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S. No	Event	Topic	Date	Resource Person	Time	Report Status
01	Expert Conversation	Industrial Disputes and Opportunities in Industrial Relations	08.08.2020	Mr. S. Rajagopal, Senior Manager – HR & IR, Foxconn, Andhra Pradesh	11: 30 am - 01:00 pm	YES
02	Expert Conversation	Rethinking Corporate Social Responsibility	19.08.2020	Ms. Archana Sahay, CSR Head, Asia Pacific Japan Region, Dell EMC, Bangalore	03.00 pm - 04.00 pm	YES
03	Expert Conversation	Engaging Urban Re-configurations with a Spatial Logic	26.08.2020	Dr. Mathew A Varghese, Faculty, School of International Relations and Politics. Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala	05.00 pm – 07.00 pm	YES

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### **Expert Conversation on Industrial Disputes and Opportunities in Industrial Relations**

The Department of Social Work, KCLAS organized a virtual Expert Conversation on Industrial Disputes and Opportunities in Industrial Relations on 08.08.2020 from 11.30 PM to 1.00 PM via MS Teams platform. The resource person for the event was Mr. S. Rajagopal, Senior Manager – HR & IR, Foxconn, Andhra Pradesh.

The session started with the Welcome address by Dr. Kalpana Prakash from the Department of Social Work, KCLAS and the guest was introduced by Mr. Parthiban from Future Centre, KCLAS. The speaker started the session with a comical video clip which raised the expectations of the participants for the session and he explained the industrial disputes with live examples and real-time cases which he has dealt with the industry. He also instilled the participants by suggesting many associations for HR out of his versatile industrial experience. There were 50 participants across various departments such as commerce, social work of KCLAS and few MSW students from Avinashilingam Institute of Home Sciences. Faculty from Social work and Commerce, KCLAS were also present for the event.



### **Expert Conversation on Rethinking Corporate Social Responsibility**

The Department of Social Work, Kumaraguru College of Liberal Arts and Science (KCLAS) organized a virtual expert conversation on Rethinking Corporate Social Responsibility on 19th August, 2020. The expert speaker for the event was Ms. Archana Sahay, CSR Head, Asia Pacific Japan Region, Dell EMC, Bangalore.

The program started at 3:00 PM with a welcome address by Dr. Kalpana Prakash, Head, Department of Social Work, KCLAS. A short introduction about Ms. Archana Sahay, was given by Dr. Emmanuel Daniel. The participants got to understand about her journey when Ms. Archana also introduced herself, she made a quick walkthrough of some key highlighting moments in her professional career. She greeted and encouraged all the MSW students that we have taken a field which is awesome because we are catalysts towards "Being Empowered & Empowering People to make an Impact in the society and lives around".

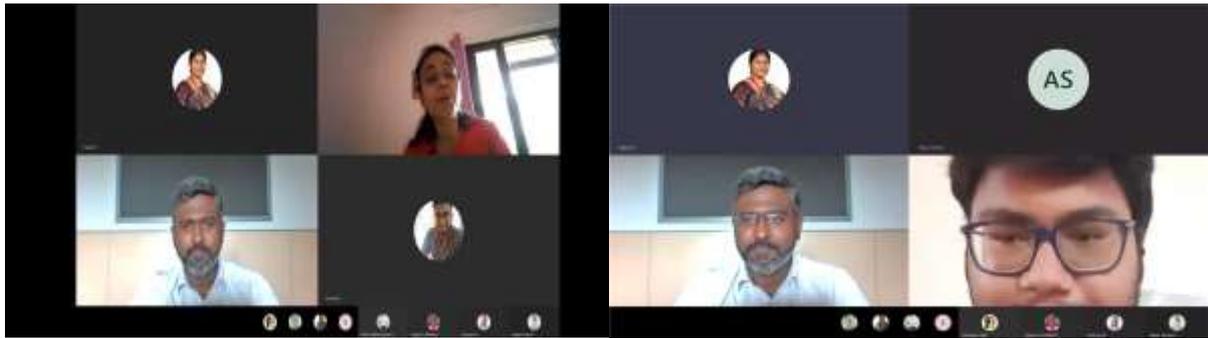
She quickly set the track towards Corporate Social responsibility and shared the importance of Philanthropy and Goodwill in our country. She shared some key insights on the concept of CSR towards future and some practices which they implemented in organizations she had travelled with. She told Scale and Shared Values are very important in CSR.

She interacted with the students and asked them couple of questions on choosing an NGO Partner. She shared another example for a deeper understanding on why the core area of an organization should be studied before approaching them – Akshaya Patra Foundation (Focuses on Food) and Agastya (Focuses on Education), and they have their own unique style.

She also shared about National and International Firms like – NITI Aayog and United Nations and requested students to look at opportunities in their official websites. She shared her motivation behind choosing this field as her career, she had been aspiring for such impactful roles during her under graduation.

She wanted to interact with the students and wanted to answer the questions students had in mind related to CSR. Dr. Emmanuel Daniel was the facilitator for the Q & A session and Ms. Archana gave her views and answers.

The event came to an end with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Emmanuel Daniel, Coordinator of this event and Faculty of Social Work, KCLAS



### **Expert Conversation on Engaging Urban Reconfigurations with a Spatial Logic**

The Department of Social Work, Kumaraguru College of Liberal Arts and Science (KCLAS) organized a virtual expert conversation on Engaging Urban Reconfigurations with a Spatial Logic on 26th August 2020. The resource person for this event was Dr Mathew A Varghese, Assistant Professor, School of International Relations and Politics (SIRP), M. G. University, Kottayam.

The program started at 5.00 PM with a welcome address by Dr. Emmanuel Daniel, Faculty of Social Work, KCLAS. Ms. Sri Kowsalya introduced the speaker to the participants. Dr. Mathew spoke on two aspects related to urban development. First, he gave a historical analysis of the urban development starting from industrialization and urbanization. He narrated the western industrialization and urbanization processes; fund allocation and how certain projects got its priorities. Second, he elaborated on the contradictions in the contemporary urban development and how that leads to new forms of rural enclosures.

He argued that the boundary between rural and urban are blurring because of expansion of urban areas into rural areas as well as new forms of enclosures in rural areas that facilitate certain sudden changes which results negative impacts such as loss of livelihoods, land alienation, etc. By taking examples from popular culture like medias, literature and cinemas, he explained the actual city is totally different from what we see in these popular media platforms. There is a huge disparity in the current mode of development and city cannot be considered as entities or models of development. He also highlighted the issues with resilience, rights violation, resource extractions in the making of new cities and legislations are largely used as tools for these spatial reconfigurations.

There was a very enriching discussion after the talk as many participants raised very interesting questions and thoughts. Questions on cities without slums, resilience of the city, infrastructure development and its impact on poor, his Kerala research experience,

sustainable development and issues related to the growth of cities, etc. are some of the topics raised in the discussion.

After the discussion Ms. Preetha K. V., Faculty of Social Work concluded with the vote of thanks.



### **The KCLAS Faculty**

Ms Preetha K.V., Faculty of Social Work, was invited as a resource person for a Webinar on Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Draft Notification 2020 jointly organized by Alappuzha Natural History Society and Kottayam Nature Society on 08 August, 2020