



## **Sixth South-South Institute (CLACSO, CODESRIA and IDEAs),**

**26 September to 3 October, 2013 – Santiago, Chile**

### **Results of the call for the Asian region**

#### **Introduction**

A Collaborative Tri-continental Programme was launched in 2005 by the Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO) and the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) with the purpose of carrying out high quality social science research and enhancing the production of knowledge suitable for fostering southern perspectives on critical issues, and feeding these into global debates. The International Development Economics Associates (IDEAs) joined the programme from 2013 onwards.

For the sixth South-South Institute to be held as part of the programme in Santiago de Chile over 26 September to 3 October 2013, potential candidates were invited to send research proposals on the topic “Democratic Renewal Versus Neoliberalism: Towards Empowerment”. A total of ten (10) research proposals were to be selected from the Asian region.

#### **Call for nominations**

A call for applications in English was launched on the sites of various partner organisations, with the call being open to researchers from all disciplines in the social sciences and humanities in particular young researchers, with a master's or doctorate degree.

## **Selection of Candidates**

**A Selection Committee** was constituted to evaluate the research proposals received for the sixth South-South Institute. The committee is composed of two members, namely:

1. Prof. C. P. Chandrasekhar; and
2. Prof. Jayati Ghosh

The evaluation of the proposals was made in accordance with the criteria given below:

1. Thematic relevance according to the call;
2. Theoretical and methodological soundness of the research proposal;
3. Contribution to the understanding of the issues outlined pertaining to Asia, Latin America, Africa and/or with a comparative perspective that is not confined to one country or region;
4. The originality of the approach in terms of its ability to renew the current debates on the issues outlined and bring new ideas and approaches;
5. Regional distribution, in order to secure the participation of applicants from various countries; and
6. Maintaining gender balance.

## **Details of applications**

A total of 16 applications were received, with the majority being from men (12) and the rest from women (4). In terms of distribution by country, fifty percent (50 %) of the applications were from India. Further, the representation of women was very low, implying that appropriate steps may need to be taken to encourage female participation.

## **Selected candidates**

In accordance with the above mentioned criteria, it was decided to select the following research applicants for participating in the sixth South-South Institute:

<b>Name and Surname</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Title of Research Proposal</b>
Ajay Gudavarthy	India	Jawaharlal Nehru University, India	Neo-Liberalism and the Anti-Graft Struggle in India
Shuxi Yin	China	Hefei University of Technology, China	Empowerment and Inclusion in Democratic Environmental Governance: Perspective from the People in Developing Countries
Zahra Karimi Moughari	Iran	University of Mazandaran, Iran	Enhancing Social Participation for Combating Labour Market Crisis
Pathmanathan Sivashankar	Sri Lanka	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	Revisiting Development in The South: Supranational Institutions And Their Impact On Governance
Aries Arugay	Philippines /USA	University of the Philippines/Georgia State University	By Means Fair or Foul: Civil Society Mobilization and Executive Crises in Young Democracies
Yongjie Wang	China	International Development Research Centre/University of Alberta	Neo-liberalism and growing fragmentation of civil society: seeking a conceptual and methodological tool to explore the process

Md Wakilur Rahman	Bangladesh	Bangladesh Agricultural University, Bangladesh	Political Influence to Local Government in Bangladesh: Challenges and Steps toward an Effective Democratization
Malini Chakravarty	India	Economic Research Foundation, India	Distributional Implications of Public Finance Policy: Comparative Analysis of Alternative Strategies adopted in India and Argentina
Harikrishnan Gopinadhan Nair	India	Birla Institute of Technology and Science, India	Democratic renewal through transparency laws and inclusive politics in Bolivia, India and Mexico
Jahan Farhat	Germany	Institute of Ethnology and Philosophy under Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany	Globalization, Nation-State and Changing Indigenous Peoples Lives: A Case Study of the Santals in Bangladesh

The results will be shared with our partners and will be posted on the IDEAs website and that of our respective partners.

**30<sup>th</sup> August, 2013, New Delhi, India.**