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Internationalisation of Higher Education (Virtual)

**‘Interregional
Cooperation for Effective
Internationalisation
of Higher Education’**

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Symbiosis International (Deemed University), SIU and Association of Indian Universities (AIU) are happy to announce the **sixth edition** of their annual international conference on Internationalisation of Higher Education (IHE 2022). This year, the theme of the conference is ***'Interregional Cooperation for Effective Internationalisation of Higher Education'***. IHE 2022 will bring together academics, university administrators, practitioners, vice-chancellors and policy-makers to discuss the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead as they face what is likely to be one of the most challenging situations faced by higher education in recent times during and post the COVID-19 pandemic.

The internationalisation of higher education and increasing student mobility are not new social phenomena. The internationalisation of higher education has evolved the education sector into a globally, interconnected knowledge-based society over the past few decades. Academic partnerships and information exchange prospects with collaborators in other nations, especially in the same region, have become more important to higher education institutions and national governments. Recent research on how regional cooperation has risen in economic, educational and cultural dimensions has convincingly indicated that new models of higher education governance are emerging in Asia, marked by evolving traits of 'regulatory regionalism.' The conference this year will focus on the interregional cooperation between countries and the importance of dialogue in advancing internationalisation in higher education.



PRE - CONFERENCE

APRIL 14, 2022

Thursday

Round Table

3:00-5:00 PM IST

Learnings of Networks and Associations in International Education: A Sharing of Best Practices

The newly formulated National Education Policy 2020 envisages to promote internationalisation by bringing structured policy reforms. AIU and SIU have in the last decade realised the importance and value brought to the table through collaboration. Associations and networks have played a prominent role in promoting IHE. This round table will deliberate on the experiences in setting and governing associations and networks in international education, working with diverse stakeholders, and collaborations within networks in creating a conducive and supporting ecosystem for thriving internationalisation in higher education.

SCIE Advisory Board Meeting

6:00-7:30 PM IST



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DAY 01

APRIL 15, 2022

Friday

Inaugural Ceremony

**Launch of Indian Network of
International Higher Education
(INIHE)**

11:00 AM- 12:00 Noon IST

Break

12:00-12:15 PM IST

Track #1

**The need for advancing
South -South-North Dialogues
in IHE**

12:15-1:45 PM IST

Lunch Break

1:45-2:45 PM IST

Track #2

**Advancing interregional
cooperation in IHE: An East – East
and ASEAN Perspective**

2:45-4:00 PM IST

Break

4:00-4:30 PM IST

Special Session

**Indian Mythology and the
Spirit of Cooperation**

4:30-5:30 PM IST



Track #1

The need for advancing South - South - North Dialogues in IHE

The first track of the IHE conference builds a much needed bridge between members of the Global South and with a collective connection with the Global North. While there are several examples of South-North cooperation in higher education, there are few cases of active South-South-North (S-S-N) collaborations that we all can learn from. This track will bring key associations/networks in the internationalisation of higher education together to deliberate the importance and impact of such collaborations alongside showcasing case studies of their respective regions towards making S-S-N a reality.

Track #2

Advancing interregional cooperation in IHE: An East – East and ASEAN Perspective

Symbiosis's key leadership role with OBREAL Global Observatory's first chapter in India to advance S-S-N collaborations reinforced our belief in the advantages of such collaborations. The second track pivots the focus from the western to the eastern part of the world and will spur a conversation on the need for aligning leadership with institutional arrangements in regional contexts. Why is a geography/location specific approach to interregional cooperation required? How do we create and foster networks in such regions? Why does each region need a differentiated strategy in IHE? What place does Asia hold in the world with respect to Education as a soft power? How is ASEAN contributing towards strengthening cooperation in higher education between its member countries? This track will spotlight the existing and new potential of collaborations and networks advancing internationalisation of higher education within the eastern part of the world.



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DAY 02

APRIL 16, 2022

Saturday

Track #3

**Knowledge Diplomacy:
Leveraging IHERI to solve global
issues**

11:00 AM- 12:15 PM IST

Break

12:15-12:30 PM IST

Track #4

**Sparking neighbourhood
dialogues in IHE: India and its
neighbours**

12:30-1:45 PM IST

Lunch Break

1:45-2:45 PM IST

Track #5

**Fostering dialogue for
interregional cooperation -
Australasia and India**

2:45-4:00 PM IST

Break

4:00-4:15 PM IST

Track #6

**Strengthening Bridges: Through
Student - Faculty Engagements**

4:15-5:30 PM IST

Wrap Up

5:30-5:45 PM IST



Track #3

Knowledge Diplomacy: Leveraging IHERI to solve global issues

Few would question the changing landscape of international higher education, research and innovation (IHERI), the increasing number of global issues such as climate change, pandemics and refugees, and the increased complexities of relationships between and among countries and regions in the turbulent world in which we live. But paradoxically, there is a lack of attention and research being given to the intersection of these evolving phenomenon. This session will explore the contemporary role that international higher education, research and innovation (IHERI) plays in strengthening relations between and among countries and addressing contemporary global challenges.

Track #4

Sparking neighbourhood dialogues in IHE: India and its neighbours

This track deliberates upon a significant potential that exists but has not yet been fully realized in the IHE sector- collaborations between India and its neighbours. An immediate instinct of institutions in this region has been to look to the west to learn and to adapt in their drive to build world-class institutions. What is that regional partners can collectively do together to build and foster shared values? How do we lay a roadmap to strengthen these interregional conversations that will surely lead to meaningful dialogues in IHE? This track will be a conversation starter of a new era in the making for IHE between India and its neighbouring countries. There is much that we can learn from each other.



Track #5

Fostering dialogue for interregional cooperation - Australasia and India

Launch : Symbiosis Centre for India Australia Studies (SCIAS)

India's extended neighbourhood, as very aptly mentioned by Mr Stephen Smith, the former Foreign Minister of Australia, has been a very popular destination for Indian students to pursue their higher education abroad. The diplomatic history and growing interest amongst Indian community has opened channels for mutual knowledge exchange and contributed in building capacity and research capital for the two nations. This has paved way for Indian community to spread wings to New Zealand, which is growing part of the India - Australasia story. This track will build on the work of Indian and Australasian intuitions, associations, foundations in contributing to a collaborative network that fosters this relationship. Symbiosis will formally launch the Symbiosis Centre for India Australia Studies (SCIAS) that will be housed in Symbiosis Centre for International Education in Pune, Maharashtra.

Track #6

Strengthening Bridges: Through Student - Faculty Engagements

In 2019, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education, making it the first global treaty on higher education. The treaty also emphasised interregional collaboration in order to improve education quality around the world. What role do UNESCO and other organisations play in developing regional cooperation (especially among third-world countries) in the context of higher education? This track will focus on sharing student and faculty experiences based on their collaborations in UNESCO, Erasmus+ and other projects.



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