



Midwest Institute for International-Intercultural Education

**Virtual Workshop on
Social Solidarity in a World of Difference and Diversity
October 24, 2020 (10 am to 3:30 pm, EASTERN TIME)**

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10:00-10:55 **Keynote: Social Solidarity in a World of Difference and Diversity**
Badri Rao, Kettering University

10:55-11:05 Break

11:05-12:00 **Discussion on the Keynote Presentation**

Facilitator: Badri Rao

**What knowledge and skills are worthwhile for students to learn?
What ideas and issues would you like to infuse in your teaching?**

12:00-1:15 Lunch break

1:15-2:15 **Break-out Group Discussions on Articles**

Facilitators: Fran Kubicek, Anna Maheshwari, Denise Miller, Theo Sypris

Group-A

- Is happiness related to economic prosperity and vice versa?
- Has the current pandemic in any way altered our view of happiness?

Group-D

- What is the relationship between public well-being and personal security? How does one impact the other?
- Is sustainable development the key to peace, justice, and human rights? What kinds of major events are reflections of this truth?
- What has the societal impact of social distancing in the wake of COVID-19 had on U.S. culture and the increased awareness on violence against traditionally marginalized people?

Group-F

- How can educators draw students to S-Policies (solidarity-oriented) to break down strong dividing lines between social groups? What classroom techniques will be most effective?
- Crises can be switching points for societies. The corona virus could be that social solidarity moment for the USA. How can educators weave this message into their curriculum? What method would best serve students?

Group-T

- World history offers many examples of beneficial social solidarity of various human groups. Can we develop a set of guiding principles and laws for social solidarity based on freedom, dignity, equity, justice, and sustainability?
- A world of difference and diversity has been a core challenge to the human race. In what way the building of social solidarity can help us transcend such a challenge?
- How can global interdependency and social solidarity interface for a better world?

2:15-2:30 Break

2:30-3:30 **Break-out Group Reporting and Debriefing**

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