

Batch 13 starting on 22nd April 2019

Faculty for core Modules

Workshop 1: 22nd April to 1st May 2019

Rohit Dhankar (Anchor and Faculty for Modules Introduction and Philosophical Perspective)



Rohit is founder secretary of Digantar and Anchor for the Foundations of Education Programme.

He is also a Professor at Azim Premji University, Bangalore. His association with Azim Premji Foundation in various collaborative efforts goes back to about a decade. He also teaches a philosophy of education course in TISS, Bombay.

Rohit has been part of many national level initiatives including NCERT in developing material and curriculum through various committees. He was an integral part of the National Curriculum Framework 2005 process as a member of the National Steering Committee, drafting committee and Chair of Focus Group on Curriculum, Syllabus and Textbooks. He is

also a part of the collaborative group of institutions that developed the M.A. Elementary Education programme of TISS and has been involved with capacity building of educational functionaries at the national level and with various states.

He trained as a teacher under David Horsburgh in the Neelbagh School, and taught at the elementary level for about 15 years in Digantar schools. Digantar is a voluntary organization in Jaipur engaged in providing alternative education to rural children. Digantar endeavours to nurture self-motivated and independent learners equipped with the ability to think critically.

His formal education is graduation in science and masters in mathematics, school education through indifferently functioning government schools in rural Rajasthan.

Visit the link for more information. : <https://azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/SitePages/rohit-dhankar.aspx>

Amman Madan (Faculty for Sociological Perspective)



Amman's research interests are currently in social stratification and education, social theory and the sociology of organizations. Amman did his M.Sc. in Anthropology with Divyadarshi Kapoor from Punjab University, Chandigarh and then did his M.Phil and Ph.D. with Avijit Pathak at the Centre for the Study of Social Systems at JNU. He worked for a while at the Academic Staff College at JNU, after which he was a full-timer with Eklavya at Hoshangabad, MP from 2000 to 2003. Amman taught a semester at the HBCSE and then joined the department of Humanities and Social Science at the IIT Kanpur, where he regularly received commendations for excellence in teaching.

Amman has been guest faculty for the M.A. programme in Elementary Education at TISS. He is associated with several NGOs including Eklavya, Pragat Shikshan Sansthan, Digantar, etc. He is in the editorial collective of Contemporary Education Dialogue and believes Indian academics must write both for scholarly interaction as well as for the people.

Visit the link for more information. : <https://azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/SitePages/amman-madan.aspx>

Workshop 2: 17th to 27th June 2019

Rohit Dhankar (Anchor)

Shipra Suneja (Faculty for Learning and Development)



Shipra is a faculty member at the School of Education, and has been with the Azim Premji University since 2017. Prior to this, she was working on her PhD thesis titled Ecology of care of children by siblings. She has worked with NGOs such as The Teacher Foundation, Aga Khan Foundation (as Freelance consultant) and Gramin Shiksha Kendra (as Freelance consultant) on projects in early childhood education, curriculum development, promoting caring and sensitive environment in schools

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Varadarajan Narayanan (faculty for Human Understanding and Curriculum)



Before joining Azim Premji University, Varadarajan taught at Indian Institute of Technology Ropar (Punjab). He studied at Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, University of Hyderabad, and Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

Visit the link for more information. :

<https://azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/SitePages/varadarajan-narayanan.aspx>

B. S. Rishikesh (Faculty for Assessment in Schools)



Rishikesh is an Associate Professor at the School of Education, Azim Premji University; he also leads the Hub for Education, Law & Policy located at the University. His research interests are in the domains of educational policies, assessments and teacher education.

Over the last couple of years, education policy related issues has formed the core of Rishikesh's work. He is on various Government Executive Committees working on issues concerning education policy; particularly in his domicile State – Karnataka.

Other than his involvement in the above-mentioned areas of work, he offers courses related to history of education and educational assessments to students pursuing their Masters in Education program at the Azim Premji University. The classroom environment on one hand and the engagement with policy development on the other, gives him the balance that he strives for between theory and practise - one informing the other.

He regularly writes for various publications with a focus on reaching out to practitioners in the education domain. Azim Premji Foundation's magazine – Learning Curve – carries some of his articles:

- Teacher Education and Management: Policy, Practice and Alternatives; Learning Curve Issue XXVI, February 2017
<http://apfstatic.s3.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/Teacher%20Education%20and%20Management%20Policy%2C%20Practice%20and%20Alternatives2017Issue%20XXVI.pdf>
- Significance of the RtE Act to the Public Education System; Issue XXV, January 2016
<http://apfstatic.s3.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/Significance%20of%20the%20RtE%20Act%20to%20the%20Public%20Education%20System2016Issue%20XXV.pdf>
- Assessment in School Education; Issue XX, August 2013
<http://apfstatic.s3.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/LEARNINGS%20FROM%20THE%20%E2%80%98LEARNING%20GUARANTEE%20PROGRAMME%E2%80%992013Issue%20XX99-102.pdf>

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Workshop 3: 5th to 10th August 2019

Rohit Dhankar (Anchor and Faculty for Ideas in Education and Teacher Education)

Rajashree S. (Faculty for Teacher Education)



Rajashree is a faculty member at the School of Education, Azim Premji University since 2010 and teaches courses on child development and teacher education. Prior to this, she taught in the four-year Bachelors of Elementary Education (B.El.Ed) programme at Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi. Rajashree has a Ph.D. from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, a M.A. in Psychology and a B.Ed. degree. Her research interests include pedagogic practices in teacher education, child development and peace education. Her recent publications include a co-authored paper titles 'Parent-Child Relations: Changing Contours and Emerging Trends' in the book *Childhoods in India: Traditions, Trends and Transformations* and 'Pedagogic Practices of Teacher Educators' and 'Towards an understanding of the work of teacher education professoriate in India' in the Sage Journal, *Higher Education for the Future*.

Visit the link for more information. : <https://azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/SitePages/rajashree-srinivasan.aspx>

Calendar for Batch 13

Workshops	Batch 13	Fee in Rs.	50% fee*
Workshop 1: Core: Modules** 1, 2 and 3	22 Apr to 01 May 2019	19,000	9,500
Workshop 2: Core: Modules 4, 5, and 6	17 to 27 Jun 2019	21,000	10,500
Workshop 3: Core: Modules 7 and 8	05 to 10 Aug 2019	13,000	6,500
Workshop 4: Pedagogy: Modules 9, 10, and 11	14 to 23 Oct 2019	19,000	9,500
Workshop 5: Pedagogy: Modules 12, 13 and 14	09 to 17 Dec 2019	16,000	8,000
Total Programme Fee		89,000	44,500

* We have 5 places for 50% fee for deserving candidates who are not supported by any organisation. Such candidates should apply to foe@digantar.org with a statement of purpose and their CV.

** For brief information about modules write to foe@digantar.org.