

WORKSHOP

Rethinking Development, Development Studies and a New Art of Border Crossing

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Human development is at a critical juncture now as we are confronted with the twin problems of rising fundamentalism and violence and ecological disaster.

Our workshop explores the challenges of rethinking development and development studies and a new art of border crossing it needs to embody between transformative theorising and transformative practice. It explores movements of resistance against both fundamentalism and violence and new movements of renewal and rethinking that are emerging in our contemporary world. In the context of rising xenophobia about migration and citizenship it explores the multiple realities of borders and border crossing and rethinking citizenship in our interconnected world as children of Mother Earth rather than only citizens of bounded nation-states.

The workshop has two sessions. In the first session, we discuss some of the important challenges in our contemporary worlds, such as sustainability, migration, and inclusion. In the second session, we explore the challenge of authoritarianism and totalitarianism today. We here discuss the works of Gandhi and Gramsci and the way we can walk and meditate with them in forging new movements of resistance, renewal, and transformations.

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