



## Call for Abstracts

### Indian-European Multilevel Climate Governance Research Network (MCGRN)

#### Thematic Workshop

*Organized by*

#### Global Change Programme Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India

November 20-22, 2013

**Submit your abstract by 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 to [thematic.workshop.gcpju@gmail.com](mailto:thematic.workshop.gcpju@gmail.com)**

#### *Brief Introduction to the Research Group*

The Indian-European Multilevel Climate Governance Research Network is a collaborative research and networking platform created in 2012 by five research groups from Europe and India: Freie Universität Berlin; VU University Amsterdam; Jadavpur University, Kolkata; Pondicherry University and TERI University, New Delhi. It is being funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (India), the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (Germany) and the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (The Netherlands) as an Indian-European Research Networking Programme in the Social Sciences. The main objective of this research network is to explore and stimulate possible areas of knowledge production and exchange between India and the EU in the area of multilevel climate governance. The research questions as provoked by this network would focus on analyzing the interplay between micro-level innovation capacity through (supra) national levels of climate change actions and undertaking comparative assessment of those actions. As a research facilitator, the network organizes joint and research group specific activities such as joint research conferences and thematic workshops, knowledge management and dissemination in terms of short-term research stays and collaborative efforts and encouraging publication of the network's academic output in international peer-reviewed journals, book chapters and edited volume. One of the significant

activities of the network is career development programmes of junior and early career researchers through Ph.D. workshops, summer school, mentoring and collaboration.

***Scope and Objective of the Thematic Workshop:***

Following the kick-off meeting of the MICGN network held at TERI University in New Delhi in January 2013, this will be the first thematic workshop organized by Jadavpur University in Kolkata. The objective is to work on joint publications and to come up with research ideas regarding conceptualizing the role of multilevel climate governance in transition to low carbon economic growth. We aim to provide a better understanding of both drivers and constraints of multiple sources of bottom up/ grass-root innovations, the traditional technology transfer argument, reverse innovation, disruptive technology development in facilitating mitigation and adaptation. The workshop would encourage exchange of knowledge regarding conceptual, theoretical, methodological and empirical/ observational development in this area.

In the spirit of the Network we encourage submission of joint papers (although individual papers are not discouraged!). We encourage you to submit review papers, theoretical and methodological papers, concept papers as well as case studies. Case studies are expected to explore new institutional arrangements, policy processes and the changing roles of government in emerging forms of climate governance. Contributions can scrutinise various aspects related to the structure, effectiveness and legitimacy of these multi-level arrangements. We wish the contributions specifically address the following questions:

- How does climate policy unfold in India and the EU while being propelled as well as impeded by multi-level climate governance structures? How does the interplay between various levels and policy networks influence the innovativeness and performance of climate governance? What is the role of subnational levels of government (state, regional, local) in interaction with the higher/ federal and or supranational level in climate governance in India and Europe?
- Why, how and under which conditions do lower policy-making levels serve as laboratories of experimentation in the initiation, formulation and implementation of climate policy? What are the specific potentials, drivers and constraints of bottom-up innovation in climate mitigation and adaptation policy? In comparing multi-level climate policy-making and regulation in India and the EU the following question shall be addressed: which areas are suitable for lesson-drawing and knowledge transfer activities both within as well as between India and the EU?

The desired goal is to get the papers published in a Special Issue of an international peer reviewed journal. Aim is to strengthen the scholarly debate around multi-level climate governance by addressing new and emerging pathways towards low carbon transition in India and the European Union (EU). Also it strives to provide a better understanding of the structure, effectiveness and legitimacy of emerging multi-level climate governance structures in India and the EU.

The broad thematic areas under which the submission will take place are

- Conceptualizing Multilevel Governance in transition processes to low carbon growth
- Multi-level Climate Policies: Emergence, Implementation, Challenges and Opportunities in India and Europe
- Sectoral Examples: Success Stories and Failure Stories of climate related governance in local, national and sub-national level as well as global context.

The early career researchers and Ph.D. students are highly encouraged to submit abstracts to utilize the platform to get feedback on their work from the peer group and explore further possibility of research in the area.

The abstract (not exceeding 250 words) and the full paper should be submitted in PDF or doc format by email to thematic.workshop.gcpju@gmail.com

Please note that

- No registration fees will be charged
- Financial support is available for only the Indian European MCGRN Members.

### ***Important Dates***

Last date of submission of abstract: 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2013

Notification of acceptance of abstract: 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2013

Last date for submission of full paper: 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2013

Workshop dates: 20-22 November, 2013

*Please note that the deadlines are fixed and not likely to be extended.*

### ***Scientific Steering Committee:***

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