

**First Symposium  
on**

**Transition Strategies for Sustainable Community Systems:**

**Design & Systems Perspectives**

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Apparently, there are infinite combinations of designs & systems that can lead us to un-sustainability but probably a few simple combinations to achieve sustainable communities and society at large. Research and experiences suggest that the challenges for transition to sustainability are largely due to the LOCK-IN effects arising out of the way we have been designed in terms of our relationships (systemic & spiritual) at different level viz. production systems, organizations, governance, and institutions. The inherent tensions in the designs within and across systems at different levels apparently perpetuate the lock-in effects and greater external control than freedom.

Would these be the underlying factors for the unfortunate historical trends in several countries in terms of high economic growth, rise in inequity, inefficiencies across industries beginning with primary sector; followed by secondary and then tertiary sector, economic recession, leading to large scale social unrest and decay? It appears that unless people and communities recognize the realities of these tensions and simultaneously make efforts to unlock themselves from the various lock-in effects arising out of the above dimensions; our transition to sustainability will only be partial at best.

The first symposium on 'Transition Strategies for Sustainable Community Systems' will deliberate and discuss the hidden challenges of unlocking sustainability in Agriculture, Farmer Producer Organizations, Community Governance, Institutions and culture of Relationships that bind them all. It will deliberate and discuss the possible combinations of variables and paths to transit towards sustainable communities. Well-known senior academics, practitioners and policy executives have been actively involved in shaping this symposium. By participating in this symposium, you shall not only learn from them and other learned participants but also share your valuable experiences with all and explore a few simple but strategic steps that can help you build sustainable community systems.

### **Welcome to the symposium!!!**

Please visit the link: <http://www.xub.edu.in/NABARD-Chair/> for more details and to register online to participate in the symposium.

<b>Important Dates</b>	
Last Date for Paper Submission	30 October, 2016
Notification of Acceptance of the paper	30 November, 2016
Last Date for Registration	17 December, 2016
Last Date for Booking of Accommodation	24 December, 2016
Conference Dates	19 - 20 January, 2017

### **Registration Fee:\***

<b>Participant Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Academics, Policy Makers / Government Officials, Representatives from NGOs/Civil Society members & Donor Agencies	Rs. 3000/-
Corporate Executives	Rs. 5000/-
Research Scholars & Students	Rs 2000/-

\* Registration Fee includes breakfast, lunch, coffee & snacks, and dinner on conference days.

## Symposium Tracks

### Track 1: Relationships

- 1.1. Ethics, Morals & Values: regulating others...self-regulation
- 1.2. Ethos & Pathos: concern for strongest...concern for weakest
- 1.3. Notion of Capital & Wealth: financial capital & material wealth...social capital, social wealth, & culture
- 1.4. Faith, Belief & Mental Construct: hierarchical & power asymmetries...non-hierarchical
- 1.5. Notion of Interdependence & Identifying self with Others: Trust...Love

### Track 2: Sustainable Agricultural Systems

- 2.1. Seed: exotic...indigenous
- 2.2. Soil: dead...live.
- 2.3. Moisture: external...in-situ
- 2.4. Farm Diversity: low...high
- 2.5. Farm Ecology: shallow...deep
- 2.6. Economic principles of Sustainable Agricultural Systems

### Track 3: Organizational Design of CES - FPOs

- 3.1. Size: large...small
- 3.2. Scope: few...multiple
- 3.3. Technology: high...low
- 3.4. Management: complex...simple
- 3.5. Ownership: concentrated...dispersed

### Track 4: Community Governance

- 4.1. Structural Orientation: centralization...decentralization
- 4.2. Transparency & Accountability: low...high
- 4.3. Decision-making Method: indirect participation...direct participation & convening processes
- 4.4. Efficiency Principles: professionalism...voluntarism
- 4.5. Problem Solving Approach: positivism...constructivism

### Track 5: Institutions

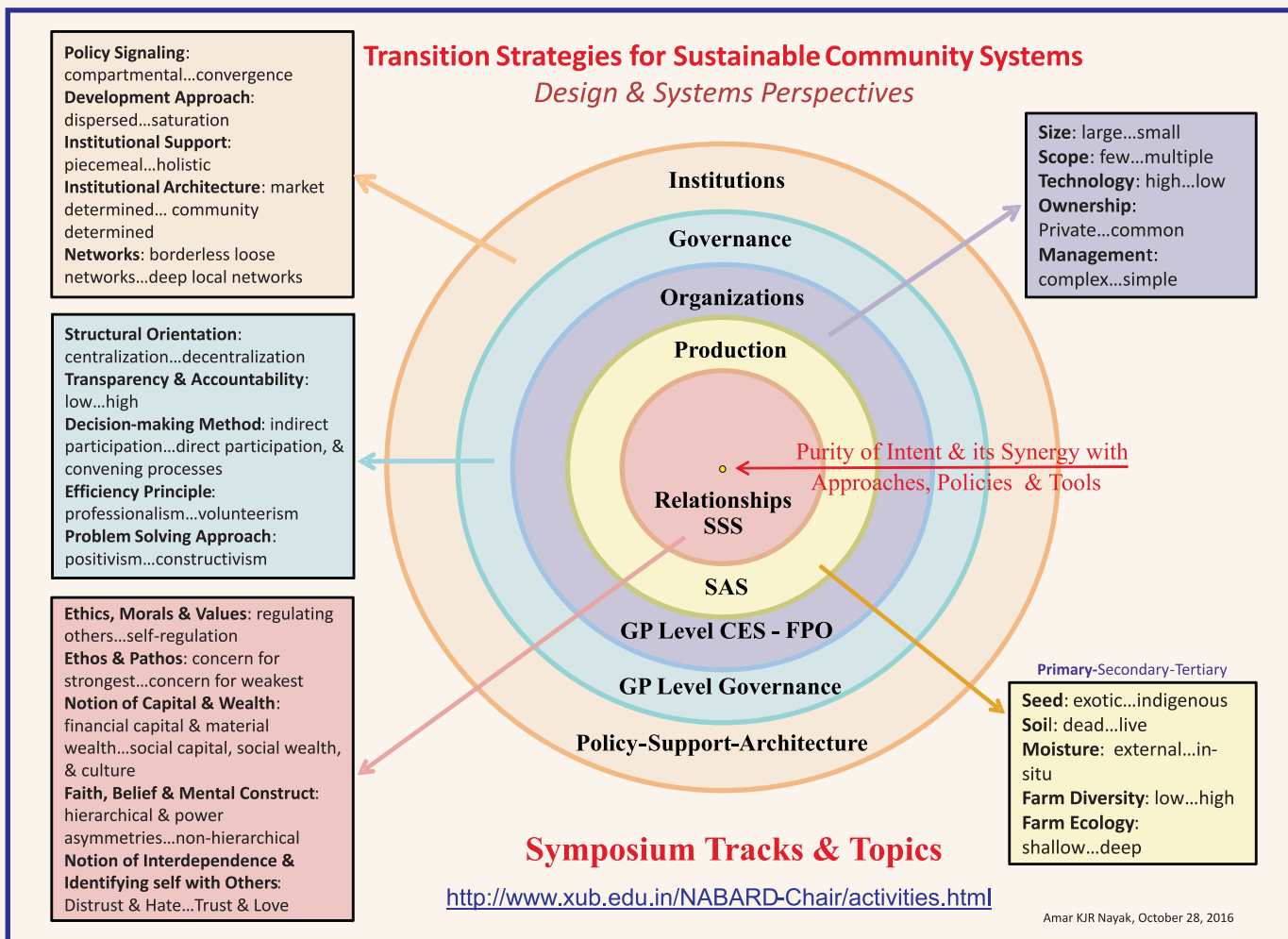
- 5.1. Policy Signaling: compartmental...convergence
- 5.2. Development Approach: dispersed...saturation
- 5.3. Institutional Support: piecemeal...holistic
- 5.4. Institutional Architecture: market determined...community determined
- 5.5. External Networks: borderless loose networks...deep local networks

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