

International Doctoral & Early Career Academics Consortium

Venue: MDI Gurgaon

Dates: 20 – 21 February 2026

THEME: IN & BEYOND SUSTAINABILITY: CREATING AND SUSTAINING REGENERATIVE BUSINESSES

DAY 1 (20th February 2026)

Time (IST)	Session	Speakers
9:30–10:30	Inaugural & Keynote Address	<p>Introduction to Centre for Ethics, ESG Initiatives & Responsible Organisations (CERO) by: Prof. Tanuja Sharma, Chairperson CERO, MDI Gurgaon</p> <p>Doctoral Consortium Concept Brief by: Prof. Ritu Srivastava, Chairperson, FPM, MDI Gurgaon</p> <p>Director' Address by: Prof. Arvind Sahay, Director, MDI Gurgaon</p> <p>Keynote Address by: Prof. Anil Gupta; Founder, Honey Bee Network, SRISTI, GIAN, NIF, Visiting Faculty, IIMA</p> <p>Connecting Business and Society by: Prof. Karen Maas, Professor, Accounting & Sustainability, Open University; Director, Impact Centre Erasmus (ICE), Fellow IABS</p> <p>Indo-Swiss Research Collaboration & Partnership with MDI Gurgaon by: Prof. Ingrid Kissling, Director, Business School, BFH Switzerland</p>
10:30–11:30	Panel Discussion: Ethics and Principles for Sustainability in Business	<p>Prof. Harry Van Buren, Professor, Z Lupton Patten Endowed Chair of Business Ethics, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, Fellow IABS Mr Ratnesh Jha, Executive Director, UN GCNI Prof. Min Ren Yan; Professor, Management, National Chengchi University Prof. Omar Serrano, Head of International Office & Professor, Global Management, BFH, Switzerland Ms. Pritha Dutt, Founder, MeraBizNet, Chairperson, Centre for Gender Equality & Inclusive Leadership (CGEIL), XLRI, Independent Director, DIC India & Dalmia Bharat Refractories Ltd</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Tanuja Sharma, Chairperson CERO, MDI Gurgaon</p>
11:30–2:00	Networking Tea Break	
12:00–13:00	Master Class: What Exactly is a Theoretical Contribution – Sustainability	Prof. Harry Van Buren, Professor, Z Lupton Patten Endowed Chair of Business Ethics, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, Fellow IABS
13:00–14:00	Lunch	
14:00–15:30	Feedback Clinics	
15:30–16:30	Master Class: Myth-Busting in Academic Publishing	Prof. Tanusree Jain, Professor of Corporate Sustainability, Copenhagen Business School; Advisor, CERO
16:30–16:45	Tea Break	
16:45–18:15	Feedback Clinics	
18:15–	High Tea	

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DAY 2 (21st February 2026)

Time (IST)	Session	Speakers
9:00-10:00	Master Class: How to Do Exciting, Creative & Impactful Research	Prof. Rajen Gupta, Advisor, CERO Professor (Retd) MDI, Gurgaon & IIM, Lucknow
10:15-11:45		Feedback Clinics
11:45-12:00		Tea Break
12:00-13:00	Master Class: Methodology for Engaged and Community-Based Research for Regeneration	Prof. Karen Maas, Professor, Accounting & Sustainability, Open University; Director, Impact Centre Erasmus (ICE), Fellow IABS
13:00-14:00		Lunch
14:00 -16:00	Meet The Editors: Research to Publication – Writing for International Journals & Q&A	Prof. Harry Van Buren, Professor, Z Lupton Patten Endowed Chair of Business Ethics, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, Fellow IABS Prof. Karen Maas, Professor, Accounting & Sustainability, Open University; Director, Impact Centre Erasmus (ICE), Fellow IABS Dr. Bijita Majumdar, Publisher, Springer Journals- HSS (Business & Economics) Prof. Min Ren Yan; Professor, Management, National Chengchi University
16:00-16:15		Tea Break
16:15-18:00		Feedback Clinics
18:00-19:00	Valedictory Session: Scholar' Responsibility -From Knowledge Creation to Impact	Ms. Vanita Suneja, Programme Lead, Water Justice Fund, Simavi Mr Pranshu Singhal, Founder, Karo Sambhav Moderator: Dr. Avinash Kumar, Advisor, CERO; Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Equity Studies; Former Executive Director, Amnesty International
19:00-19:30		High Tea