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Module 1: 9th to 14th December, 2019

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@ Azim Premji University,
Bangalore



Development and Social Change in India: Critical and Constructive Perspectives

A sixteen day course for development practitioners

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Nov 8th

Why this course?

The story of development and social change in India has a complex history influenced by colonisation, freedom movement, national planning, and liberalisation, which penetrated almost all spheres of lives. Its impact has been hugely different for various class, caste, gender, and ethnic-religious groups. And, in response, the search for a just, equitable and tolerant society has moved from purely economic to social and now to socio-ecological approaches.

A course on development and social change is usually available only for students pursuing higher education. Organisations working in the various areas of development too need to have a broad understanding of this story. This short course specially designed for the development organisations intends to provide a comprehensive overview of the history, present and future direction of this complex story.

What Does the Course Offer?

This course offers a broad overview of the critical changes in society, economy, politics and ecology that brought us to where we are today in the country. The course further deals with the key theoretical and conceptual frameworks which shaped and critiqued this journey, and finally highlights the new approaches and possibilities emerging in development interventions across the world. The course is intended to encourage organisations to reflect on their premises, orientations, and actions.

Structure of the Course

The course has three modules. The first module is five-and-a-half days, while modules two and three are five days each. The second and third modules are transacted back-to-back with one day holiday between the two. The first module discusses the history of Development in India as seen in the expansion of the market economy, modern education, caste relations, property rights, rise and decline of national planning, the rise of various political forces, and other aspects. The second module focuses on theories and critiques of Development such as economic development, human development, gender in development, environmental critique, feminist critique, Gandhian critique, Dalit and Adivasi critiques and others. The final module delves into emerging alternative approaches in education, healthcare, resource governance, production systems and the like. Each module comprises of 20-22 sessions.

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Who Should Attend?

The course is designed and intended for organisations working in the development sector. This means that the course is best experienced by a minimum of two development practitioners from one organisation. The design of the course is aimed at mid to senior-level staff of the organisations having a minimum of seven years of experience.

Eligibility and Selection

All applicants are expected to represent their organisation. A minimum of two participants from each organisation must participate. All applicants must possess a working knowledge of English. Applicants will be shortlisted based on their applications and telephonic interviews.

The last date for applying is November 8, 2019. The selected candidates will be informed about the payment process by **November 8th**. The last day for fee payment is **Nov 15, 2019**. The decision of the evaluation committee will be final.

Pedagogy

The course will be transacted in English. It utilises pre-readings, other preparatory material and class presentations followed by interactive classroom sessions to discuss and examine the histories and ideas that are being examined. The course offers opportunities for participants to self-organise into small discussion groups to facilitate sharing of experiences and cross-learning. Finally, the course uses two short reflective writing exercises to encourage participants to link the course with their development practice.

Course Faculty

Each module of the course will be facilitated by multiple faculty from Azim Premji University, as well as, in some instances, experts from outside the University.

Certificate of Participation

The participants will be awarded a Certificate of Participation on completion of all the three modules of this course.

Course Fee

The total course fee is Rs. 590/- (including GST). The course fee includes tuition, course materials, and lunch on course days. Fee waivers are available for field practice partners of Azim Premji University.

All other costs, such as travel to and from Bangalore, local travel, stay, breakfast and dinner, must be borne by participants. University can arrange for accommodation close to campus on prior request and advance payment of **Rs. 21,240**.

How to Apply?

To apply, complete the form available at: <https://forms.gle/RtmH7k4vDB2ynzNS6>, along with a write-up on, “Why is participating in this course on Development and Social Change in India: Critical and Constructive Perspectives important to your organisation and to you?” (Please answer within 400 words)

For any questions, please write to: development.change@apu.edu.in

Late Date: of application: November 8, 2019

About Azim Premji University

Azim Premji University was established as a not-for-profit, private university under the Azim Premji University Act 2010. The University has a clear social purpose of working towards a just, equitable, humane and sustainable society. Azim Premji University plays a critical role in developing new talent, building capacity in existing functionaries and creating domain knowledge in the fields of education and development. The Azim Premji Foundation is the sponsor of the University. The roots of Azim Premji University lie in the learning and experience of a decade of work in elementary education by Azim Premji Foundation. The University is one of the Foundation’s key responses to the challenges confronting the education and development sectors in India. The University offers Bachelors’ degrees in Physics, Biology, Maths, Economics and Humanities and Masters’ degrees in Education, Development, Public Policy and Governance, LLM (Law and Development), and MA-Economics and Development.



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