



## Mauritius after 50 years of Independence: Charting the way forward

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### Call for Papers

After 50 years of independence, proclaimed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 1968 under very unsteady conditions, Mauritius has been a paradox in the developing world with its skillful management of diversity, sustained democracy and political stability and economic success. The conference will focus on:

- The developmental and multicultural model of Mauritius and comparative contexts;
- Issues pertaining to quality, sustainability and challenges to democracy, social harmony and economic growth in Mauritius and comparative contexts;
- The management of diversity and multiculturalism in plural societies and what the Mauritian experience can contribute to this debate.

The conference will focus (not exclusively) on the following:

MULTICULTURALISM & DIVERSITY MANAGEMENT	DEMOCRACY IN PLURAL SOCIETIES	SOCIAL WELFARE, INEQUALITY & POVERTY	SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	GEOPOLITICS & THE REGION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mauritian multicultural model</li> <li>• Religious pluralism</li> <li>• The politics of language</li> <li>• Globalization and identities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political structures and democracy</li> <li>• Corruption and good governance</li> <li>• Gender and democracy</li> <li>• Media and democracy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poverty, social exclusion and inequality</li> <li>• Identity and land ownership</li> <li>• Social protection and the welfare state</li> <li>• The ageing population</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mauritian economy</li> <li>• Livelihoods and climate change</li> <li>• Sustainable development, urbanisation and the environment</li> <li>• Higher education and development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The outer islands</li> <li>• The Indian Ocean Region</li> <li>• Mauritius and its ties to Africa</li> <li>• Mauritius and the Asian Drivers</li> <li>• The role of the Mauritian diaspora</li> </ul>

**Keynote Speakers** include - Thomas Hylland Eriksen (University of Oslo), Patrick Eisenlohr (University of Göttingen) and Lino Briguglio (University of Malta).

**Language:** Papers and presentations can be in English or French.

### Submission

Submissions should include an abstract of about 300 words and the primary speaker's affiliation, contact details and brief biography. All submissions should be forwarded via email to [50yrsmauritius@uom.ac.mu](mailto:50yrsmauritius@uom.ac.mu) by 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Authors of accepted abstracts will need to submit the complete paper (between 5,000-6,000 words) by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Selected papers will be considered for publication in an edited volume.

**Abstract Submission Deadline: 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Notification of Acceptance: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Deadline for Registration and Payment: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**

**Submission of Full Paper: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

### Conference Fees:

Foreign Delegates: \$ 200 (USD)

Mauritian Delegates: Rs 3000 (MUR)

Students: Rs 1000 (MUR)

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