ABBS School of Management

Annual International Conference

The 15th. Annual International Conference is scheduled to be hosted on July 11th.to 13th. 2024 on the broad theme of Peace Economics, Peace Science Conflict Management and Development. in Bangalore, in close association with the UNESCO Chair of Grenoble Ecole De Management, France, European SPES Institute, Belgium, Binghamton University, State University of New York, South Asian Alliance of Disaster Research Institutes (SAADRI), Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA) and Mahatma Gandhi Center for Conflict Prevention and Management, ABBSSM. With this conference, ABBSSM hopes to bring attention to the role of ethics and peace and contribute to the understanding for the global common good.

The action on ethical and peace processes is more prudent today than ever. Human existence and development are in question due to mounting conflicts in each region of the world as there is a lack of consciousness representing embedded of ethical behaviour. From America to Australia and India to Europe there is a conflict story happening every second internally or externally. Terrorizing humanity has become rampant and life is at risk. The conference is an effort to create a more ethical, sustainable and peaceful world. A key question for the Conference was what needs to be done to reach to the development target set by National and International Economic Forums and how peace will enable this development

<u>Theme-</u>Peace Economics, Peace Science, Conflict Management and Development. This year the focus is on Conflict Prevention and Peace Management. The important subthemes are:

- 1. Sustainability and the meaning of life
- 2. Business Ethics
- 3. Spirituality and Human Values
- 4. Quality of life
- 5. Integral ecology
- 6. Developing ecological awareness and responsible business
- 7. Social integration
- 8. Moral and virtue based leadership
- 9. Corporate social responsibility
- 10. Arms control/ Nuclear proliferation
- 11. Globalization and conflict
- 12. International trade and financial crisis



- 13. Disaster management
- 14. Terrorism
- 15. Resource conflict
- 16. Empirical case studies of south Asian countries
- 17. Crisis of identity and conflict management

Papers on any other related areas may be presented on acceptance.

The annual international conference is held under the aegis of the Mahatma Gandhi International Centre for Conflict Resolution and Management. A brief about the center is given below:

The Centre was inaugurated on 6th June 2018. Community expectations have highlighted that the grand challenges of our time need to be broached with a consciousness demonstrating embedded ethics, responsibility and human values. This has encouraged the Centre to emphasize conflict from a broader perspective. The interest of the Centre is to understand conflict resolution processes by keeping socio economic priorities in perspective. Therefore, the spectrum of research is broad and includes not only political, ethnic and religious conflicts but also water, energy, food, migration, environmental and other types of conflicts in the development process of particularly emerging economies. We intend to connect this center with other programs and organizations worldwide. Each program will be directed to scientific studies of conflict and peace science to prevent, manage or possibly solve the problem.

We have received excellent response from renowned economists, Nobel peace prize winners, social scientists and industry. There will be an annual meeting discussing conflict problems especially in South and South-east Asia. Work is underway to develop an interdisciplinary certificate program in social science disciplines like economics, sociology, political science etc. with a strong emphasis of management science. The aim is to encourage integrated research into finding actionable problem-solving activities across business, society, and the government. The Centre besides offering opportunities for faculty research would offer a vibrant platform for enriched student experience, and outreach programmes. ABBSSM has deep strengths across a broad variety of disciplines and professions therefore it has the unique capacity to offer multidisciplinary research avenues.

It is a purely academic organization without any political, social, financial or nationalistic bias and will not take any stand in legislation or political disputes. Besides economics, political science and international relations, it is also concerned with energy-environmental, water and other resourcedevelopmental conflicts.