

The Third International Conference on South Asian Economic Development

**Faculty of Economics
South Asian University
New Delhi**

**February 23-24, 2017
Venue: FSI Hall, Akbar Bhawan, SAU**

Conference Programme

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30 - 9:30 am : Registration

9:30 - 11:30 am : **Inaugural session**

Chair: Dr. Kavita A. Sharma, President, South Asian University

Welcome Address: Prof. Santosh C. Panda, Vice President and Dean, Faculty of Economics, South Asian University

Inaugural Address: Prof. T.C.A. Anant, Chief Statistician of India and Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India

Title: Sustainable Development Agenda: Challenges and Opportunities

Keynote Lecture: Dr. Min B. Shrestha, Vice Chairman, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal

Title: Reversing the Flow of International Migration

11:30 - 12:00 pm : High Tea

12:00 - 1:30 pm : **Technical Session I: Political Economy**

Chair: Prof. Sugato Dasgupta (CESP, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi)

- 1. Electoral Competition, Special Interest Group and Cost to the Economy**
Ganesh Manjhi, Assistant Professor, Gargi College, University of Delhi and Research Scholar, Centre for International Trade and Development, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
- 2. Persistence of Informality in India: A Mark of Capital's Weakness or Expansion**
Saumya Chakrabarti, Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal
- 3. Measures of regional disparity: Implications for social and political discord**
Basudeb Guha-Khasnobis, Resident Senior Economist, UNDP, Kathmandu, Nepal

Discussants:

Bruno Dorin, Head (Economics and Development Research Area) Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, Delhi

Amlan Dasgupta, Visiting Faculty, Shiv Nadar University, Noida, Uttar Pradesh

1:30 - 2:30 pm : Lunch Break

2:30 - 4:30 pm : **Technical Session II: Open Economy**

Chair: Prof. B. L. Pandit (Delhi School of Economics, Delhi)

- 1. Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment in South Asia: Analysis of Economic, Institutional and Political Factors**
Samridhi Bimal, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for International Trade and Development, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- 2. The Effect of Exchange Rate Volatility in India's Trade with SAARC Countries: An Appraisal**
Ganapati Mendali, Research Scholar, Sambalpur University, Odisha
Sanjukta Das, Reader in Economics, Sambalpur University, Odisha
- 3. Dynamics of Private Capital Flows in India: A Structural VAR Approach**
Virender Kumar, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University
- 4. Time Varying Stock Market Integration and its Determinants in the South Asian Region**
Florent Deisting, Professor, ESC PAU, France
Sanjay Sehgal, Professor, Department of Financial Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi
Piyush Pandey, Research Scholar, Department of Financial Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi

Discussants:

Ananya Ghosh Dastidar, Associate Professor, Department of Business Economics, University of Delhi

Nitin Arora, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Panjab University, Chandigarh

4:30 - 4:45 pm : Tea / Coffee Break

4:45 - 6:45 pm : **Technical Session III: Selected Topics in Macroeconomics**

Chair: Prof. Ila Patnaik (National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, Delhi)

- 1. Organization capital and optimal monetary policy inertia**
Bidyut Talukdar, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Saint Mary's University, Canada
- 2. Introducing the Rate of Underemployment as a Determinant to Measure the Size of the Shadow Economy in Developing Nations: A Theoretical and Empirical Investigation**
Isuru Janaranjana Samaranayake, Assistant Lecturer, Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
- 3. Impact of Monetary Policy on Firm-Level Investment in India: Importance of Interest Rate and Credit Channels**
Abhishek Kumar, Doctoral Candidate, IGIDR, Mumbai
Parul Bharadwaj, Doctoral Candidate, University of Delhi, Delhi
- 4. Evolution of Market Concentration and Competition in the Microfinance Sector: Evidence from Bangladesh**
Md. Aslam Mia, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Development Studies, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
(Presentation through Skype)

Discussants:

Pankaj Sinha, Professor, Faculty of Management Studies, Delhi University, Delhi
Soumya Datta, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics, South Asian University, Delhi
Namrata Gulati, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics, South Asian University, Delhi
Jyotirmoy Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi

7: 30 - 9:00 pm : Dinner

DAY 2

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:15 - 11.45 am : **Technical Session IV: Parallel Session I (Agriculture)**

Chair: Prof. Sukhpal Singh (Chairperson, Centre for Management in Agriculture, IIM Ahmedabad, Gujarat)

- 1. Supermarket Participation and Cropping Diversification: A Panel Evidence from Indian State of Telengana**
Rajib Sutradhar, Assistant Professor, Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati
N. Chandrasekhara Rao, Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi

2. Innovations in Custom Hiring Services of Combined Harvester Users and Rural Transformation in India

Madhusudan Bhattarai, Consultant – Economist, IFPRI South Asia Office

B.L. Varalakshmi, Scientific Officer, RP- MIP, ICRISAT, India

A.B. Dhumale, Scientific Officer, RP- MIP, ICRISAT, India

Ranjit Kumar, Principal Scientist, RP- MIP, ICRISAT, India

3. Land-constrained growth in a developing economy: A Kaldorian perspective

Isha Gupta, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning,

Jawaharlal Nehru University

Discussants:

Arindam Banerjee, Associate Professor, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Syed Ahsan, Visiting Professor, Faculty of Economics, South Asian University, Delhi

10:15 - 11.45 am : **Technical Session V: Parallel Session II***
(Issues in Health, Schooling and Environment)

**Venue: Mezzanine Floor, SAU*

Chair: Prof. N. R. Bhanumurthy (National Institute of Public Finance and Policy)

1. Comparing Health Outcomes across Scheduled Tribes and Castes in India

Bipasha Maity, Post-Doctoral Researcher at Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka University, Japan

2. The role of private schooling on children learning outcomes and prevalence of female mathematical anxiety in India

Karan Singhal, Research Associate, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad

Upasak Das, Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania

3. Economics of Solar Power Generation and Usage at the Farm-Level: A Study of Dhundi Solar Irrigation Cooperative in Gujarat, India

Sonal Bhatt, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Sardar Patel University, Gujarat

S.S. Kalamkar, Director, Agro-Economic Research Centre, Sardar Patel University, Gujarat

Discussants:

Nandan Nawn, Associate Professor, TERI University, Delhi

Binoy Goswami, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics, South Asian University, Delhi

Namrata Gulati, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics, South Asian University, Delhi

11:45 - 12:00 pm : Tea / Coffee Break

12:00 - 1:00 pm : **Distinguished Plenary Lecture**

Chair: Prof. Manoj Panda (Director, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi)

Title : Inequality And Poverty: Are We Just Finding What We Measure, Instead Of Measuring What We Find?

Speaker: Prof. S. Subramanian, ICSSR National Fellow, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai

1:00 - 2:00 pm : Lunch Break

2:00 - 3.30 pm : **Technical session VI: Labour Economics**

Chair: Prof. Sunil Kanwar (Delhi School of Economics, Delhi)

1. Petty Services, Profit-Led Growth and Rural-Urban Migration in a Developing Economy

Gogol Mitra Thakur, Doctoral Candidate, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
Subrata Guha, Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

2. Domestic Work Arrangements and Wages in the National Capital Region

Shraddha Jain, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, Kerala

Discussants:

Sonali Roy, Assistant Professor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat

Anirban Dasgupta, Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, South Asian University, Delhi

3.30 - 3.45 pm : Tea/Coffee Break

3:45 - 4:45 pm : **Technical session VII:
Selected Topics in Microeconomics**

Chair: Prof. Prabal Roy Chowdhury (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi)

1. Institutional barriers to technology adoption: the case of silk technology in colonial India

Anirban Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, University of Calcutta, West Bengal
Subhasree Sarkar, Doctoral Candidate, University of Calcutta, West Bengal

2. Social Network, Referrals and Technology Adoption: Evidence from Randomized Field Experiments

Marcel Fafchamps, Senior Fellow, Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University, USA

Asad Islam, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Monash University, Australia

Abdul Malek, Research Fellow, BRAC Research and Evaluation Division, Bangladesh

Debayan Pakrashi, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
(Presentation through Skype)

Discussants:

Ankush Agrawal, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Delhi, Delhi

Sonali Roy, Assistant Professor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

4:45 - 5:00 pm : Tea/Coffee Break

5:00 - 6.00 pm : **Valedictory Session**

Chair: Prof. Santosh C. Panda, Vice President and Dean, Faculty of Economics, South Asian University

Valedictory Address: Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog

Title: Emerging Trends in Rural and Agricultural Economy of India

Vote of Thanks: Sunil Kumar, Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, South Asian University (Organizing Secretary)

6:00 -7.00 pm : High Tea
