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CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND ABSTRACTS

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INTRODUCTION

Bharti Institute of Public Policy takes great pleasure in inviting you to its first annual conference, 'Public Policy Dialogues – Bridging Research and Practice'. The event aims to bring together researchers and practitioners from the public and private sector, academic institutions and think tanks, as well as civil society organisations, to address critical issues in public policy in India. To be conducted as an engaging in-person conference, the gathering provides a unique platform to discuss innovations in public policy and facilitate interactions between researchers and practitioners.

Public Policy, as a field of study and in its implication, is multi-dimensional, cross-disciplinary, and dynamic. In a world where political and socio-economic landscapes undergo constant and rapid transitions, deliberation among practitioners and researchers are a useful medium to find solutions to existing and emerging problems. Given the expanse of the public policy domain, there exist numerous challenges and innovations at multiple stages of policy formulation and implementation, at the local, regional, national, and global levels. These challenges and innovations need to find each other to move forward towards better policies. To fulfil this objective, Bharti Institute of Public Policy is delighted to host the first annual Public Policy Dialogues as an intellectual congregation where researchers and practitioners can learn from shared experiences and insights to generate new visions for policy evolution and development.

CONFERENCE DESIGN

The conference has been designed to maximise interactions among participants through diverse expert panels, roundtable discussions, innovation highlights, as well as poster presentations. Unlike an academic conference, the Dialogues will not include any research presentations. We will schedule poster presentation of shortlisted research submissions, where practitioners can browse latest research findings.

EXPERT PANELS

These panels will include leading experts on a specific topic or issue within the broad public policy domain. The panelists will bring their experience to bear on the topic, preferably from multiple perspectives within each panel. Specifically, these panels will be designed to provide the audience with a state-of-the-art understanding on the topic through an informed conversation among experts and serve to frame the broad contours of a problem or issue through moderated discussion.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Roundtables are most suited to facilitate conversations across divides – between different disciplines, and between researchers and practitioners – and are therefore designed to take the form of informed conversations rather than sequential presentations. The main thrust is to generate a lively debate, wherein participants can discuss tough questions, discover partners, review developments, and propose novel ideas for discussion.

INNOVATION SANDBOX

Public policy has witnessed an explosion of ideas and creative efforts to address known challenges, be it in experiments with design, adaptation to local contexts, or convergence of available schemes. Public Policy Dialogues will serve as a platform for sharing such innovations, be it small-scale pilots by NGOs or large-scale collaborations between multiple stakeholders. All innovative solutions to known policy challenges are welcome.

RESEARCH POSTERS

Latest advances in research will be presented in the form of posters, allowing free interaction between researchers and practitioners. Selections will be divided equally into Advanced Research, which reports results and policy implications, and Research in Progress, with description of problem statement and preliminary results. We will prioritize solution-oriented research as well as collaborative research involving practitioners.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Public Policy Dialogues invites proposals under four categories – Expert Panels, Roundtable Discussions, Innovation Sandbox, and Research Posters.

Expert Panels

We invite proposals for expert panels to discuss current policy issues from multiple perspectives. The panel proposal should specify a moderator and 3-4 panelists. We strongly discourage more than 4 panelists. The proposal should include a description (<500 words) and the name, designation, affiliation, short biography, and email address of each panelist.

Roundtable Discussions

We invite proposals for roundtable discussions on pressing policy issues. Participation shall be limited to a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 15 participants, preferably drawn from different disciplines and sectors. The proposal should include a concept note (<1000 words), specify a Chair, and the names, designations, affiliations, and email addresses of at least six participants. These can be supplemented with other registered conference participants interested in the round-table discussion. The time allocated for a Roundtable Discussion will be 90 minutes.

Innovation Sandbox

We invite video proposals describing an innovation in any aspect of public policy, encompassing ideation, design, implementation, and evaluation. The proposal will take the form of a 5-minute video on the innovation, preferably using a PowerPoint presentation comprising of no more than 7 slides, accompanied with narration. The PowerPoint requirement is not mandatory, and we welcome other forms of video submissions conforming to the time limit.

Research Posters

Abstracts for research posters must be strictly less than 250 words and should convey to the general reader the problem statement or research question, broad outline of results, and the implications of results for public policy. The abstracts should start with brief background information: a sentence giving a broad introduction to the question comprehensible to the general reader, and then a sentence with more detailed background specific to the research. This should be followed by a one-sentence description of the main objectives and a sentence or two on the principal research methods, followed by the primary results. Please note that results are NOT required to be included for abstracts under the Research in Progress category. The last sentence of the abstract should outline the main conclusions of the paper, in terms that will be comprehensible to all participants. Please do NOT include citations or abbreviations in the abstract.

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

Bharti Institute of Public Policy will make every effort to convert presentations and discussions at the Public Policy Dialogues into knowledge products for the larger community. This will take the form of edited volumes with reputed publishing houses, case studies for classroom use in Public Policy courses, and audio-visual material for wider dissemination across multiple constituencies.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline for submission of proposals is
30th November 2022 (23:59 IST).

Decisions will be communicated by
10th December 2022 (23:59 IST).

Please note that the registration link
will be open from **10th November 2022.**

The proposals and presentations can be submitted at
<https://form.jotform.com/220310038698453>

For more information, please write to us at publicpolicydialogues@isb.edu

Registration Fees:

Professionals - INR 1000

Students – INR 500 (Valid University/College ID Card Mandatory)

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