



On the occasion of our Silver Jubilee
Samvada invites you to
a Public Seminar on

REIMAGINING YOUTH-HOOD AND HIGHER EDUCATION IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA



09 February 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 05:00 p.m
Gandhi Bhavan, Kumara Kripa Road, Bangalore - 560001

ABOUT SAMVADA

Samvada, established in 1992, supports and empowers young people to build an equitable, just and sustainable world. Through our Yuva Samvada Kendras and Baduku Community College young people are helped to critically reflect on their sense of self and on society while being mentored about their life decisions.

Our Yuva Samvada Kendras (YSKs) in Bangalore, Tumkur, Hosapete, Bantwal, Chitradurga and Kolar use a unique reflexive pedagogy to sensitise and mobilise youth in such a way that they can become leaders of social change. The youth work promotion centre incubates YSKs and trains youth workers.

Baduku Community College addresses the need for meaningful, rewarding and dignified livelihoods for young people from socially excluded communities. Our courses help disadvantaged youth to enter and influence socially critical professions such as farming, teaching, counselling, journalism, child care, career guidance and waste management.

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WHY THIS SEMINAR

For the last 25 years we at Samvada have asked ourselves what education means. While creating educational interventions that are sensitive to young people and relevant for social transformation, we have been challenged by philosophical and strategic questions about content, pedagogy, access, direction and scope of education.

In this seminar we hope to collectively reflect on some of these issues along with educators, activists and entrepreneurs who are invested in the histories and futures of higher education in the country.

To register for the seminar please fill in our Google Form at:
<https://goo.gl/forms/Ch0XdVlpOVkrZbwu2>

Deadline for Online Registration: 05 February 2018

MORNING: 10.00 a.m to 1.00 p.m

Introduction to the Seminar

Conversation 1: Dr. Baraguru Ramachandrappa and Dr. Anand Teltumbde

- How do we understand education in contemporary India?
- What philosophical underpinnings do we need for education in the 21st century?
- How do caste, gender, class and religious identity manifest today in access to education, campus politics & knowledge discourses?
- What is our vision for education in India?

Discussants: Dr. Sujatha Surepally and Dr. Muzaffar Assadi

Anchor: Madhu Bhushan

AFTERNOON: 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Conversation 2: Dr. Shiv Vishwanathan and Usha Rajaram

- What factors have contributed to processes of privatisation, commoditisation, saffronisation, market orientation and exclusion within higher education today?
- What ideas and imaginations of knowledge are emerging today?
- What are young people expecting from education? How is education shaping their aspirations and realities?

Responses from Youth: Ms. Kavitha

Anchor: Dr. V.S Sreedhara

**Baduku Community College and Yuva Samvada Kendras as an attempt at
Reconstructing Higher Education:**

Anita Ratnam, Executive Director, Samvada

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS & DISCUSSANTS



Dr. Baraguru Ramachandrappa

Acclaimed novelist, film director, screenplay writer, teacher, educationist, poet and lyricist. Recipient of Pampa Award, Karnataka Sahitya Academy Award and Puttanna Kanagal Award. Former President of Kannada Sahitya Academy, Chairman of Kannada Development Authority and Associate of Doordarshan.



Dr. Anand Teltumbde

Writer, political analyst and civil rights activist with CPDR, Maharashtra. Currently Senior Professor, Big Data Analytics, at the Goa Institute of Management. Recipient of Vikas Ratna, Ambedkar Centenary Award, Ram Manohar Lohia Centenary Award and Maharashtra Foundation Award.



Dr. Shiv Vishwanathan

Public intellectual, writer, academic and columnist. Formerly Senior Fellow at the Centre for Study of Developing Societies (Delhi) and currently Professor, School of Government and Public Policy, O P Jindal Global University (Haryana). Adjunct Professor at Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru. His recent book is *Theatres of Democracy: Between the Epic and the Everyday*.



Usha Rajaram

Teacher and educationist. She has 27 years of teaching experience in institutions such as Ethiraj College (Chennai), Mount Carmel College (Bangalore) and UWC Mahindra College (Pune). Formerly Head of the English department and Head of UWC Learning at UWC Mahindra College. Currently teaches at The School of Liberal Studies, Azim Premji University (Bangalore).



Discussant 1

Dr. Sujatha Surepally: Activist, columnist, sociologist and academic involved with Dalit women's issues, environmental movements and Adivasi rights. Currently Principal of University College of Arts, Social Science and Commerce with the Satavahana University, Karimnagar (Telangana).



Discussant 2

Dr. Muzaffar Assadi: Political theorist, sociologist and activist with an interest in new social movements, globalisation, the media and peasant movements. Currently Professor at the Department of Studies in Political Science and Public Administration, University of Mysore.



Anita Ratnam: Anita Ratnam is Founder and Executive Director of Samvada (Bangalore), an organisation that has been working with youth on issues of social justice and sustainability since 1990. In the last 30 years she has written and taught on a range of issues related to youth, gender justice, social inclusion, traditional occupations and globalisation.



Youth Respondent: Kavitha Kammanakote

Farmer, and radio programmer at Namschoolradio (community radio project, Tumkur).