Release of Webinar Report	Prof. C.T. Aravindakumar, Pro Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University
	15.30-15.40	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Siby G. Netto, Assistant Professor, SPS, Mahatma Gandhi University