



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRACTICE RESEARCH IN SOCIAL WORK & ALLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

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**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK (EMPOWERED AUTONOMOUS),
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ABOUT US

College of Social Work (Empowered Autonomous), Nirmala Niketan in Mumbai is a leading institution for social work and applied social sciences education in India and has been providing education to multiple learners since 1955.

With 69 years of experience, the institute has received recognition from various government and private bodies. It was granted Autonomous status in 2019 by UGC and Empowered Autonomous status by Mumbai University in 2024. The college offers programs in BSW, MSW, MA in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, PhD, and various short-term courses, and it also actively engages in field action projects to address social issues.





CONCEPT NOTE



Practice research is all about building theory from practice and not only from academia. This approach warrants utilising a combination of research methodologies, field intervention experience as well as the drive to initiative field based research which will loop back to not only designing interventions, but also help in the teaching-learning process in the Universities. The advent of practice research has also pointed out the ever increasing need for alternative knowledge production paradigm which Flyvbjerg (1991) calls as the 'bottom up knowledge production oriented towards subjects more than objects'. In fact he calls for reorientation of practice towards science of the concrete which is "pragmatic, variable, context- dependent and praxis oriented (Flyvbjerg 2001: 57).

Practice research in social work/ social sciences can flourish when practioners, field agencies, field instructors, liaison office/ field work coordinator, students/ interns and faculty collaborate and work in partnership. As Fisher et al (2016) highlight, in addition to service provider and service users (clients/communities) also plays a major role in defining the research questions and interpreting the findings. There is an imminent need to not only contextualise cross-cultural dialogical communications, but also promote an international forum for practice research to be shared, co-learned, respected, and most importantly supported as an comprehensive mode of inquiry and knowledge development process.



Promoting alternative knowledge production via practice research not only decolonizes the discussions about how to work with people from different countries and cultural contexts, but also augments teaching, enhances practice, frames research, and promotes diversity. (Quashigah & Wilson, 2001; Razack, 2009). In this context, the ***International Conference on Practice Research in Social Work and Allied Social Sciences in a Global Context*** is organised by the College of Social Work (Empowered Autonomous), Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai. The conference is financially sponsored by Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), Maharashtra.

The sub- themes are as follows:

- a) Theory and Perspectives in Practice Research
- b) Planning and Implementing Practice Research: Models and Strategies
- c) Practice Research in Evidence Based Policy-Making / Designing Interventions
- d) Decolonising Practice Research
- e) Artificial Intelligence, technology and ethics in Practice Research

The profile of participants in this conference includes: Faculty Members, Field Practitioners, CSR Professionals, Social Entrepreneurs, Consulting Professionals, etc.





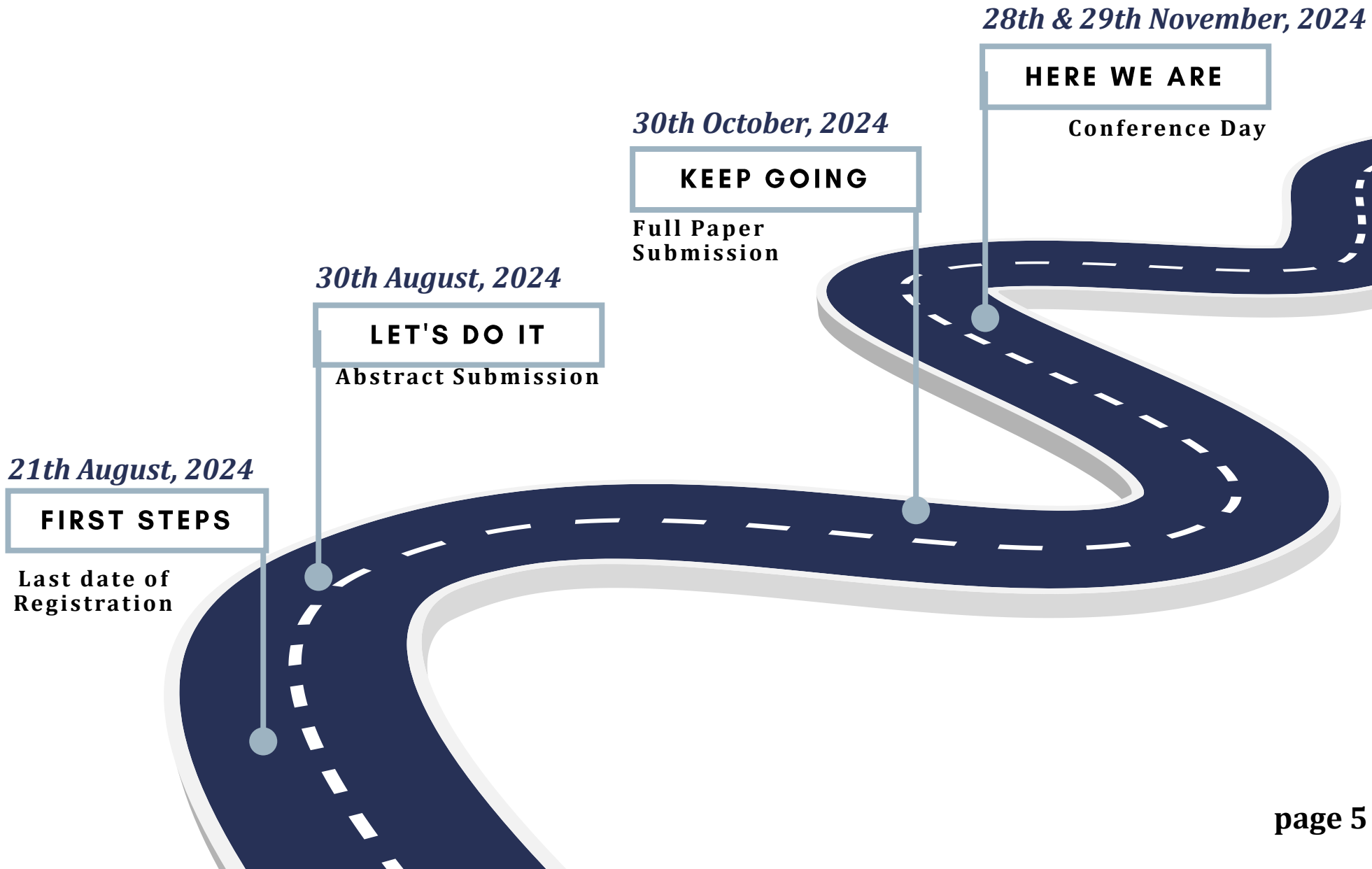
GUIDELINES FOR PAPER PRESENTERS



- If you are interested in presenting paper, send an abstract of 250 - 300 words by **Friday, 30th August, 2024** by email to jennifercswnn@gmail.com. The Scientific Committee will review your abstract and you shall receive a confirmation from our end once your abstract is shortlisted, by **8th September, 2024**.
- The registration fee for International participants from developed countries attending the conference is 400\$. This fee is non-refundable and will cover the cost of the conference kit, breakfast, lunch, dinner and accommodation during the conference period. Airport pickup and drop services will also be offered in this fees.
- The registration fee for participants from South Asia/ Person of Indian Origin/ Non Residential Indian/ African countries attending the conference is ₹4000/- INR. This fee is non-refundable and will cover the cost of the conference kit, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Accommodation during conference period is offered to participants outside Mumbai.
- The registration fee for participants from India attending the conference is ₹1500/- INR. This fee is non-refundable and will cover the cost of the conference kit, breakfast and lunch. Accommodation during conference period is offered to participants outside Mumbai.
- If you have any queries, connect with Ms. Jennifer James at jennifercswnn@gmail.com OR with Dr. Ronald Yesudhas at roncswnn01@gmail.com



MILESTONES





VISA GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

- To apply for a Conference Visa, the following supporting documents are required:

1. Invitation letter from the Organizers

2. Letter of clearance from the Nodal Ministry/ Ministry of Home Affairs/ Ministry of External Affairs

- To obtain these clearances, we need to submit the following details of the delegates to the Ministry of External Affairs at least 90 days in advance. After your successful registration for the International Conference (**by 21st August 2024**), your details will be forwarded to Ministry. Hence please ensure that the necessary information is provided promptly in the registration link



INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- The Registration fee can be paid through NEFT to the following account and upload your transaction details on the registration form below:

Account Name: Nirmala Niketan Institute College of Social Work

Account Number: 38339112552

Bank: State Bank of India

Branch: Churchgate branch

IFSC code: SBIN0001821

Swift code: SBININBB196

MICR code: 40002018

- Remember to fill out the registration form by clicking on the form link here: <https://forms.gle/LM4EFV8jKwZh6nY49> or scan the QR Code to register latest by 21st August, 2024.





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