Objectives
1. To assess the potentials, achievements, challenges and opportunities of women in local governance.
2. To discuss the passive and patriarchal mindset of women towards socio-political issues.
3. To explore alternative ways of capacity building among women at grass root level to ensure their active involvement in the emerging scenario.

Themes
- Big Bang Approach and Democratic Decentralisation in Kerala
- Challenges of Women Governance in Democratic Decentralisation
- Alternative ways of capacity building among women at grass root level

Call for papers
Papers are invited on any topic relevant to the theme and objectives of the Conference. Abstracts along with full paper one in Hard copy and the other through e-mail in "Times New Roman" font 12 and in A4 size may be sent to the Conference Coordinators on or before the date specified below towards publication in the Conference proceedings. Articles through e-mail are highly appreciated.

Dates
- Submission of abstract – 23rd January 2015
- Submission of full papers – 29th January 2015

The Conference
Empowerment has a number of dimensions with political participation as being one of them. The presence of women in politics, however, has a disappointing track record. The present conference is a humble attempt to analyze the effectiveness of Democratic Decentralization and Women Empowerment on the current status of women participation in Politics and Public Decision Making in Kerala.
Conference Schedule

3rd February 2015
9:00-10:0 a.m-Registration
10:00-11:00a.m- 
Inauguration
Chief Guest : Dr P P Balan. 
Director, KILA
11:15-12:15p.m-Technical session I
Disclosing Democratic Decentralisation

Resource Person: Dr G Palanithurai, 
Professor, Dept of Political Science and Development Administration, Gandhigram Deemed Uty
Chair : Dr K P Mani, Professor, JMC
1:30-2:45p.m-Technical Session II
Big Bang Approach and Democratic Decentralisation in Kerala

Resource Person: Dr J B Rajan, Faculty, 
KILA
Chair : Shri V G sankaranarayanan, Former CMD, FACT, Kochi
3:00p.m-3.45p.m-Paper Presentations

4th February 2015
9:30-10:30a.m-Paper Presentations
10:30-12:30p.m-Technical Session III
Alternative Ways of Capacity Building Among Women at Grass Root Level

Resource Persons: 1. Dr Nirmala Padmanabhan, HOD, Dept of Economics, St Theresa’s College, Ernakulam.
Chair: Prof Alice MANjooran, Retd, Dept of Economics, Vimala College, Thrissur
2. Dr Peter M Raj, Associate Professor and Chair, Child Resource Centre, KILA
Chair: Shri Shyjan D, Assistant Professor, JMC
1:15-3:15p.m-Panel Discussion
Moderator: Dr K R Lakshmydevi, Former Head of the Department of Economics, Dr John Matthai Centre, Aranattukara
Experts: 1. Dr P Shaheena, Faculty in Development Economics, College of Co-operation, Banking and Management, KAU
2. Dr Bindu P Varghese, Assistant District Co-ordinator,Kudumbashree Mission, Thrissur
3. Smt Sheeba Suresh Kallayil, President, Kolazhy Gramapanchayat
4. Smt Sindu Subramanian, President, Wadakkancherry Gramapanchayat
3:15-3:45P.M-Valedictory session
Chief Guest: Dr K X Joseph, HOD, Dept of Economics, Dr John Matthai Centre, Aranattukara

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