



Program Schedule: IIMAD-ICWA National Conference

on

Rethinking International Migration & Mobility Narratives and Frameworks

Dates: 17th & 18th November 2025

Venue: Hilton Garden Inn Trivandrum

Day 1 (17th November)

Time	Event	Guests/Speakers/ Participants
8.30 am to 9.30 am	<i>Conference Registration</i>	
09.30 am to 10:45 am	Inaugural Session	1. Welcome speech: Sheela Thomas, President, IIMAD 2. Introductory Address: Nutan Kapoor Mahawar, Acting Director General/Additional Secretary, ICWA 3. Thematic Address: S Irudaya Rajan, Chair, IIMAD 4. Keynote Speaker: Ajay Bailey, Chair in Geographies of Health, Inclusion, and Development, Utrecht University, The Netherlands 5. Vote of thanks: K J Joseph, Board member, IIMAD
10:45 am to 11:15 am	<i>Tea Break</i>	

11:15 am to 1:15 pm	Plenary Session I: The Churn in the Global Debate on Migration and Mobility: Trends, Assessments, and Implications	Chair: K Ravi Raman, Board Member, IIMAD Co-Chair: Divya Balan, International Studies, FLAME University 1. Binod Khadria, Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism (GRFDT) 2. Amba Pande, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University 3. Eva Loreng, School of International Studies, Central University of Gujarat 4. Debdeep De, Head of Research, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
1:15 pm to 2:30 pm	Lunch Break	
2:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Plenary Session 2: Cooperation in mobility governance between origin and destination countries	Chair: Neetha N, Centre for Women's Development Studies Co-Chair: Prerana Srimaal, Christ University 1. Abhishek, Research Manager, NSDC 2. Catherine Laws, International Labor Organization (ILO) 3. Ichchha Gupta, Senior Analyst, NSDC 4. Suganda Nagpal, O P Jindal University
4:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Tea Break	
4:30 pm to 6:00 pm	Parallel paper presentation session 1 <i>Theme: social cost of migration</i>	Chair: Kalandi Charan Pradhan, Indian Institute of Technology Indore Co-Chair: Sumeetha Marthur, Vellore Institute of Technology

		Rapporteur: Kathir (IIMAD)
	Parallel paper presentation session 2 <i>Theme: Migrant Wellbeing</i>	Chair: Bernard Sami, LISSTAR, Loyola College Co-Chair: Rakesh Ranjan, Senior Research Fellow, IIMAD Rapporteur: Paarvathi (IIMAD)
6:00 pm-7.15 pm	Documentary film on migration: <i>Where is my Home?</i> (Official selection – DC South Asian Film Festival 2025)	Filmmaker: Jaya Jose Raj
7:30 pm	Dinner	

Day 2 - 18th November 2025

Time	Event	Guests/Speakers/ Participants
9:00 am to 11.00 am	Parallel paper presentation session 3 <i>Theme: Migration Governance</i>	Chair: Sadananda Sahoo, Indira Gandhi Open University Co-Chair: Pooja Batra, O P Jindal Rapporteur: Anjana (IIMAD)
	Parallel paper presentation session 4 <i>Theme: Social Cost of Migration</i>	Chair: Ajaya Sahoo, Centre for Diaspora Studies, University of Hyderabad Co-Chair: Imran Khan, Sarla Anil Modi School of Economics Rapporteur: Arundathi (IIMAD)
11:00 am to 11:30 am	Tea Break	

11.30 am to 1.30 pm	Plenary Session 3: Burden Sharing in Skilling Between Countries of Origin and Destination	Chair: R.B Bhagat, Institute for Human Development Co-Chair: Amrita Datta, Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad 1. S Irudaya Rajan- Chair, IIMAD 2. Prakash P Joseph, Recruitment Manager, NORKA, Kerala 3. Vijeta Ananthkumar, Research Manager, NSDC 4. Gabriel Bordado, Skills and Employability Specialist (ILO) 5. Syed Ibrahim, Honorary Consul, German Embassy in India.
1:30 pm to 2:45 pm	Lunch Break	
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Valedictory Session	Welcome: Nutan Kapoor Mahawar, Acting Director General/Additional Secretary, ICWA Chair: B. A Prakash, Board Member IIMAD Speaker: Amrita Datta, Department of Sociology, University of Bielefeld, Germany Future Plans and Vote of Thanks: S Irudaya Rajan, Chair, IIMAD
4.00 p.m. to 5.00 pm	Tea and Networking	