



THE KRUSHNA CHANDRA JENA CHILIKA-V2V ANNUAL FIELD SCHOOL
ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AND GOVERNANCE
LEARNING THROUGH SENSES:

PLACE-BASED, CROSS CULTURAL AND EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE FUTURES

Vulnerability To Viability (V2V) Global Partnership, University of Waterloo, Canada
 in collaboration with

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur and
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Sustainability is a multidimensional and complex process. Like most ideas, it is also a contested concept - there are no simple solutions to sustainability challenges for scholars, policy makers, practitioners or communities experiencing these challenges most directly. To achieve the goals of sustainability we need to constantly think and work in open, flexible and creative ways. So, how should we teach sustainability to future generations and position it at the forefront of responses to wicked challenges, e.g., climate change, biodiversity decline, livelihood and wellbeing loss, governance failure, among others? The Chilika-V2V Field School will deliberate on sustainability in its multifaceted complexities, shrouded by uncertain and unpredictable outcomes, and hence, free from shortcuts and 'one-lens-sees-all' approach. The Field School aims to reinforce experiential, cross-cultural, place-based learning to promote the idea that sustainability must be seen as iterative, adaptive and interactive, and engage all participants (communities, researchers, policy makers) in processes of learning.

The weeklong Field School brings together a selected group of graduate students and early-career researchers, practitioners, professionals from academia, government, civil society, NGO, and communities to provide a creative platform to deliberate collaboratively and learn about concepts, approaches, methods and practices that are helpful to develop knowledge, skills, experience and expertise relevant to how sustainability can be realised. The pedagogy includes a creative mix of both field training and classroom teaching so that the participants can gain firsthand experience and creatively engage in furthering their understanding of sustainability right in the heart of Asia's largest Lagoon - Chilika.

All on-site Field School costs for registered participants are covered. This includes local accommodation, all meals, local transportation by bus and boat, field / village community visits, local tours, a one-day policy workshop with coastal communities, cultural program and all training costs. All participants are responsible for the costs of flights to arrive to the field school in advance of the start time. University of Waterloo students receive course credits towards their successful completion of the Field School (DEVP 617 / ERS 675, CR/NCR, counts as Elective). A certificate of participation is provided to all those that complete the course. For further details please contact: v2vglobalpartnership@gmail.com

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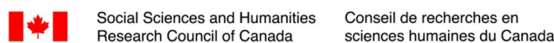


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