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Conference Program

Thursday, February 21

9:00 am – 9:30 am : Registration

9:30 am – 10:45 am : Inaugural session (Venue: FSI Hall)

Chair

Kavita A Sharma (President, South Asian University, New Delhi)

Welcome Remarks

Santosh C Panda (Professor and Dean, Faculty of Economics, and Vice President, South Asian University, New Delhi)

Opening Remarks

Kenichi Yokoyama (Country Director, India Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank, New Delhi)

Keynote Lecture

Title: *Current Issues and Outlooks in Agriculture*

Ramesh Chand (Member, NITI Aayog, New Delhi)

10:45 am – 11:15 am : High Tea

11:15 am – 1:00 pm : Panel Discussion (Venue: FSI Hall)

Title: *Economic Development: The South Asian Context*

Chair

R. Nagaraj (Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai)

Panelists

Rana Hasan (Director, Development Economics and Indicators Division, Asian Development Bank, Manila)

Wahiduddin Mahmud (Former Professor, University of Dhaka, Dhaka)

Dushni Weerakoon (Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo)

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm : Lunch

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm : Session I

Session I-A: Agriculture, Rural Non-Farm Sector, and Development

Venue: FSI Hall

Chair and Discussant: Rohit (Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

Farm – Nonfarm linkage: Continuity and Change in Rural India

Saumya Chakrabarti (Vishwa Bharati University, Santiniketan)

Manojit Bhattacharjee (St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru)

Meenakshi Rajiv (Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru)

Growth and Convergence in Agriculture: The Experience of Indian States Since 1980s

Balaji S J (ICAR-National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi)

Subhash Jagdamba (ICAR-National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi)

Shiji C P (ICAR-National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi)

Suresh Pal (ICAR-National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi)

Determinants and Effects of Livelihood Diversification in Rural Non-Farm Enterprises: Longitudinal Evidence from Different Agroecological Zones of India

Zeeshan (Birla institute of Technology and Science, Pilani)

Geetilaxmi Mohapatra (Birla institute of Technology and Science, Pilani)

A K Giri (Birla institute of Technology and Science, Pilani)

Session I-B: Microeconomic Theory and Development I

Venue: Mezzanine Floor Hall

Chair and Discussant: Debabrata Pal (Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

Price Stabilization or Income Support? Preferences and Cost of Programmes

Bodhisattva Sengupta (Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati)

Amarjyoti Mahanta (Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati)

Gender Bias in Education Expenditure: An Application of Intra-Household Collective Model on Indian Data

Chayanika Mitra (Economic Research Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata)

Amita Majumder (Economic Research Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata)

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm : Tea

3:45 pm – 5:45 pm : Session II

Session II-A: Macroeconomic Theory and Development

Venue: FSI Hall

Chair: Mausumi Das (Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi)

Discussants: Mausumi Das (Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi)
Soumya Datta (South Asian University, New Delhi)

Some Macrodynamic Aspects of the Neoliberal Experience of Developing Countries

C. Saratchand (Satyawati College, University of Delhi, New Delhi)

Worker Household Debt, Functional Income Distribution and Growth: A Neo-Kaleckian Perspective

Pintu Parui (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

Interaction Between the Real and the Financial Sector: An Alternative to the IS-LM

Tamali Karmakar (Jadavpur University, Kolkata)

Ambar Nath Ghosh (Jadavpur University, Kolkata)

On 'Rusting' Money: Silvio Gesell's "Schwundgeld" Reconsidered

Gunther Rehme (Technische Universität Darmstadt, Darmstadt)

Session II-B: Education and Development I

Venue: Mezzanine Floor Hall

Chair: Ashokankur Dutta (Shiv Nadar University, Noida)

Discussants: Ashokankur Dutta (Shiv Nadar University, Noida)
Namrata Gulati (South Asian University, New Delhi)

Can a Mandate for Inclusion Change School Choices for Disadvantaged Parents? – Evidence from Urban India

Karan Singhal (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad)

Ambrish Dongre (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad)

Ankur Sarin (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad)

Sri Lanka's NEETs: An Analysis of Youth Not in Education, Employment or Training

Ashani Abayasekara (Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo)

Neluka Gunasekara (Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo)

Are Educated Leaders Good for Education: Evidence from India?

Rahul Lahoti (Azim Premji University, Bengaluru)

Soham Sahoo (Indian Institute of Management, Bengaluru)

Intergenerational Education Mobility in India: Trends, Nonlinearity, and the Great Gatsby Curve

Kishan PKV (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad)

Session II-C: Microeconomic Theory and Development II

Venue: Room 204 (ECO I)

Chair and Discussant: Soumendu Sarkar (TERI School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi)

Is Nepotism Inevitable Under Search and Matching Friction?

Debojyoti Mazumder (Indian Institute of Management, Indore)

Rajit Biswas (Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram)

On Strategic Formation of Socio-Economic Networks

Anurag Kakkar (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

Asymmetric Auctions: A Generalized Class of Utility Functions

Sanyam Khurana (Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi)

5:45 pm – 6:15 pm : **Tea**

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm : **Plenary Lecture** (Venue: FSI Hall)

Title: *Has India De-industrialised between 1991 and 2011?*

R. Nagaraj (Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai)

Chair TBD

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm : **Dinner**

Friday, February 22

9:15 am – 11:15 am : Session III

Session III-A: Political and Economic Barriers and Development

Venue: FSI Hall

Chair and Discussant: Sabyasachi Das (Ashoka University, Sonapat)

Parachuters vs. Climbers: Economic Consequences of Barriers to Political Entry in a Democracy

Aaditya Dar (George Washington University, Washington D C)

Political Clientelism and Public Service: A Comparative Study of Water Supply and Drainage Services in Kolkata Slums

Indranil De (Institute of Rural Management, Anand)

Tirthankar Nag (International Management Institute, Kolkata)

Crime, Corruption and Barriers to Investment in Afghanistan

Rishabh Sinha (World Bank, Washington DC)

Subika Farazi (World Bank, Washington DC)

Ahmed Rostom (World Bank, Washington DC)

Session III-B: Social Exclusion, Inequality, and Development

Venue: Mezzanine Floor Hall

Chair: Amit Thorat (Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

Discussants: Amit Thorat (Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

Binoy Goswami (South Asian University, New Delhi)

Inequality of Opportunity and Economic Growth in India

Mrinalini Jha (Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi)

Access to Formal Credit in the Indian Agriculture: Does Caste matters?

Karthick V. (Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru)

Decomposition of Poverty Disparity between Social Groups in Rural India: An Alternative Estimation

Snehasis Mondal (Vidyasagar College, Kolkata)

Panchanan Das (University of Calcutta, Kolkata)

The Role of Social Cohesion in the Natural Disaster Recovery of Households in Bangladesh

M. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (University of Dhaka, Dhaka)

Session III-C: Finance and Development

Venue: Room 204 (ECO I)

Chair: Surajit Das (Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

Discussants: Surajit Das (Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi)

Sunil Kumar (South Asian University, Delhi)

Evaluation of Return and Its Determinants in Rotating Saving Credit Associations (ROSCAs)

Indu Choudhary (Kalindi College, New Delhi)

Measuring Financial Capability of the Street Vendors

Silu Muduli (Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai)

D.V. Ramana (Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar)

Local Financial Development, Access to Credit and SMEs Performance: Evidence from Bangladesh

Monzur Hossain (Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Dhaka)

Dynamics of Banking Sector Integration in South Asia: An Empirical Study

Piyush Pandey (FORE School of Management, New Delhi)

Sanjay Sehgal (University of Delhi, South Campus, New Delhi)

Wasim Ahmad (Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur)

11:15 am – 11:30 am : Tea

11:30 am – 1:00 pm : Session IV

Session IV-A: Business Cycle, Fiscal Policy, and Development

Venue: FSI Hall

Chair and Discussant: Jyotirmoy Bhattacharya (Ambedkar University Delhi, New Delhi)

Trend and Cycles in Indian GDP

Abhishek Kumar (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai)

Ashima Goyal (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai)

Fiscal Policy Cyclicalities in South Asian Economies

Radhika Pandey (National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi)

Ila Patnaik (National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi)

The Role of Fiscal Policy in Business Cycle Fluctuations in South Asia

Lazar Milivojevic (Goethe University, Frankfurt)

Robert C.M. Beyer (World Bank, Washington DC)

Session IV-B: Education and Development II

Venue: Mezzanine Floor Hall

Chair and Discussant: Arka Roy Chaudhuri (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi)

Red-shirting or Green-shirting? Does Age of Entry in Pre-Schooling Affect Children's Later Development?

Saikat Ghosh (University of Bamberg, Bamberg)

Subhasish Dey (University of York, York)

Improving School Attendance for Adolescent Girls- Evidence from a Policy Experiment in Delhi's Public Schools

Garima Agarwal (Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi)

Short Term Migration and Children's Schooling Attendance: Evidence from Rural India

Leena Bhattacharya (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai)

Session IV-C: Political Economy of Development

Venue: Room 204 (ECO I)

Chair and Discussant: Arindam Banerjee (Ambedkar University Delhi, New Delhi)

Rethinking the Land Question: Dispossession, Neoliberal Urbanism and a Transmuting Agrarian Society

Animesh Roy (Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow)

Property as Problem: Rethinking Anticommons

Priyanshu Gupta (Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata)

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm : Lunch

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm : Session V

Session V-A: Manufacturing, Productivity, and Development

Venue: FSI Hall

Chair and Discussant: Jayan Jose Thomas (Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi)

Road to Productivity: The Effect of Roads on Manufacturing TFP in India

Subham Kailthya (University of Reading, Reading)

Uma Kambhampati (University of Reading, Reading)

Technology-Productivity Paradox in India's Manufacturing Sector: An Analysis Using Innovation System Perspective

Kiran Kumar Kakarlapudi (Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram)

K J Joseph (Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram)

Trends in Productivity in Manufacturing Sector in India

Shweta Jain (Shiv Nadar University, Noida)
Partha Chatterjee (Shiv Nadar University, Noida))

Session V-B: Gender and Development

Venue: Mezzanine Floor Hall

Chair and Discussant: Kanika Mahajan (Ashoka University, Sonipat)

Mobilizing Women Voters: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan

Karrar Hussain (Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore)
Zain Chaudhry (Heidelberg University, Heidelberg)
Muhammad Yasir Khan (University of California, Berkeley)

The Causal Impact of Women's Age at Marriage on Domestic Violence in India

Punarjit Roychowdhury (Indian Institute of Management, Indore)
Gaurav Dhamija (Shiv Nadar University, Noida)

Women Headed Households and Microfinance: Multinomial Probit Model with Selection

Kanika Rana (Ernst and Young, Gurgaon)
Brinda Viswanathan (Madras School of Economics, Chennai)

Session V-C: Health and Development

Venue: Room 204 (ECO I)

Chair and Discussant: Indranil Mukhopadhyay (O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat)

Impact of Free Health Care Policy on Health Care Utilization and Health Expenditure: Empirical Evidence from Nepal

Nirmal Kumar Raut (Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu)
Ryuichi Tanaka (University of Tokyo, Tokyo)

It's Better to Learn than to Suffer! Cancer Patients' Preferences as a Guide to Cancer Prevention

Soumi Roy Chowdhury (National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi)
Alok K. Bohara (University of New Mexico, Albuquerque)

Consumer Behavior in Life Insurance: Theory of Planned Behavior

Manohar Giri (Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur)

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm : Tea

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm : Panel Discussion (Venue: FSI Hall)

Title: Political Economy of Development and Democracy in South Asia

Chair

Pulin Nayak (Former Professor, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi)

Panelists

Rohini Somanathan (Professor, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi)

Satish Deshpande (Professor, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi)

Gurpreet Mahajan (Professor, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

Prabhat Patnaik (Professor Emeritus, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

6:00 pm – 6:15 pm : Closing Remarks

Santosh C Panda (Conference Chair & Professor and Dean, Faculty of Economics, South Asian University)

6:15 pm – 7:00 pm : High Tea