

India's Population Policies: Prescriptions and Shifting Goalposts

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About the Lecture:

Since the 1920s, India had been concerned about its population size, growth in numbers, and the measures to be advocated and implemented to arrest the increase in population. The pursuit continues. Dr. Visaria will discuss what measures were taken, why they did not work in the past, and why the self-proclaimed goal of attaining population stabilization continues to elude policy makers and program managers even today. She will also discuss to what extent policies have incorporated an evidence-base in their formulation and implementation, and the social determinants of family planning which need to be addressed by policies in the future.

LECTURE TIME: 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

VENUE: CASI – 3600 Market Street, Suite 560 (5th floor) Philadelphia, PA 19104-2653

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