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Indian Health Economics and Policy Association

FLAME UNIVERSITY

11ᵀᴴ ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HEALTH POLICY

ADVANCING RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION

JANUARY 17–19, 2024

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Conference President

S ("Subu") V Subramanian is Professor of Population Health and Geography at Harvard University, Faculty Chair of the Center for Geographic Analysis at Harvard University. He is the Principal Investigator of the Geographic Insights Lab based at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies. He is a Primary Faculty in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, a Core Faculty of the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, and a Faculty Affiliate of the Harvard Department of Sociology. Subramanian was the Founding Director of Graduate Studies for the interdisciplinary PhD program in Population Health Sciences at Harvard.
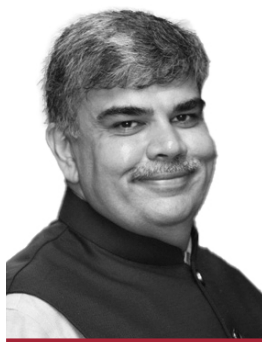
Subramanian received his under- and post-graduate training at the University of Delhi, and completed his PhD in geography at the University of Portsmouth. He has published over 800 articles, book chapters, and books in the broad field of population health and well-being and in applied multilevel statistical methods. His current research interests include developing and applying data science approaches for precision public policy in the context of health, nutrition and development; and understanding individual and population heterogeneity in health and well-being from a multilevel and cross-comparative perspective. He has consistently been included in the *Highly Cited Researchers* list since 2015 (top 1% of cited publications in Web of Science).

As an educator, Subramanian was the first to develop a course on the concept and application of multilevel statistical methods at Harvard, which he has been successfully teaching at Harvard since 2001, as well as around the world. He has advised over 150 masters, doctoral, and postdoctoral students as a mentor, academic advisor and dissertation committee member. Subramanian is the Co-Editor-in-Chief of the international journal *Social Science & Medicine*, a Co-Senior Editor of the social epidemiology office of *Social Science & Medicine*, and the founding Co-Editor-in-Chief of SSM – *Population Health*, winner of the 2020 PROSE Award for Best New Journal in Social Sciences. He is an editorial consultant to *The Lancet*, and an international advisory board member for *The Lancet Global Health*.

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INDIAN HEALTH ECONOMICS AND POLICY ASSOCIATION (IHEPA)

IHEPA is a professional body registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1960. The need to have a formal body that would serve as a platform for discussing and sharing intellectual ideas pertaining to the Indian health sector was strongly felt by a group of like-minded health economists and policy experts. The IHEPA has been created to enable economists and other social science researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to exchange, deliberate, and discuss key issues and strategies in the health sector in India as well as globally.

Vision

A vibrant and dynamic association that encourages and facilitates the exchange and sharing of knowledge, ideas and experience among researchers, policymakers and practitioners working in and on the health sector.

Objectives

- **To offer a platform for learning, knowledge-sharing and networking to all those interested in contributing towards a more equitable and efficient health sector.**
- **To bridge the gap between research and practice by bringing together researchers, academicians and policymakers, both national and international.**

IHEPA welcomes young scholars and researchers, grassroots practitioners, the private sector and community-based organizations to become part of the organization, so that all views and experiences can be heard, debated and imbibed, if found useful.

IHEPA would equally like to reach out to the international community of researchers, experts, managers and policymakers and include them in its fold to make it a truly global association.

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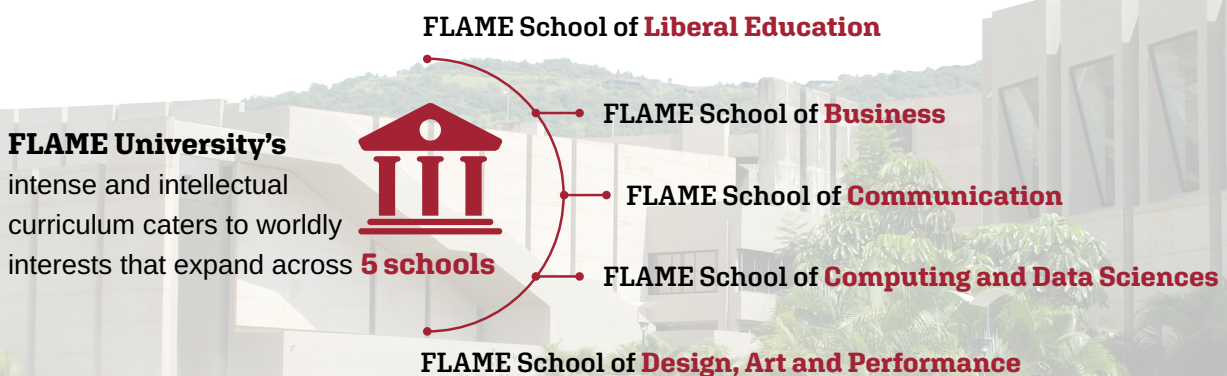For membership information, please visit *https://ihepa.org/membership/*

FLAME UNIVERSITY

Spread over 70 acres of green expanse, FLAME University stands tall in the heart of Pune. FLAME University has been established as a state-private university vide the FLAME University Act 2014 (Maharashtra Act No. II of 2015) of the Government of Maharashtra. The university is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 2(f), and degrees awarded by the university are recognized under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956. FLAME University is an ISO 21001:2018 certified educational organization. The university has been awarded an overall Diamond ranking along with a Diamond ranking in Academic Development, Diversity and Accessibility, Facilities, Faculty Quality, and Research Parameters by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS). FLAME's postgraduate business program offered by FLAME School of Business has been accepted into the CFA University Affiliation Program and received A* (National) and A** (State) gradings from CRISIL. FLAME University is a member of the Association to Advance Collegiate School of Business (AACSB).

FLAME has revolutionized the way students learn by breaking classroom barriers and providing them with a real-world educational experience that enables them to select their own career paths. Rooted in Indian tradition and emerging as one of the pioneers of liberal education in India, FLAME nurtures thinkers and doers who question the status quo and challenge themselves. FLAME aims to create an environment where students can break free from traditional thinking patterns, unlock their full potential, and embark on a journey of self-discovery.

The FLAME Vision

FLAME University exists to build an aspirational destination for students and faculty, to push the design and nature of studies, and to create a societal upgradation phenomenon, particularly in the fields of liberal education and leadership. FLAME will continue to be a leader in the creation and dissemination of knowledge. Being a pioneer of liberal education, FLAME promotes interdisciplinary teaching and impactful research that inspires new ways of thinking. FLAME believes in transforming society through cultivating wisdom, ethics, and character, and it hopes to pursue these goals in all its endeavors.

FLAME University's intense and intellectual curriculum caters to worldly interests that expand across **5 schools**

FLAME School of **Liberal Education**

FLAME School of **Business**

FLAME School of **Communication**

FLAME School of **Computing and Data Sciences**

FLAME School of **Design, Art and Performance**

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CONFERENCE THEME

Health Policy:
Advancing Research and Communication

The Indian Health Economics and Policy Association is organizing its **11th Annual Conference in collaboration with the FLAME University (Pune) from January 17–19, 2024**. The conference seeks to address the ever-evolving landscape of health research and policymaking in the context of today's complex global health challenges. In recent times, there has been a remarkable surge in interest in health research and policy as the world strives to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for good health and well-being. This conference serves as a timely and essential platform for bringing together experts, scholars, policymakers, and practitioners from diverse disciplines to collaborate on research, address new concerns, and build creative solutions in the area of health policy.

The conference provides a comprehensive forum for delving into several crucial health concerns that require immediate attention. Morbidity and mortality remain essential indices of health system performance and societal well-being. To make meaningful progress in these areas, it is critical to prioritize health care and implement evidence-based policies and programs that address the underlying determinants. Nutrition is another critical concern that has far-reaching ramifications for well-being and societal advancement. The conference will address contemporary and underserved nutrition issues, including micronutrient deficiencies, and deliberate on solutions to improve nutrition for vulnerable communities.

Significant advances in data science and data innovations mark the contemporary global landscape for health policy research. There is all-around recognition that data analytics, machine learning, and geospatial analytics have huge potential for delivering actionable insights to drive policy decisions and optimize healthcare delivery. As we go deeper into the frontiers of health research, it is critical that our policies are evidence-based and are communicated well to stakeholders.

The conference will emphasize the importance of collaborative and inclusive policymaking. It will foster an interdisciplinary dialogue, recognizing that tackling global health challenges necessitates contributions from diverse fields, including medicine, public health, social sciences, data science, and economics. By encouraging such interdisciplinary collaboration, the conference seeks to explore comprehensive solutions that holistically address the multifaceted determinants of health and well-being.

Overall, the conference aims to create a shared platform for critical reflection, knowledge exchange, and collaboration, empowering participants to forge evidence-based policies that not only address current health challenges but also contribute to the creation of healthier, more resilient, and more equitable societies for generations to come.

OBJECTIVE
OF THE CONFERENCE

The overall objective of the conference is to provide a platform for exchanging knowledge, exploring research, and communicating evidence-based ideas to address global health challenges. It aims to foster open discourse and interdisciplinary collaboration to enhance global health and well-being for all.

Abstract Themes

- **Health Financing**
- **Health in Maharashtra**
- **Health Equity**
- **Maternal and Child Health**
- **Political Economy of Health**
- **Research and Policy Communication**
- **Public Health Nutrition**
- **Morbidity and Mortality**
- **Health Behavior and Practices**
- **Programmes and Impact**
- **Data Science and Geospatial Analytics**
- **Development Sector and Public Health**

Abstract submission (not exceeding 300 words)

Individual scholars, practitioners, or policymakers interested in participating are invited to submit the abstracts of papers based on original empirical research that addresses the core concerns of this conference. The abstract should provide an understanding of – Rationale/ Objective, Data, Methodology, Findings, and Research Contribution. Please submit the abstract in the formatted template. To download the **Abstract Template**, click here.

Important Dates

ANNOTATION	DEADLINE
Deadline for abstract submissions	31 October 2023
Notification of acceptance	15 November 2023
Deadline for paper submissions	31 December 2023
Early bird registration	16 Nov to 15 Dec 2023
Pre-conference workshop	17 January 2024
Conference dates	18-19 January 2024

Important Note:
All the submissions should be free from plagiarism. The conference committee holds no responsibility for plagiarism. The conference is based on submission of original work. Authors are solely responsible for plagiarism and, if detected, such papers will be removed from the conference.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

#1 Qualitative Research Methods for Social Scientists
📅 **JAN 17 2024**

The workshop will expose participants to qualitative research methods and their applications. It will introduce Qualitative Research Methods by distinguishing them from Quantitative Research Methods. An overview of routinely used qualitative research methods like ethnographic interviews, observations, and focus group discussions will be discussed. The participants will be introduced to the basics of qualitative data analysis through coding, both inductive and deductive.

The workshop will provide hands-on experience of coding using open-source software using WEFT QDA by way of introducing qualitative data analysis.

Total seats available 20 (preference will be given to PhD students doing research in institutions across India)

Selection Each person will have to write 100 words on why they should be given this opportunity to attend the workshop and how it would help them in their research.

Faculty **Mala Ramanathan,** Senior Professor, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST)
Sunu C Thomas, Assistant Professor, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi

#2 Introduction to R for Social Scientists
📅 **JAN 17 2024**

R is a widely used programming language with increasing use and applications for statistical analysis and graphical presentation of health and related data. R is an open-source programming language with Command-line interface and is available for use in Windows, Linux, and MacOS. The workshop aims to introduce R with a focus on the basic processes involved in descriptive analysis such as summary statistical measures, graphs development and basic econometric analysis. Apart from hands-on training on data management techniques, advanced use and potential applications will also be discussed.

Total seats available 20 (preference will be given to PhD students doing research in institutions across India).

Selection Each person will have to write 100 words on why they should be given this opportunity to attend the workshop and how it would help them in their research.

Faculty **Arnab Chakrabarti,** Assistant Professor, Economics, FLAME University, Pune
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#1 Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods for Social Scientists

#2 Introduction to R for Social Scientists

- Download the **Pre-conference Workshop Application Form** from here.

- These one-day workshops will be held in parallel sessions.

- Participants are requested to email their interest and preference for pre-conference workshop participation at ihepaflame2024@gmail.com.

- The pre-conference workshop will be limited to 20 participants per workshop. All participants are expected to have a functional laptop with basic statistical or qualitative analysis software.

- The workshop will be conducted by leading experts as resource persons. The workshop will be conducted on **17th January 2024** at the **FLAME University campus.**

CONFERENCE FEATURES

AWARDS and ACADEMIC OUTPUTS

An edited book based on the selected papers from the conference. The first author of the selected papers will receive an honorarium of ₹ 10,000/- per paper for their contribution towards the edited book.

The best paper award for early career researchers (below 40 years) will be given in honor of Prof. T.N. Krishnan. A certificate and an honorarium of ₹ 20,000/- for the best paper selected by the conference committee will be provided to the first author.

Two best paper awards for Ph.D. students will be given in honor of Prof. Gavin Mooney. An honorarium of ₹ 10,000/- each will be provided for the best papers by PhD scholars as selected by the conference committee. The PhD students should be the presenters and the lead authors of the research paper. Special technical session(s) will be planned for the selected papers for the purpose of selection for the award under the category.

All the paper presenters and participants will receive certificates for their participation.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

All prospective participants should register for the conference. On-the-spot registration will be done for local participants and other delegates, who will themselves take care of their travel and accommodation.

ITEMS	MEMBER	OTHERS
Early Bird Registration by December 15, 2023	₹ 1000	₹ 2000
Last Day of Online Registration December 31, 2023	₹ 1500	₹ 2500
On-the-spot Registration	₹ 2000	₹ 3000

50% of the registration fee will be waived for students on a need-based basis.

For the submission of registration fee, **the bank account information of IHEPA is as follows:**

For online transfer (RTGS/NEFT/IFSC)

Name of Account: **Indian Health Economics and Policy Association IHEPA**

Account no: **1320104000067935**

IFSC Code: **IBKL0000765**

Bank Name: **IDBI Bank,**
SAFAL PRIDE, UNIT NO 1, BASEMENT AND, GR FLOOR, SION TROMBAY ROAD, DEONAR, MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA, PIN 400088

TRAVEL SUPPORT AND LOGISTICS INFORMATION

All the registered paper presenters will be entitled to modest boarding and lodging facilities and the conference kit. Authors are requested to indicate whether they require support to cover their travel expenses. AC 3-tier round-trip express train fare by shortest route (except Rajdhani, Satabdi and Vande Bharat express) may be reimbursed on the production of actual tickets. Only one author per paper accepted for presentation will be eligible for travel support. Local participants are also requested to indicate their requirements for travel support. All correspondence related to the Conference should be addressed to ihepaflame2024@gmail.com.

Boarding and lodging will be provided to the delegates for a maximum of 3 nights from January 17 to 19, 2024, beyond which the participants need to make their own arrangements. The pre-conference workshop participants can avail accommodation on January 16, 2024 as well.

USEFUL LINKS

IHEPA PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP APPLICATION FORM

IHEPA takes this opportunity for capacity building of students and early career researchers in the field of health economics and health policy. In this regard, two pre-conference workshops are organised on:

#1 Qualitative Research Methods for Social Scientists

#2 Introduction to R for Social Scientists

Applications are invited for pre-conference workshop.

Please download the **Pre-conference Workshop Application Form** from here.

IHEPA ABSTRACT TEMPLATE

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IHEPA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Delegates are requested to send complete information along with the transaction receipt for the registration fee and conference participation forms to the following email id: ihepaflame2024@gmail.com

Please download the **Conference Registration Form** from here.

IHEPA MEMBERSHIP FORM

IHEPA welcomes all to join and strengthen the association to make it a vibrant and productive body of excellence in health economics research and policy.

Membership of the Association is open to all individuals and institutions engaged in shaping the economic and policy issues of the Indian health sector. Membership is Individual-Life and Institutional-Life categories.

Please download the **Individual Membership Form** from here.

Please download the **Institutional Membership Form** from here.

HOW TO REACH FLAME UNIVERSITY

Directions & Location Map to FLAME Campus

From Mumbai

150.1 km

- Cross the expressway
- Change over to the Pune-Bangalore highway
- Reach Wakad Bridge (Rajeev Gandhi InfoTech Park)
- Continue straight on the Pune-Bangalore highway
- From Wakad Bridge, our site is at a distance of 9 kms
- Just before the site, you will see a Crystal Honda showroom on the right
- You will also see a Pink Water Tank on the right
- Take a U-Turn on the Pune-Bangalore highway, 50 mtrs ahead of the Pink Water Tank
- After the U-Turn, take another U-Turn to go up to the Pink Water Tank road
- FLAME is at a distance of 6.6 kms from the Pune-Bangalore highway turning

From University Circle, Pune

15.5 km

- Turn left towards Pashan
- At Pashan Village, turn left towards NDA
- After 3 kms and after the BEL factory, turn right towards the Pune-Bangalore highway
- Turn left on reaching the Pune-Bangalore highway
- After 1 km on the Pune-Bangalore highway, you will see a Crystal Honda showroom on the right
- You will also see a Pink Water Tank on the right
- Take a U-Turn on the Pune-Bangalore highway, 50 mtrs ahead of the Pink Water Tank
- After the U-Turn, take another U-Turn to go up to the Pink Water Tank road
- FLAME is at a distance of 6.6 kms from the Pune-Bangalore highway turning

From Chandni Chowk, Pune

9.6 km

- If you are coming from Kothrud, turn right on the Pune-Bangalore highway, going towards Mumbai
- If you are coming from Katraj, continue straight on the Pune-Bangalore highway
- After 2.5 kms, you will see a Pink Water Tank on the left
- Take a left turn at the Pink Water Tank turning
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