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Title:” Doughnut Economics: what does it mean in a South Asian context?”

Speakers: Zeenat Niazi and Kate Raworth.

Date: 20th October 2021

Time: 3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Venue: Zoom

Abstract:

Doughnut Economics aims to meet the needs of all people within the means of the living planet, by creating regenerative and distributive economies. What does this mean for 21st century economics, both in theory and in practice? Join Kate Raworth, author of Doughnut Economics, and Zeenat Niazi, Vice-President of Development Alternatives, to discuss how regenerative and distributive economics might be put into practice in the South Asian context, and the challenges and opportunities of making that happen.

Speaker Bios:

Zeenat Niazi, Sr. vice-president and chief knowledge officer of the Development Alternatives Group, has over 30 years’ experience in the social and environment development sector with a focus on the design and strategic action for sustainable human settlements. She is an architect and a planner by training, with a specialization in housing and habitat development issues and additional training in policy analysis and advocacy. Her past work has included design of affordable eco-housing delivery models, post disaster housing reconstruction interventions, habitat policy development at the national level and sustainability assessments of construction technology and housing projects.

She provides oversight to the policy studies and development action initiatives at the Development Alternatives Group. Her work addresses resilience building in human settlements through Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) strategies, especially green and inclusive circular economy models.

She has been a founding member and Co-Chair of the Board of the Climate Action Network South Asia, member of the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee (MAC) of the Sustainable Buildings and Construction Programme of UN's One Planet Network, Member of the C&D Waste Sub-Committee of the NITI Aayog on Construction and Demolition Waste Management in Urban Areas, Strategic Steering Committee member of UNEP PAGE Programme in India and the Steering Committee member of the Green Economy Coalition in India. She also contributes to the Global Green Growth Platform.

Kate Raworth is an economist focused on making economics fit for 21st century realities. She holds a BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, and an MSc in Economics for Development, both from Oxford University. She is the creator of the Doughnut of social and planetary boundaries, and co-founder of Doughnut Economics Action Lab. Kate is a Senior Associate at Oxford University's Environmental Change Institute, where she teaches on the master's in Environmental Change and Management. She is also Professor of Practice at Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences. Over the past 25 years, Kate's career has taken her from working with micro-entrepreneurs in the villages of Zanzibar to co-authoring the Human Development Report for UNDP in New York, followed by a decade as Senior Researcher at Oxfam. Her internationally best-selling book *Doughnut Economics: seven ways to think like a 21st century economist* has been translated into over 20 languages and has been widely influential with diverse audiences, from the UN General Assembly to Pope Francis to the Extinction Rebellion.

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