



Call for Abstracts

International Conference on

**Education Policy in India : Contexts, Texts, and
Institutions**

April 25-27, 2024

Organised by

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Mahindra University, Hyderabad**

Concept Note:

Indian education policy often finds itself placed amidst debates that are long-drawn and difficult to resolve. A quick scan of its life cycle since the 19th century takes us to the numerous paths of policy-driven questions that, along a tumultuous timeline, emerged, suspended, occasionally re-surfaced, and at times stayed on. The ascent of policy as the organiser of our social/civic spheres and the establishment of National Education Policies have re-ignited some of the old and recurring debates. For instance, what would be ‘national’ in the national education policy that is influenced by extra-national actors, and has explicit aspirations of being global? In what ways does education policy reverberate the voice of those most vocal and those who have access to the policy process? How are policies constructed and what marks their social lives? To what extent is the process of education policymaking based on evidence? How do policy components respond to the national, social, political and economic contexts? In what ways do the processes of implementation re-work, and at times subvert policy doctrines?

We turn to education policy beyond its immediate exigencies and pay attention to how it becomes an official text, how it receives legitimacy, and leads the cycle of implementation. Additionally, we want to investigate how data is increasingly becoming crucial to policymaking and what it means for teachers, administrators, and those who are part of the intricacies of educational bureaucracy.

We invite papers that broadly focus on the social life of education policy in India—whether a specific policy, components of a policy, or larger issues of historical and cultural significance. The proposed conference is a collective endeavour to think through Indian education policy in terms of its complexity. We welcome papers that have deep engagements with specific levels/sectors of education such as early childhood, school education, higher education, vocational education and professional education, among others.

We invite contributions that respond to the following themes:

- ▣ Construction and reconstruction of education policy in post-Independence India
- ▣ State, Society and Education Policy
- ▣ Education Policy and Welfare
- ▣ The Role of the Market and Education Policy
- ▣ Reforms, restructuring and Educational Transformations
- ▣ Educational Organisations and Changing Policy Directions
- ▣ Curricular Reforms and Debates
- ▣ Educational access and widening of participation
- ▣ Caste, Equity and Social Justice
- ▣ Education Policy and the Adivasi Question
- ▣ Gendered Reading of the Policy Regimes
- ▣ New Knowledge, New Information and Education policy
- ▣ Educational Technology and Policy
- ▣ New Managerialism and Governmentality through policy
- ▣ Institutional Transformations and Policy Contexts
- ▣ Education policy and the politics of data
- ▣ Education Policy and the politics of care
- ▣ Methodological questions in education policy research
- ▣ Teachers' work, teaching, and classroom contexts

Details of Submission:

We invite extended abstracts/detailed proposals for papers (750-1000 words) by **January 25, 2024**. Abstracts are expected not only to provide the context but also to indicate the details of your paper's core arguments, research design, and possible line/s of analysis. A few abstracts will be selected and the authors will be invited to develop those further. Final papers are requested by March 15, 2024.

We request the abstracts to be sent to the conference email address: [\[edupolicyconference@gmail.com\]](mailto:edupolicyconference@gmail.com).

The conference will be organised by the Indira Mahindra School of Education (IMSE), Mahindra University, Hyderabad on **April 25-27, 2024**.

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