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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

“The earth provides enough to satisfy everyone’s needs but not everyone’s greed”.

Mahatma Gandhi

Sustainable development; the concept that first appeared in the Brundtland report in 1987, immediately captured the attention of the researchers, policy makers and the professionals working in different arena. Since then, it has been the most recurrent theme of the conferences, seminars, symposia etc across the disciplines. As this concept concerns with satisfying the needs of the present generations without having to compromise the capacity of future generations, also taking care of environment and social well-being along with ensuring economic growth, it still remains a very much sought after but a distant goal. In an attempt to ensure sustainable development through positive action to end poverty, protecting the planet earth and ensuring equitable economic growth among the nations, the United Nation devised a 2030 agenda which gives Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As it is evidently clear from the complexity of the issue that concerns and challenges are manifold which require a systemic inquiry into the possible solutions at global level for meeting these SDGs. Therefore, this international conference is an attempt to pool up the global ideas which aim at exploring the possibility of heading towards zero; which denotes a state of equilibrium by striking a balance between economic growth, social equity and environmental protection.

FOCAL THEME

Heading towards Zero: Sustainable Development in Economy, Environment and Society

SUB THEMES

1. Geographical perspective to achieve sustainable development goals
2. Sacred cultural landscape
3. Land Use and Agriculture
4. Food System and Technology
5. Pollution and Urban Health
6. Health and Well being
7. Sustainable Education
8. Spatial Information Technology and Sustainable Development Goals
9. Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction
10. Sustainable Regional development and Planning
11. Population and Demographic Dividend

CALL FOR PAPERS

Participants who intend to present their research papers and posters need to submit abstract (not more than 300 words) with their registration form. Registration form is available at university website (www.cuh.ac.in). Abstract must contain title, name of author/s, affiliation, e-mail address beside the content, objective, study area, data base, research methods and findings. The abstract of the paper should be typed in MS –WORD Times New Roman (12 font size and 1.5 space).
The abstract of the paper submitted to the conference will be selected through peer reviewing process. The corresponding authors will be informed through e-mail about the acceptance of the abstract. The selected papers will be published as full text in Springer series Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences. Abstract and full paper in MS WORD format should be submitted through conference e-mail ID: igucuh2019@gmail.com
(The official language of the conference will be English.)

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Abstract submission: 15 July 2019  
Abstract Acceptance: 01 August 2019  
Full paper Submission: 15 September 2019  
Conference Date: 19, 20 &21 October 2019

**REGISTRATION FEES**

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(The registration fee includes conference kits, food, accommodation and participation in scientific sessions.)

The registration fee can also be deposited/ transferred online through RTGS/NEFT/Net Banking. The details for online transfer are as follows:

Bank Name: PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK  
IFSC Code: PUNB0782400  
MICR Code: 123024106  
Swift Code: PUNBINBBISB  
Account Number: 7824000100000392

**VISA PROCESS**

Individuals are requested to go through Indian Embassy webpage for Visa exemption and for visa fees which varies depending upon the country of origin. A letter of acceptance will be sent to the participants on acceptance of the abstract/paper to facilitate them to get the visa and attend the conference. However, it is the responsibility of the individual participants to complete the whole process through the Indian Embassy located in their region.
POST-CONFERENCE SCIENTIFIC FIELD TRIP TO RAJASTHAN

A scientific field trip will be organized to have an overview of diverse landscape of Rajasthan including the agriculture area of western Rajasthan and desert of Bikaner and Jodhpur. The duration of the trip will be three days and two nights starting from 22nd to 24th October, 2019. The fees for trip is US $ 300 (per candidate). This trip will be organised with minimum number of 15 delegates.

ABOUT HOST UNIVERSITY

Central University of Haryana was established in 2009 under the Central Universities Act, 2009. It is located in Mahendergarh district of Haryana state, India.

Vision
To develop enlightened citizenship for a knowledge society for peace and prosperity of individuals, nation and the world through promotion of innovation, creative endeavours, and scholarly inquiry.

Mission
To serve as a beacon of change, through multi-disciplinary learning, for creation of knowledge community, by building a strong character and nurturing a value-based transparent work ethics, promoting creative and critical thinking for holistic development and self-sustenance for the people of India. The University seeks to achieve this objective by cultivating an environment of excellence in teaching, research and innovation in pure and applied areas of learning.

Objective
The objective of the University shall be

- To disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in such branches of learning as it may deem fit;
- To make special provisions for integrated courses in humanities, social sciences, science and technology in its educational programmes;
- To take appropriate measures for promoting innovations in teaching-learning process and inter-disciplinary studies and research;
- To educate and train manpower for the development of the country;
- To establish linkages with industries for the promotion of science and technology; and
- To pay special attention to the improvement of the social and economic conditions and welfare of the people, their intellectual, academic and cultural development.

ABOUT HOST DEPARTMENT

The University system comprises of Schools, equivalent to a Faculty in traditional University System. Each School is headed by a Dean and departments are under the Schools which are headed by the Head/Teacher in-charge. Schools have inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary approach with focus on both pure and applied aspects of learning. The University offers various academic programmes in 11 Schools of Studies. The School of Earth, Environment and Space
Studies was established in 2014 which presently consists of two departments namely Department of Environmental Sciences and Department of Geography. Presently, the Department of Geography offers Post Graduate Programme, i.e., Master of Science (Geography).

**HOW TO REACH**

**By Air-** Central University of Haryana (CUH) is 137 kilometers away from Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport and also from domestic airport (palam). IGI airport is connected with more than 141 destinations out of which 73 are international destinations. It is well connected with Delhi Metro as well. For reaching CUH from this airport, delegates will have to follow road or rail route.

**By Rail-** The delegates who want to take rail route from IGI airport are suggested to hire taxi from airport to Delhi Cantonment railway station as it is the most convenient route. There are several train running from Delhi cantonment railway station to Mahendergarh. The time table is given below-

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The delegates who are reaching Delhi by rail may catch train to Mahendergarh from Sarai Rohilla railway station, Delhi as per their scheduled time from that railway station.

**By Road**

While coming from Delhi or Gurgaon(Distance-125Kms.), come through NH-08 and after crossing Dharuhera, turn right for Rewari and then take the Mahendergarh road and after reaching Mahendergarh travel 8 kms.towards Charkhi Dadri and then you will find CUH Gate No.1 on Road. From there you can reach University Academic Block & Administration Block. If you are coming from Jaipur (Distance-190Kms.), then reach Mahendergarh via Behror and then Narnaul. Those coming via Rohtak, may reach University via Charkhi Dadri as University is at the distance of just 27Kms. from Charkhi Dadri on Mahendergarh Road.
WEATHER – The weather in Mahendergarh during second half of October month is generally very pleasant with average temperature of 26 degree Celsius.

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