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To,

The Director/ Principal/Head

Subject: Inviting Application of Students for Sustainable Development Studies Course to be implemented in Collaboration with FFRC, University of Turku, Finland.

Sir/Madam,

It is my distinct pleasure to inform you that in the upsurge of Internationalization of Higher Education a flagship program of the Ministry of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra we are inventing a new innovative course on Sustainable Development Studies under the aegis of "Centre for Foresight Studies", Solapur University, Solapur in Collaboration with Finland Futures Studies, University of Turku, Finland, the world's top one percent ranking university.

As you know Solapur University has made MoU with Finland Futures Research Centre (FFRC), University of Turku, Finland. During 2016-18 the University has carried out a three-semester Open Elective Course entitled "*Future Sustainable Energy Challenges*" through collaboration. This was initiated under "Finland-India bilateral Higher Education Cooperation" funded by Centre for International Mobility (CIMO)", European Union and FFRC, Finland. To sustain our collaborative academic relations and to provide opportunities to students to acquaint with newest scientific areas of global thrust we are going to invent a new open elective paper on "**Sustainable Development Studies**" (SDS).

The collaborative paper was earlier kept open only for the PG students at Solapur University campus. However, to make the initiative more inclusive we invite applications from PG students of all streams. The detailed course brochure is enclosed herewith for your further reference and also available on university website.

Thus, you are requested to make aware students for this unique opportunity and send the list of enthusiastic students interested herein in the prescribed application form.

M. M. Fadnavis
17.12.18

Dr. M.M Fadnavis

Director,

Centre for Foresight Studies

Solapur University, Solapur

- Encl:** i) "Sustainable Development Studies" (SDS) Course Brochure
ii) Application form

Sustainable Development Studies (SDS)

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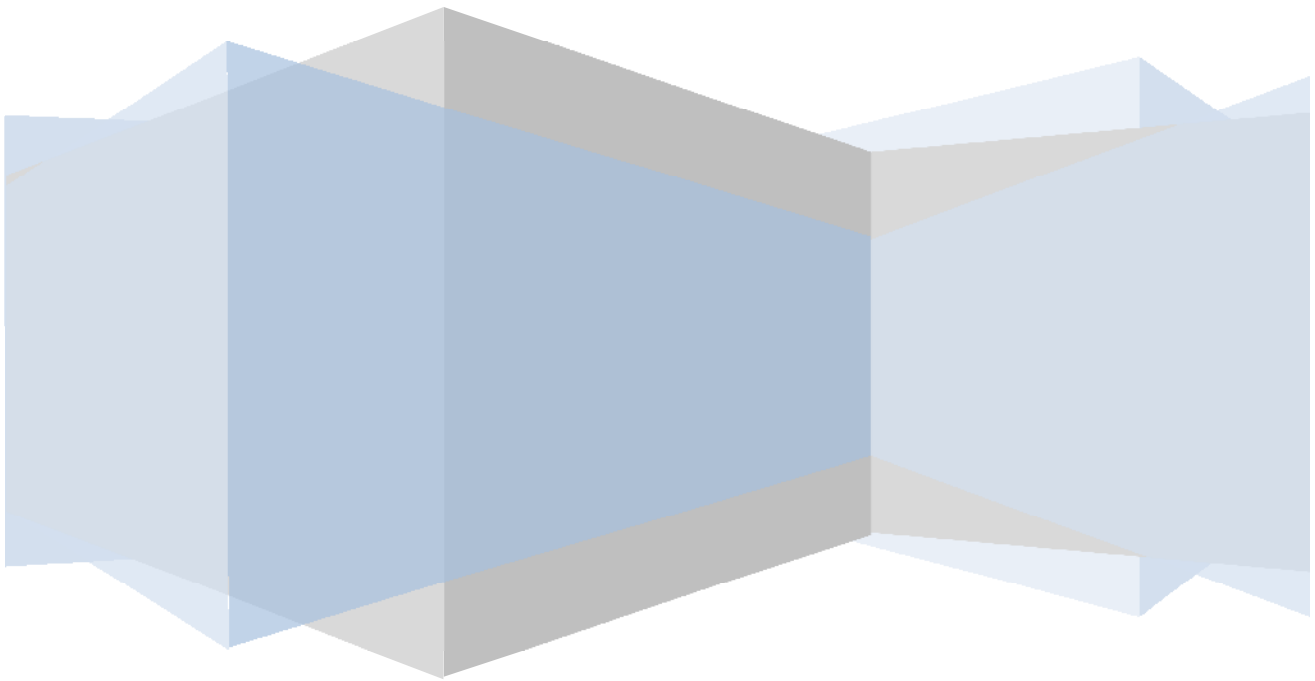
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Solapur University, Solapur, Maharashtra

In Collaboration with

Finland Futures Research Centre,

University of Turku, Finland



Introduction:

Internationalisation of Higher Education is a flagship program of the Ministry of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra. The objective of this program is to promote teaching and research and learning capabilities of the students at par with the advanced countries. This underlines the importance of production of high quality knowledge to compete in the emerging knowledge economy on a global scale. Solapur University, Solapur has taken initiative to meet this challenge. The University has entered into collaboration with Finland Futures Research Centre (FFRC), University of Turku, Finland. During 2016-18 the University has carried out a two-semester Open Elective Course entitled “Future Sustainable Energy Challenges” through collaboration. This was initiated under “Finland-India bilateral Higher Education Cooperation “funded by Centre for International Mobility (CIMO)”, European Union and FFRC, Finland.

In continuation of this initiative, and at the insistence of FFRC, Finland, Solapur University is offering Open Elective Course entitled “Sustainable Development” during the academic sessions 2018-19 and 2019-20.

The Course: Relevance, Objectives and the Structure

The United Nations declared Sustainable Development as the millennium development goal. Accomplishing this goal demands changes in life styles, attitudes, beliefs and practices congenial for conserving resources for future generations. For academics, this is an opportunity to engage in teaching, research and publications pertaining to the issues relevant to sustainable development. Being cognisant of this need to mould the society in the desired direction, Solapur University in collaboration with FFRC, Finland is offering a 3-semester Open Elective Course entitled “Sustainable Development” for the postgraduate students of the University.

The course has the following three objectives:

- i) to offer students a conceptual orientation about various dimensions **sustainable development;**
- ii) to make them familiar about **the four dimensions of sustainable development:** ecological, social, economic and cultural; and
- iii) to provide **deeper understanding** of these different dimensions, and invite the students to apply these perspectives to specific case analysis.

This is a 12 credit course stretched across three semesters (4 credits per semester), semester II to semester IV. Semester wise structure of the course is given below:

Semester II (Part –first)

Introductory Phase

- Introductory lecture and 2 assisted team meetings (Virtual, if needed)
- Getting to know the group members, creating group rules;
- Conceptual foundation, practical understanding on SD issues;
- Research skills, referencing and interactive learning with reference to futures studies.

Operational and Understanding Phase

- Towards learning core areas of SD;
- Building consensus on 4 areas of SD and its allocation among the 4 groups;
- Understanding the significance of group learning and its operational methodology for furthering group assignments;
- Group Assignments using study materials.

Semester III (Part-second)

Planning and Developing Design for Research

- Understanding and application of futures methodology for further research;
- Finalising real-world cases of SD issues, of local-regional relevance and group wise planning, brainstorming and finalising research design;
- Pre-final seminar and group presentations, feedback, review by experts.

APPLICATION AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION PHASE

In the beginning of this semester, groups will be instructed to apply futures methods for topics chosen to their respective groups.

Group I Ecological sustainability analysis

- Lecture, readings, assignments and introductory team meeting
- Independent team work
- Presenting the reports to teachers and new instructions

Group II Social sustainability analysis

- Lecture, readings, assignments and introductory team meeting
- Independent team work
- Presenting to teachers and new instructions

Group III Economic sustainability analysis

- Lecture, readings, assignments and introductory team meeting
- Independent team work
- Presenting to teachers and new instructions

Group IV Cultural sustainability analysis

- Lecture, readings, assignments and introductory team meeting
- Independent team work
- Presenting to teachers and new instructions

Semester IV (Part-final)

Aggregating the dimensions of sustainability, assessing one's learning, preparing for the final seminar

- Students create aggregating posters
- Pre-Final seminar/ dissertation
- Expert Review, Suggestion and finalising dissertations

Modus operandi:

A team of 24 students will be divided into four groups based on disciplinary divergences; Each team gets a *specific case* they will examine from 4 different points of view of the sustainability;

The course emphasises on more learning and less teaching, and includes contact lectures, online learning and participation through “Moodle” software/ group WhatsApp/ email/ and group based learning; presence is compulsory & controlled; and

The culture of learning diaries will be developed and twice in a month learning results will also be shared in inter/intra group.

Course at a Glance:

Thrust	“Learning outcome”
Composition	Trans-disciplinary Masters Students
Duration	3 Semesters
Pedagogy	Group/team based interactive virtual learning
Subject	Sustainable Development
Credit	12
Institution	Centre for Foresight Studies, Solapur University in collaboration with Finland Futures Research Centre, University of Turku, Finland
Language	English
Certificate	Yes, on successful completion of the course, certificates will be issued in collaboration with FFRC, Finland
Session	Course Starts in December, 2018
Responsibility	Coordinator and course teachers, Solapur University, Solapur

Admission Procedure:

1. There will be an online aptitude test based on SD of 100 marks (50 written test+ 50 Personal Interview).
2. Sufficient motivation and approach towards sustainability.
3. Willingness and ability to work as a part of a self-organizing team.
4. Previous studies or working experience on sustainable development.
5. Short listed candidates will be called for personal interview/GD.

(Intake Capacity 24 Students)

Evaluation of the Course

- **50% project work** results/seminars/assignments
- **50% within-team peer evaluation** (after each project work)
- Evaluating each other's performance in a team gives students an incentive to participate intensively working in teams and develop team working skills.

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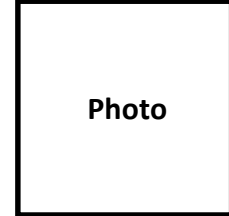
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**CENTRE FOR FORESIGHT STUDIES
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Application Form

To,
The Registrar,
Solapur University,
Solapur



Respected Sir,

I request that, I may be admitted to the course “**Sustainable Development Studies**” at Centre for Foresight Studies, Solapur University, Solapur for the academic year 2018-2020.

Yours Faithfully

Place: _____

Date: _____

(Signature of the Applicant)

Particulars of the Student

1. Name of Student: _____

2. School/ College: _____

3. Faculty: _____ 4. Subject: _____ 5. Year: _____

6. Address for Communication: _____

7. Contact No. _____ 8. Email ID: _____

9. Date of Birth: _____ 10. Nationality: _____

11. Do you have any previous learning experience in Sustainable Development Studies? Yes/No

12. Do you have Passport? Yes / No

The above information is correct.

(Signature of the Candidate)

Remark of **Director /Principal/Head**