

### Important Dates

Sl. No.	Activity	Date
1	Submission of abstract (250 words)	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
2	Intimation of acceptance of abstract	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
3	Submission of Full Paper	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
4	Seminar	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021

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## SEMINAR ON **Kerala and the World Economy**

**February 4 - 5, 2021**



**Centre for Development Studies (CDS)**  
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Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Thiruvananthapuram is organizing a seminar on Kerala and the World Economy on **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2021**. The conference will be based on the themes of labour migration from Kerala and trade between Kerala and other countries in the world. In particular, the seminar will focus on the issues related to return migration in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic.

Kerala has been historically integrated with the rest of the world in terms of commodity and labour markets. Such integration has further accentuated with the liberalisation of trade and financial policies since the 1990s. While its agricultural markets have been integrated over a long period, it also generates possibly the highest share of remittances coming into India exporting human capital to west Asian countries.

Kerala has experienced high levels of international migration since the 1970s. As of 2018, it has around 2.1 million emigrants (Rajan and Zachariah, 2020)<sup>1</sup>. Kerala received remittances in the range of \$14 to \$15 billion<sup>2</sup> which is around 10% of Kerala's GSDP. Labour migration thus plays a key role in Kerala's employment and the economy. The Covid-19 pandemic is likely to have a huge impact on both these aspects. As on July 2020, about 500,000 emigrants have returned to Kerala<sup>3</sup> and there is a huge impetus to reintegrate these return migrants into Kerala's economy.

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<sup>1</sup> Rajan, SI and Zachariah, KC. (2020). New Evidences from the Kerala Migration Survey, 2018. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 55(4): 41-49.

<sup>2</sup> <https://theprint.in/economy/keralas-14-15-bn-2019-remittances-could-see-2-bn-drop-this-year-world-bank-expert/455922/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.livemint.com/news/india/2-384-people-among-4-99-529-returned-to-kerala-so-far-test-covid-19-positive-cm-11594165346005.html>

The seminar invites papers on reintegration and other aspects related to labour migration from Kerala. This seminar also aims at receiving papers which analyse the implications of FTAs and Act East policy initiated by the Government of India under WTO regime on various sectors of Kerala economy such as plantations, fisheries, Electronics, ITEs, Financial services and Tourism including Health tourism. The seminar would also engage on issues related to such policy changes and its impact on the livelihood issues of Kerala society.

### **Themes**

The seminar invites papers in the following themes:

- Return Migration to Kerala and India
- Remittances and impact of livelihoods
- Migration and consumption
- Impact of Covid-19 on Kerala's Economy
- Impact on economy due to return migration
- FTAs, Trade, Investment and Livelihoods
- Sectoral Impact: Agriculture, Industry, ITEs, Financial Services, Tourism including health tourism

Though we strongly recommend papers on the above themes, papers related to other aspects of Kerala and its integration with the world economy will be considered. Abstracts should be submitted to **kerlaworld@cds.edu** on or before **10th October 2020**.