

**THE 2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**‘TRANS-DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES TO
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT’**

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Early childhood development is complex and multi-faceted; requiring professionals in a range of sectors to collaborate and work together. Early childhood professionals belong to diverse cultural, educational and social backgrounds and specialisations that include early childhood educationists, pedagogists, health and social workers, psychologists, special education, occupational therapy, and nutritionists etc. Further, the complexity of evolving field of early childhood development demands that early childhood professionals need to constantly update their skills. One way of doing this is for professionals to work in partnership within trans-disciplinary teams with other professionals who have different backgrounds, experience and expertise (McWayne, et al., 2008). This Conference therefore also aims to explore trans-disciplinary approaches to the training and professional development of people working with and for young children and families.

This Conference is being organised to bring together varied perspectives and perceptions on ECD with a Trans-disciplinary focus and to be able to identify gaps and opportunities therein. The theme of the Conference is ‘*Trans-disciplinary Perspectives to Early Childhood Development*’. A variety of sub-themes ranging from Health and Nutrition to education to urban planning and training of ECD professionals have been conceptualised adhering to a trans-disciplinary focus. A host of eminent and distinguished international and national speakers from the field of Policy, Research and Practice pertaining to ECD would present their views and generate academic debate and discussions on the same.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To highlight the benefits of a trans-disciplinary perspective to early childhood development.
2. To explore and understand the perceptions of different stakeholders regarding the opportunities and challenges in developing a trans-disciplinary perspective to early childhood.
3. To provide a platform for emergence of linkages between research, policy and practice within a trans-disciplinary approach in ECD.
4. To identify and encourage emergence of research with a trans-disciplinary approach to early childhood development.

SUB-THEMES:

- i. Trans-disciplinary approach to ECD : Scope and Challenges
- ii. Perspectives in ECD Research : Transgressing Disciplinary Boundaries
- iii. Innovative practices in ECD.
- iv. Integrated approaches to health & nutrition.
- v. Holistic responses to marginalised children.
- vi. Addressing diverse needs through culturally and developmentally appropriate pedagogy.
- vii. Collaborations for ensuring holistic child development.
- viii. Children in disaster, emergency and conflict situations: Ensuring Convergence
- ix. Challenges of cross-sectoral collaboration for policy formulation and implementation
- x. Training professionals: Multi-sectoral Approach

PARTICIPATION: Faculty members and research scholars of the Jamia from cognate disciplines attending the conference on all three days shall be awarded a certificate of attendance. There is no registration fee for Jamia delegates.

VENUE: FTK Centre for Information Technology Conference Hall, Near M A Ansari Auditorium, Jamia Millia Islamia.

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY 1: APRIL 02, 2014, WEDNESDAY			
TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	CHAIRPERSON
09:00 am - 10:00 am	Welcome & Registration of Delegates		
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Inaugural Session Prof. S.M Sajid, Vice Chancellor, JMI - Chair Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Director, NCERT, Delhi - Chief Guest Mr. Thomas Chandu, CEO, Save the Children, India - Guest of Honour		
11:00 am - 11:15 am	TEA		
11:15 am - 01:00 pm	Plenary Session I: Trans-Disciplinary Approach to ECD: Scope and Challenges	Prof. S. Anandalakshmy (Former Director, LIC, Delhi)	Mr. A.K Jain (Secretary, MWCD, Gol)
		Prof. Harry Daniels (Professor, University of Oxford, UK)	
01:00 pm - 02:00 pm	LUNCH		
02:00 pm - 03:30 pm	Panel Discussion I: Perspectives in ECD Research: Transgressing Disciplinary Boundaries	Prof. Vrinda Dutta (Professor, TISS, Mumbai)	Prof. S. Galab (Professor, CESS, Hyderabad)
		Dr. Sujata Sriram (Associate Professor, TISS, Mumbai)	
		Prof. Manju Mehta (Professor & Head, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Clinic & Clinical Psychology, AIIMS, Delhi)	
03:30 pm - 03:45 pm	TEA		
03:45 pm - 05:15 pm	Panel Discussion II: Innovative Practices in ECD	Mr. Kabir Vajpayi (Principal Architect, VINYAS, Delhi)	Prof. Neelam Sood (Professor, NUEPA, Delhi)
		Ms. Jyotsna Lall (Aga Khan Foundation, Delhi)	
		Prof. Reeta Sonawat (Head, Dept. of Human Development, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai)	
DAY 2: APRIL 03, 2014, THURSDAY			
10:00 am - 11:15 am	Plenary Session II: Integrated Approaches to Health & Nutrition	Dr. Harold H. Alderman (Senior Research Fellow, The International Food Policy Research Institute, USA)	Prof. Umesh Kapil (Professor, Health Nutrition Unit, AIIMS, Delhi)
		Dr. Alok Gupta (Chairperson, ECHG, IAP, India)	
11:15 am - 11:30 am	TEA		
11:30 am - 01:15 pm	Panel Discussion III: Holistic Responses to Marginalised Children	Prof. Renu Singh (Director, Young Lives, India)	Ms. Deepak Kalra (Founder Director, UMANG, Jaipur)
		Dr. Amit Sen (Founder Director, Children First, Delhi)	
		Dr. Jill Potter (Director of Research, Department of Education, University of Bath, UK)	
01:15 pm - 02:00 pm	LUNCH		

02:00 pm - 03:45 pm	Panel Discussion IV : Addressing Diverse Needs Through Culturally and Developmentally Appropriate Pedagogy	Prof. Venita Kaul (Director, CECED, Ambedkar University, Delhi) Ms. Joey Jade (Program Officer, Save the Children, Philippines) Ms. Keerti Jayaram (Director of Early Literacy Project, Delhi)	Ms. Natalia Mufel (Education Specialist, UNICEF, Delhi)
03:45 pm - 04:00 pm	TEA		
04:00 pm - 05:15 pm	Plenary Session III : Collaborations for Ensuring Holistic Child Development	Ms. Sara Poehlman (Senior Director, ECCD, Save the Children, USA) Dr. Madhu Pant (Former Director, National Bal Bhavan, Delhi)	Prof. Rajalakshmi Sriram (Professor, HDFS, MSUB, Baroda)
DAY 3: APRIL 04, 2014, FRIDAY			
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Panel Discussion V : Children in Disaster, Emergency and Conflict Situations: Ensuring Convergence	Dr. Swati Y. Bhawe (Executive Director, AACCI, India) Dr. Sanjeev Rai (National Manager-Education, Save the Children, India)	Dr. Geeta Menon (Former Director, Girl's Education Program, CARE India)
11:00 am - 11:15 am	TEA		
11:15 am - 01:30 am	Panel Discussion VI : Challenges of Cross-Sectoral Collaboration for Policy Formulation and Implementation	Ms. Mahmuda Akhter (Executive Director, ICHD, Bangladesh) Ms. Deepika Srivastava (OSD, WCD, Planning Commission, GoI, Delhi) Prof. Adarsh Sharma (Former Director, NIPCCD, Delhi)	Ms. Devika Singh (Advisor, Alliance to the Right to Early Childhood Development & Founder Member, Mobile Creches)
01:30 pm - 02:00 pm	LUNCH		
02:00 pm - 03:00 pm	Plenary Session IV : Training professionals: Multi-Sectoral Approach	Ms. Marianne O'Grady (Senior Program Manager, Save the Children, Afghanistan) Ms. Saumya Gupta (Director, DWCD)	Dr. Dinesh Paul (Director, NIPCCD, Delhi)
03:00pm - 04:30 pm	Valedictory Session Ms. Shireen Miller (Director - Advocacy, Save the Children, India) - Chair Mr. Harsh Mander (Director, Centre for Equity Studies & Special Commissioner, Supreme Court of India in the Right to Food case)- Valedictory Address		
04:30 pm onwards	TEA		