



A Three-day Professional Development Workshop

Unpacking Gender, understanding public finance and deep-diving gender budgeting

at International Centre, Goa

on 26-28 July, 2023 (10.00 am to 6.00 pm)

by Centre for Budget and Policy Studies, Bangalore (www.cbps.in)

The CBPS Bangalore is organising a three-day professional development workshop during July 26-28 at Goa International Centre (ICG), Dr E Borges Rd, Dona Paula, Goa 403004.

Although primarily targeted to their own research team, the workshop is also open to a few research scholars and early career academics / researchers from Goa. The workshop is aimed at strengthening the understanding of gender, public finance and gender budgeting while also focusing on perspective building for carrying out development research. The brief outline of the workshop is presented here.

1. Understanding 'public', 'public good' and 'publicness'

This would be half a day exercise to unpack a number of terms that are frequently used in development research and discourse, with varying connotations and often, only partial understanding. Using a few simple participatory activities, this would aim at orienting the participants to pay greater attention to the use of terms, meaning-making and implications for research.

2. Unpacking gender: going beyond sex-gender binary

The one-day course is designed to provide a brief perspective on basic gender concepts using a feminist lens. The participants will be made aware of the basic arguments, discussions, and debates about the nature of 'gender', the influence of biology, power, privilege and language in the construction of gender, the implications of gender in our understanding of family and the State, as well as its

relevance in the application in other domain areas such as health, education, public finance, and livelihoods. In essence, participants will be provided a brief introduction on the social construction of gender, and its relevance to public policy. The course will run as a seminar with a heavy focus on discussion (instead of a lecture mode). Participants are expected to review the reading material provided prior to the course. There will also be activities, and small in-class assignments based on emergent themes from the readings as well as discussions within the course.

3. Understanding public finance using political economic context

The one-day course will focus on understanding public finance not only as a financial but also as a tool for understanding policies, governance and accountability. The changing contours of the fiscal policies with the fiscal responsibility legislations, the nuances of reading numbers with and without context (socio, economic and political), diverse lenses that can be used to read budgets will form significant part of the discourse wherein the domain knowledge especially of social sector would play a major role. The course will also provide a brief hands-on experience of the fiscal architecture, challenges of the changing fiscal contours including emerging concepts and institutions. The course will use a mix of presentations, simple exercises and documentaries clips. The participants will be provided with the reading material covering the different sessions in advance which will help them in engaging in constructive discussions during the course.

4. Deep-diving the concept of Gender Budgeting

Going beyond the document of gender budgets as brought out by our union and state governments, the half-day course will focus on developing a deeper understanding of what a comprehensive gender budgeting exercise could mean, and how it could be applied as a research tool to understand as well as develop public policies, institutions and processes. The course will use a mix of presentations, activities and discussions to develop this understanding. Selected readings will be provided for pre-participation reading as part of the course.

Application Details

Number of seats open: 9

Eligibility: Research scholars and early career academics / researchers / development professionals from Goa. Masters students can also be considered.

Selection: First Come, first serve (on fulfilment of eligibility)

How to apply: by filling the attached google form

The link is -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGQbrP869BklQHHToXRxNIstMgCUx49uIc7Qq20z5ubg-jPQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Queries: Please contact Mrinalika R. Pandit (Email ID: mrinalika@cbps.in)

Last date of application: 17.07.2023

Last date of intimation to selected candidates: 20.07.2023

Fee: Nil. External participants to bear their own transport cost and arrange their own leave of absence from their respective work-places or educational institutions.

Certificate of participation to be provided on completion of three days.

