

GRC 2020: Shift in dates to November 2020

A message from the Directors

Dear Prospective Member,

We hope you and those connected with you are staying as well as can be in these difficult and unprecedented times.

We have, like everyone else, been following closely the novel coronavirus outbreak as it grew to a global pandemic in a short time span. The uncertainties at this point of time are many globally and for us in the country: how long before it peaks and wanes, impacts on health, economy, livelihoods, travel, contact, even the nature of work and relationships, etc.

With a national lockdown declared, given the uncertainties on so many fronts, we realize it may be difficult for people to commit to attending the GRC at this point. Also, a special and important feature of our GRCs is that the members are from many walks of life, thus allowing for a rich diversity of experiences and learning for all. This time too, we would hope a diverse set of people be able to participate in GRC 2020; and to do our best to make it possible for all those who want to attend to be in a position to attend.

We are therefore shifting the GRC to November 2020 – the dates being 2nd to 7th November 2020. Venue remains the same - GCC Mumbai. Please find attached the brochure with the new dates.

We have also been puzzling about the links between the spread of this epidemic, and the title and task of this GRC. The past few months and the months ahead call for leadership with purpose. A public health crisis such as this reminds us once again that the fault lines that exist are created premised on hierarchy and privilege. This is but one more example of the need to unpack these dynamics, so that in an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world, our being blind to or unmindful of the inequity of options and choices available to others around us does not further decisions that are unwise and even destructive.

We look forward to hearing from you as and when it is feasible, since the impact and implications of COVID 19 are still unravelling.

Sincerely,

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New dates: November 2nd to 7th 2020, Mumbai, India