



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK  
VIMALA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), THRISSUR  
KERALA, INDIA

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES IN  
COMMUNITY ORGANISATION & COLLECTIVE ACTION

10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

At Lisieux Hall

## **Context of the National Seminar**

Today, development practitioners require multiple perspectives to analyse and engage with present day complex realities of life and livelihoods. This necessitates capacity enhancement and development of newer strategies to serve the interests of disadvantaged populations. Further, understanding the local situations and working with communities to address key concerns is as critical today as being able to see national and international connections of these very concerns in a globalising world. It is therefore important to locate the value of community in social work practice in general and collective action in particular. Social Work curriculum, Field education components and Research projects must reflect the centrality of community. In such an analysis, structural determinants of community experience becomes far more relevant for study and engagements and Social Work Education must adopt conscientization as a form of liberating education as Friere suggests; a process where people 'not as recipients, but as knowing subjects, achieve a deepening awareness both of the socio- cultural reality which shapes their lives and their capacity to transform the reality.

The seminar will be a platform for academicians, scholars practitioners and students from social work as well as other disciplines to exchange experiences, thoughts and developments in community organisation and collective action. These deliberations would contribute towards reinforcing the community social work in the new globalized and challenging world.

## **Objectives of the Seminar**

- To debate on the contemporary practice of Community organisation in the globalized world.
- To discuss the core competencies needed for practicing community social work
- To examine the different perspectives on community organisation and practice
- Critically comment on the prospects and challenges of the community organisation practice

## **Keynote Speaker**

**Dr P K Shajahan**, Professor & Chairperson of the Centre for Community Organisation and Development Practice, School of Social Work, TISS

## **Registration Fee**

The registration fee would be Rs 100 which covers refreshments and resource materials.

The timing of the seminar would be 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

### **For Further Assistance, Please Contact:**

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