Indian Institute of Management Indore

Executive Post Graduate Program in e-Governance

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Title of the Course: Social Inclusion for Development   **Credits:** 3

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will cover the different dimensions of social exclusion and inclusion, and how e-gov projects can be designed to foster social inclusion. The course will start off by examining the concept of development, the different forms of social exclusion and the impact of exclusion. We look at strategies for fostering social inclusion and the role of affirmative government policies. Next, the information society and ICT for Development (ICT4D) concepts are introduced. Finally we examine case studies of e-gov and ICT4D projects which promote social inclusion.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The specific objectives of this course are
- To sensitize participants to the multi-dimensional aspects of social exclusion.
- To understand how e-governance and Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) can play a role in fostering social inclusion.
- Acquaint participants with the fact that technology is not neutral but can amplify the inherent, invisible exclusions in society.
- Understand how e-governance and ICT4D projects cab be designed to promote inclusion.

PEDAGOGY

The pedagogy will be predominantly lectures and classroom discussions. Plenty of case studies and real-life examples will be discussed to illustrate and reinforce concepts.

EVALUATION

No.	Evaluation Component	Weight
1.	Individual Presentation	30
2.	Class Involvement	20
3.	End-term examination	50

SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS:

Module 1:   Basic Concepts

Module Objective(s): In this module participants will be exposed to basic understanding of social exclusion/inclusion, inter-related aspects of exclusion, impact of exclusion and how to promote social inclusion

Session 1   Introduction to Development
Reading   Lecture Notes

Session 2   Social Exclusion and Its Impact
Reading   pp. 29-29, 188-195 (S&S)
               pp. 114-127 (KSC)

Session 3   Tackling Social Exclusion
Reading   pp. 129-149 (SNT)

Module 2:   Information Society and ICT4D

Module Objective(s): In this module participants will learn about the information society; concept of information literacy; digital divide and other barriers in the Information Society; and ICT for Development (ICT4D)

Session 5   Information Society
Reading   Lecture Notes

Sessions6&7   Exclusions and Barriers in the Information Society
Reading   pp. 31-92 (DK)

Session 8   Introduction to ICT4D
Reading   pp. 109-133 (A&W)

Session 9   Social Aspects of ICT4D
Reading   pp. 151-173 (A&W)
               pp. 290-340 (SVG))

Module 3:   Promoting Social Inclusion Through e-Governance and ICT4D

Module Objective(s): In this module participants will learn about how e-governance projects can be designed to promote empowerment of the marginalized sections of society and to promote social inclusion.

Session 10   Pro-Poor e-Governance
Reading   Lecture Notes

Sessions 13   E-governance/ICT4D projects promoting social inclusion
Reading   Case studies of: SEWA, DHAN and Akshaya Project
Reference books/material

1. Social Exclusion, Integration and Inclusive Policies, Eds V. Subramanyan& K. Sekhar, Rawat Publications, 2010 (S&S)

2. Economic Reforms and Social Exclusion – Impact of Liberalisation on Marginalised Groups in India, K. S. Chelam, Sage Publications, 2011, (KSC)

3. Inclusive Policies and Removal of Social Disadvantages, Ed. S. N. Tripathy, Abhijeet Publications, 2010, (SNT)

4. Information Technology and Social Change, Deepak Kumar, Rawat Publications, 2006, (DK)

5. Information Society and Development, Eds. Antony Palackal&WelsleyShrum, Rawat Publications, 2007, (A&W)

6. ICT and Social Change – Diffusion, Poverty, Governance, Eds. AshwaniSaith, M. Vijayabhaskar, V. Gayathri, Sage Publications, 2008 (SVG)

7. Regional Development Dialogue – Pro-Poor E-Governance, Vol. 27 No. 2, 2006, Published by UN Centre for Regional Development, Nagoya, Japan

8. Empowering the Poor: Information and Communications Technology for Governance and Poverty Reduction, UNDP-APDIP, 2006

9. Gender in the Information Society – Emerging Issues, UNDP-APDIP, 2006

10. Locating Gender in ICTD Projects, NISG