

First Indo-European Research Networking Projects launched in the Social Sciences

The German Research Foundation (DFG, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft), the French Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR), the British Economics and Social Sciences Research Council (ESRC) and the Dutch Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) in association with the Indian Council for Social Sciences Research (ICSSR) have launched the first set of projects for networking and social science cooperation between researchers in India and the four European countries.

This is the first multilateral social science research collaboration that India has entered into. The networking projects will rationalise and economise Europe's efforts of engaging with India to produce high-quality, high-impact social science research addressing major global challenges including economic growth and development, energy and climate change, and health and well-being.

The first joint call announced under this India-Europe initiative in May 2011 resulted in six projects agreed for funding over a period of three years, will cover areas of growing social concern ranging from *ageing and well being, bullying and pupil-safety, globally accessible medicine to mapping the cultural authority of science, and climate governance*:

- **“Mapping the Cultural Authority of Science across Europe and India”**

European Principal Investigators: Professor Dr. Martin W. Bauer, London School of Economics (LSE), STeP (Science, Technology & the Public Sphere), Institute of Social Psychology (IPS), London, United Kingdom;
Dr. Petra Pansegrau, Institute of Science and Technology Studies (IWK) Bielefeld University, Germany

Indian Principal Investigators: Dr. Rajesh Shukla, NCAER Centre for Macro Consumer Research (NCAER-CMCR), New Delhi;
Dr. Anil Rai, Andian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IARSI), New Delhi

- **“Ageing and Well-being in a Globalising World”**

European Principal Investigators: Dr. Ajay Bailey, Professor Inge Hutter, Population Research Centre, University of Groningen, the Netherlands;
Professor Dr. Maria Evandrou, Centre for Research on Ageing and ESRC Centre for Population Change, University of Southampton, United Kingdom

Indian Principal Investigators: Professor Dr. K.S. James, Population Research Centre, Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India
Professor Dr. S. Irudaya Rajan, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, India

- **“Indian-European Multi-level Climate Governance Research Network (MCGRN)”**

European Principal Investigators: Professor Dr. Miranda Schreurs, Environmental Policy Research Centre (FFU), Freie Universitaet Berlin, Germany;
Professor Dr. Frank Biermann, Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM), Department of Environmental Policy Analysis, VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Indian Principal Investigators: Dr. Arabinda Mishra, TERI University, New Delhi;
Professor Dr. Joyashree Roy, Global Change Programme, Jadavpur University, Kolkata;
Professor Dr. K.V. Devi Prasad, Department of Ecology and Environmental Science, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry

- Bullying, Cyber bullying, and Pupil Safety and Well-being**
European Principal Investigators: Professor Dr. Peter K. Smith, Dr. Alice Jones, Unit for School and Family Studies, Department of Psychology, Goldsmiths, University of London, London, United Kingdom;
 Professor Dr. Catherine Blaya, International Observatory of Violence in Schools, Bordeaux, France;
 Dr. Mechtzhild Schaefer, Unit for counseling and Intervention, Department of Psychology, Ludwig Maximilians University (LMU), Munich, Germany
 Dr. Frits A. Goossens, Department of Special Education, Department of Developmental Psychology, Vrije University, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Indian Principal Investigators: Dr. Suresh Sundaram, Department of Psychology, Annamalai University, Annamalai;
 Dr. Damanjit Sandhu, Department of Psychology, Punjabi University, Patiala
- “From Identity to Interests? Quantitative and Qualitative Explanations of Electoral Change in Rural and Urban India”**
European Principal Investigators: Professor Dr. Christophe Jaffrelot, Centre d’Etudes et de Recherches Internationales (CERI), Sciences Po, Paris, France;
 Dr. Mukulika Banerjee, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, United Kingdom
 Dr. Louise Tillin, King’s College, King’s India Institute (KIT), London, United Kingdom;

Indian Principal Investigator: Professor Dr. Pralay Kanungo, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi;
 Dr. Unna V. Govindarajan, Janagraaha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, Bangalore
 Dr. Narender Kumar, Department of Political Science, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Central University, Lucknow
- “Advances in Research on Globally Accessible Medicine (AROGYAM)”**
European Principal Investigators: Professor Dr. Roger Jeffery, Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom;
 Professor Dr. William Sax, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg, Germany

Indian Principal Investigators: Professor Dr. Mohan Rao, Centre for Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
Professor Dr. K.R. Thankappan, Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies, Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram

Notes for editors:

The objective of the Indian-European Research Networking Programme is to promote the strengthening of the social sciences within and between the five countries, by providing additional funding to allow joint research activities for internationally excellent research in relevant areas. This funding will allow established research groups in cognate areas in the different countries to work more closely together in order to develop and complete internationally advanced collaborative research and publications.

Further information

Indian Council for Social Science Research: www.icsr.org

Link to the Memorandum of Understanding:

www.dfg.de/en/dfg_profile/international_context/int_partners/index.html

Information for applications to the DFG:

www.dfg.de/ora >> Indian-European Research Networking

www.dfg.de/download/pdf/foerderung/internationale_kooperation/open_research_area/ora_hinweise_antraege_indisch_europaeische_forschungsnetzwerke.pdf

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