29 February – 1 March 2024

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TWO CENTURIES of EDUCATIONAL POLICIES in INDIA 1823-2023
Day 1, 29 February 2024

10:30–11:00 AM Registration and Tea

Session 1, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Inaugural Session

Chair: Prof. Catherine Montgomery, Durham University, UK

Welcome Address: Dr. Sebastian Schwecke, Director, Max Weber Forum for South Asian Studies, Delhi

Introduction to the Conference: Prof. Marcelo Caruso, Humboldt University, Germany

Key Note Address: Dr. Lourens van Haaften, University of Groningen, The Netherlands
The Ford Foundation and Educational Planning in Post-colonial India, 1952-1967

Vote of Thanks: Prof. Parimala V. Rao, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

1:00–2:00 PM Lunch

Session 2, 2:00-3:30 PM

Early Childhood Education

Chair: Prof. Minati Panda, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Dr. Jana Tschurenev, University of Göttingen, Germany

A Very Impressionable, Plastic, and Educationally Potent Period of a Child’s Life’ Early Childhood Care, Education, and the State in India, 1940s-1970s

Ms. Amandeep Kaur, University of Delhi, Delhi

Early Childhood Care and Education: Comparative Analysis of NEP 1986 and NEP 2020

3:30–4:00 PM Tea Break

Session 3, 4:00–5:30 PM

Educational Administration in Colonial India

Chair: Mousumi Mukherjee, O. P. Jindal Global University

Prof Marcelo Caruso, Humboldt University, Germany

Policing Education Through Native Bureaucrats: The Coming of School Inspectorates in India 1840-1882

Dr. Catriona Ellis, University of Strathclyde, UK

Have they No Godfathers? The Role of District Educational Councils in Expanding Education in the Madras Presidency

5:30–6:00 PM Tea Break

Session 4. 6:00–6:45 PM

Gender and Education

Chair: Dr. D. Parimala, University of Delhi, Delhi

Dr. Savita Jha, University of Delhi, Delhi

Colonial Policy on Women’s Education 1850-1950

Dinner reception 7:00 PM onwards
Day 2, 1 March 2024

11:00–11:30 AM Registration and Tea

Session 1, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Curriculum and Textbook
Chair: Dr. Arvind Mishra
Dr. Debarati Bagchi, Max Weber Forum for South Asian Studies, Delhi
Textbook Committees of Bengal c1870s
Mr. Shaan Kashyap, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack

1:00–2:00 PM Lunch

Session 2, 2:00–3:00 PM

Educational Restructuring in Post-colonial India
Chair: Dr. Suresh Babu
Dr. Rachel Philip, IIT Jodhpur, Rajasthan
The Science in the Search’: The Construction of India’s National Science Talent Search Programme (1963-1976)
Dr. Yamini Agarwal, Max Weber Forum for South Asian Studies, Delhi
Education of Religious Minorities in Post-colonial India: Shifting Goals and Discourses

3:00–3:30 PM Tea Break

Session 3, 3:30–5:00 PM

Educational Policies of the Colonial State
Chair: Prof. Mazhar Hussain, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Dr Parimala V. Rao, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
Geopolitics and the Colonial Education Policies 1757-1947
Dr. Radha Gayathri, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
Regulatory Bodies and Standardisation of Medical Education in India: Colonial and Post-colonial Times

5:00–6:00 PM Tea Break

6:00–7:00 PM

Valedictory Address
Chair: Prof. Amol Padwad, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Delhi
Prof. Manisha Priyam, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), Delhi

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Parimala V. Rao, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi