

Governance, Conflicts and Natural Resources: From Policy to Practice

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Overview of the Course

Natural resources can be transformative for developing countries. While the condition of a region's natural resources can greatly determine the social and economic sustainability of a community, the entire planet has fallen into a self-destructive process by which natural resources are degrading at an ever-increasing rate. Available evidence over the last fifty years even suggests that on average, countries that are rich in natural resources have had lower growth than their resource-poor counterparts. Although exceptions do exist some evidence confirms that resource-abundant countries use resources less efficiently if their institutions are weak. Moreover, in many parts of the world, rights over natural resource use and conservation are controversial and subject to frequent negotiations, mostly due to social, economic and political changes. This process now calls for a sustainable approach to conserve and govern natural resources, in particular, the commons - forests, water bodies, agricultural lands etc. across the planet. The aggressiveness of the quest is such that the future of our planet is in the balance.

Course Objectives:

In particular, the program objectives are to:

- Increase knowledge on collective action and property rights institutions in natural resource management and their effectiveness in the face of intense competition among resource uses and user groups;
- Understand the role of collective action in creating and sustaining these institutions;
- Identify concrete policy instruments that facilitate and encourage the formation, functioning, resilience, and spontaneous evolution of organizations of users and property institutions that assure optimal resource use, and promote partnerships between local organizations, states, civil society, and private entities;
- Initiate a network of researchers with an ongoing commitment to share experience and build capacity in this domain. The overarching objective of the program is to contribute to policies and practices pertaining to natural resource governance and disseminate knowledge on the ways that collective action and property rights institutions influence the efficiency, equity, and sustainability of natural resource use.
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Modules	A: Fundamentals of Collective Action and Property Rights for Natural Resource Governance B: The Commons, Poverty and Social Exclusion C: The Commons: Theory, Analytics and Data D: Managing the Global Commons: Issue of Climate Change and Other Challenges E: Managing Complex Commons (Protected Areas, Wetlands, Mountain Areas, etc.)
Course Duration	5 days (18 – 22 December 2023)

Who Can Attend?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Faculty/Economist from reputed academic or technical institutions ▪ PhD scholars/Post-doc Candidates/Research Associate from interdisciplinary fields interested in Natural Resource governance analysis ▪ Students at all levels (BA/BSc/BTech/MSc/MTech//MA/MPhil) <p>A limited number of seats are available for the course.</p>										
Course Fees	<p>The participation fees for the course are as follows:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 80%;"></th> <th style="text-align: right;">Course Fee (including GST 18%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Faculty/Economists/ Industry/ Research Organizations</td> <td style="text-align: right;">₹ 4000 /-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PhD Scholars/ Post-doc Candidates/Research Associate/Students at all levels</td> <td style="text-align: right;">₹ 1500 /-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scholars/students from Abroad</td> <td style="text-align: right;">US \$ 200 /-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Participants from Abroad</td> <td style="text-align: right;">US \$ 500/-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The above fee includes all course materials, computer use and internet facility at the host institute during the course.</p> <p><i>Note: The participants will have to take care of their travel, accommodation and food. However, accommodation can be arranged for a few participants on first-cum-first-serve basis strictly against payment. A limited number of travel grants (III AC train fare) are available. For any queries regarding registration or other practical information, please contact the course coordinator.</i></p>		Course Fee (including GST 18%)	Faculty/Economists/ Industry/ Research Organizations	₹ 4000 /-	PhD Scholars/ Post-doc Candidates/Research Associate/Students at all levels	₹ 1500 /-	Scholars/students from Abroad	US \$ 200 /-	Participants from Abroad	US \$ 500/-
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Payment Procedure	<p>Selected candidates will be intimated through E-Mail. They have to remit the necessary course fee to the Bank as per the details given below.</p> <p>A/C Name: CEP, IIT Bhubaneswar</p> <p>Bank Name: Canara Bank</p> <p>Account Number: 24282010001960</p> <p>IFSC Code: CNRB0017282</p> <p>MICR No.: 752015014</p> <p>Name of the Branch: IIT Bhubaneswar, Argul Branch</p>										
Registration Procedure	<p>Stage-1: Web Portal Registration: Visit https://gian.iitkgp.ac.in/GREGN/index And create a login User ID and Password. Fill up the registration form and complete web registration by online payment of ₹500/-. This provides the user with lifetime registration to enroll in any number of GIAN courses offered.</p> <p>Stage-2: Course Registration: Login to the GIAN portal with the user ID and Password already created in Step 1. Click on the Course Registration option at the top of the Registration form. Select the Course titled “Governance, Conflicts and Natural Resources: From Policy to Practice” to Confirm your registration by clicking on Confirm Course.</p>										
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The Faculty



Dr. Tine De Moor is a Professor of Social Enterprise and Institutions for Collective Action in the Department of Business-Society Management at Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University, Netherlands. She conducts research into the creation, functioning and evolution of institutions for collective action (ICAs) in past and present. The ICAs are forms of organizations formed from below, by the immediate stakeholders, with the aim of working together to pursue both personal (material) and societal interests. Issues that have been studied by her research team are the many energy and care cooperatives that have developed over the past decennia, the initiatives of citizens involved in short-chain food supply, the formation of platform cooperatives and the renewal of the mutual as a form of insurance for the self-employed.

She has been actively involved in developing innovative research methods, for example, several Citizen Science Projects. She has been president of the International Association for the Study of the Commons and has set up the peer-reviewed International Journal of the Commons. She acts as an expert on several national and international boards. In the past 10 years, she received several large research grants, such as an ERC Starting Grant and an NWO-VIDI.

Dr. Madhusmita Dash is an Assistant Professor of Economics at IIT Bhubaneswar. She has done her PhD in Economics from the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur. Her primary research interests are in the field of Environment Economics, New Institutional Economics, and Economics of Natural Resource Management and Rural Development. Currently, she is working on issues related to transboundary water Conflict, Ecotourism, Climate change and Renewable Energy contribution to Sustainable Rural Livelihood. She has received the Young Social Scientist award from the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India, in collaboration with United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), European Union, UN Environment Program (UNEP) and Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) during “Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (NCAVES) India Forum 2021. She is also the recipient of the Right Livelihood Junior Scientist Award by DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) in the year 2013. She has published her works in many journals of international repute.



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