



**The Fourth International
Conference
on
South Asian Economic
Development**

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

**February 22-23, 2018
Venue: FSI Hall, Akbar Bhawan,
SAU**

Conference Programme

DAY 1: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30 - 9:30 am: Registration

9:30 - 11:00 am: **Inaugural session**

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

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

Opening Remarks: Kenichi Yokoyama, Country Director, India Resident Mission - Asian Development Bank (ADB), New Delhi

Inaugural Address: Selim Raihan, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and the Executive Director of the South Asian Network on Economic Modelling (SANEM).

“Future of Regional Integration in South Asia”

11:00 - 11:30 am: High Tea

11:30 - 12:45 pm: **Distinguished Plenary Lecture**

Chair: TBA

Speaker: Sugata Marjit, Reserve Bank of India Professor of Industrial Economics at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta and the Project Director of Centre for Training & Research in Public Finance and Policy (CTRFPF).

“Growth Gains from International Trade”

12:45-1:45 pm: Lunch

1:45 – 3:45 pm: **Technical Session 1.a: Macro Economics**

Chair: Abhijit Sen Gupta, Economist, India Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank

1. Some Macrodynamic Concerns on Debt in the Indian Context

C. Saratchand (Satyawati College, Delhi, India)

Discussant: Tanweer Akram (Global Public Policy and Economics Thrivent Financial, Minneapolis, USA)

2. Analyzing Jobless Growth and Income Growth Dynamics in India: A Sectoral Decomposition Analysis

Balakrushna Padhi (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

Discussant: Alessandro Barattieri (Collegio Carlo Alberto and ESG UQAM)

3. The Long-Run Determinants of Indian Government Bond Yields

Tanweer Akram (Global Public Policy and Economics Thrivent Financial, Minneapolis, USA)
Anupam Das (Mount Royal University, Alberta, Canada)

Discussant: C. Saratchand (Satyawati College, Delhi, India)

4. Protectionism and the Business Cycle

Alessandro Barattieri (Collegio Carlo Alberto and ESG UQAM)
Matteo Cacciatore (Institute of Applied Economics, HEC Montréal and NBER)
Fabio Ghironi (University of Washington, CEPR, EABCN, and NBER)

Discussant: Balakrushna Padhi (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

1:45 – 3:45 pm: **Technical Session 1.b: Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Development**

Chair: TBA

1. Consumer Preferences for Fuel Efficient Products: Role of Green Networks

Charu Grover (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)
Sangeeta Bansal (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

Discussant: Salman Haider (University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India)

2. Energy efficiency of Iron and Steel Sector in India: An Interstate Analysis

Salman Haider (University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India)

Prajna Pramita Mishra (University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India)

Discussant: Charu Grover (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

3. Energy Intensity and Technological Changes for Indian Economy: An Analysis using Hybrid Input-Output Technique

Tulika Bhattacharya (University of Kassel, Germany and Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India)

Discussant: Sandeep Kumar Kujur (Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad, India)

4. Changing Material Consumption and its Sustainability in the Resource-based Manufacturing: An Assessment of Pulp and Paper Industry in India

Sandeep Kumar Kujur (Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad, India)

Discussant: Tulika Bhattacharya (University of Kassel, Germany and Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India)

3:45 - 4:00 pm: Tea Break

4:00 – 6:00 pm: **Technical Session 2.a: Trade**

Chair: TBA

1. Endogenous Trade Agreements and Inter-Intra Industry Trade of India: An Empirical Investigation of Gravity Model.

Anusree Paul (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

Manoj Pant (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

Discussant: Nobin khor Kundu (Comilla University, Bangladesh)

2. India's Services Trade: What role does Information and Communications Technology (ICT) play?

Hemanta Barman (Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India)

Mrinal Kanti Dutta (Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India).

Hiranya K. Nath (Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, USA)

Discussant: Afsana Arafin (OBOR Research Group, Australia)

3. Should Bangladesh be integrated with Trans-Pacific Partnership? A Dynamic Panel Data Analysis

Nobin khor Kundu (Comilla University, Bangladesh)

Md. Shaddam Hossain (Comilla University, Bangladesh)

Discussant: Hemanta Barman (Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India)

4. The Belt and Road Initiative: Evaluating South Asia's Trade Potential with China

Suborna Barua (OBOR Research Group, Australia, Federation University Australia, and University of Dhaka)

Rezwanul Hasan Rana (OBOR Research Group, Australia, and University of Southern Queensland, Australia)

Afsana Arafin (OBOR Research Group, Australia)

Fariza Binte Mahbub (OBOR Research Group, Australia)

Discussant: Anusree Paul (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

4:00 – 6:00 pm: **Technical Session 2.b: Asset Pricing and Equity Market**

Chair: TBA

1. Is Idiosyncratic Risk Ignored In Asset Pricing: Sri Lankan Evidence?

Moinak Maiti (Pondicherry University, Puducherry, India)

Discussant: J Vineesh Prakash (Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, India)

2. Assessing Financial Integration in Equity Markets of major countries in South Asia

J Vineesh Prakash (Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, India)

Discussant: Moinak Maiti (Pondicherry University, Puducherry, India)

3. Volatility Spillover Effects and Conditional Correlations in Bangladesh and Indian Stock Markets

Md. Abu Hasan (Bangladesh Civil Service (General Education), Ministry of Education)

Anita Zaman (Rajshahi University, Bangladesh)

Discussant: Majuwana Kankanamge Amendra Kapila (MA, PDBA, Chief Internal Auditor, Sri Lanka)

4. An Econometric Analysis of Stock Market Volatilities in Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) in Sri Lanka

Majuwana Kankanamge Amendra Kapila (MA, PDBA, Chief Internal Auditor, Sri Lanka)

Discussant: Md. Abu Hasan (Bangladesh Civil Service (General Education), Ministry of Education)

6:00 -6:15 pm: Tea Break

6:15 – 7:30 pm: **Distinguished Plenary Lecture**

Chair: TBA

Speaker: **V. Santhakumar**, Azim Premji University, Bangalore and Visiting Professor at the Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum.

“Schooling and Work Participation of Women: Some Interesting Patterns in South Asia”

7:30 – 9:30 pm: Dinner

DAY 2: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 – 11:00 am: **Technical Session 3.a: International Macro**

Chair: TBA

1. Trade and Income Convergence: Empirical Evidence from the EU and the ASEAN

Devasmita Jena (Reserve Bank of India, (currently on deputation with Deputation with FSDC, MoF, India)

Discussant: K.T.U.Niranjala (University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka, India)

2. Causal Interactions between Trade and FDI in SAARC Region: Evidence from Dynamic Panel Co-Integration

Pravin Jadhav (Institute of Infrastructure, Technology, Research and Management, Ahmedabad, India)

Rahul Nath Choudhury (Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, India)

Discussant: Dr Sanjeev Gupta (Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, India)

3. Foreign Exchange Intervention and Rupee Exchange Rate: An Empirical Investigation

Sanjeev Gupta (Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, India)

Abdul Rishad (Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, India)

Discussant: Devasmita Jena (Reserve Bank of India, (currently on deputation with Deputation with FSDC, MoF, India)

4. Determinants of Current Account Deficit in Sri Lanka: an ARDL approach

K.T.U.Niranjala (University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka, India)

Discussant: Pravin Jadhav (Institute of Infrastructure, Technology, Research and Management, Ahmedabad, India)

9:00 – 11:00 am: **Technical Session 3.b: Environment and Climate Change**

Chair: TBA

1. Climate Change Impacts on Economic Growth: A Cross Country Analysis

Shilpy Verma (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

Discussant: Prajna Paramita Mishra (University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India)

2. Economic Growth Aftermath of Floods in Indian States

Yashobanta Parida (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

Discussant: Niranjana Devkota (Tribhuvan University, Nepal)

3. The benefits of improving urban lakes in mega cities: A Revealed and Stated Preference Approach

Prajna Paramita Mishra (University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India)

Discussant: Shilpy Verma (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

4. An Analysis of Adaptive Capacity on Climate Change Adaptation Options of Poor and Non-Poor Rice Farmers in Nepal

Niranjana Devkota (Tribhuvan University, Nepal)

Ram Kumar Phuyal (Tribhuvan University, Nepal)

Discussant: Yashobanta Parida (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

9:00 – 11:00 am: **Technical Session 3.c: Labour**

Chair: TBA

1. Job flows in the Indian Organised Manufacturing Industries

Diti Goswami (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India)

Sourabh Paul (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India)

Discussant: Nidhi Dhamija (Hindu College, University of Delhi, India).

2. A State Level Analysis of Trade Liberalization and Unemployment in India.

Nidhi Dhamija (Hindu College, University of Delhi, India).

Discussant: Diti Goswami (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India)

3. Public-private wage differential in the Indian mining industry

Smrutirekha Mohanty (Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad, India)

Chandan Kumar Mohanty (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

Discussant: Suganya Balakumar (IIM Indore, India)

4. Understanding Wage Gap in India

Subhasankar Chattopadhyay (IIM Indore, India)

Suganya Balakumar (IIM Indore, India)

Discussant: Smrutirekha Mohanty (Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad, India)

11:00 – 11:15 am: Tea Break

11:15 – 1:15 pm: **Technical Session 4.a: Labour**

Chair: TBA

1. Migration, Wages and Female Workforce Participation in Nepal

Ruzel Shrestha

Discussant: Priyanga Dunusinghe (University of Colombo, Sri Lanka)

2. Parental Migration and Children's Educational Performance: Evidence from Selected Regions in Sri Lanka

Priyanga Dunusinghe (University of Colombo, Sri Lanka)

Discussant: Ruzel Shrestha

3. Occupational Choice in Developing countries- A Conceptual Framework: Self-employment versus Wage Employment- How Does Discrimination Affect the Occupational Choice?

Tanima Banerjee (University of Calcutta, West Bengal, India)

Discussant: Archana Dang (Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, India)

4. Labor Market Engagement and the Health of Working Adults: Evidence from India

Archana Dang (Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, India)

Pushkar Maitra (Monash Business School, Monash University, Clayton Campus, Australia)

Nidhiya Menon (Department of Economics and International Business School, Brandeis University, Waltham USA)

Discussant: Tanima Banerjee (University of Calcutta, West Bengal, India)

11:15 – 1:15 pm: **Technical Session 4.b: Health and Education**

Chair: TBA

1. Rethinking Health System Financing: Rejuvenate Public Provisioning

Dr. Shailender Kumar Hooda (Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi, India)

Discussant: Nit Ranjan (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

2. Influence of socioeconomic and mother-child care variables on childhood immunization in India (2002-2012)

Nit Ranjan (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

Discussant: Dr. Shailender Kumar Hooda (Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi, India)

3. Caste Discrimination in Provision of Schooling in Rural India

Neha Bailwal (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India)

Sourabh Bikas Paul (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India)

Discussant: Sunaina Dhingra (Delhi School of Economics, India)

4. Mothers' agency and gender bias in investments in adolescent education in rural India

Sunaina Dhingra (Delhi School of Economics, India)

Discussant: Neha Bailwal (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India)

11:15 – 1:15 pm: **Technical Session 4.c: Financial Inclusion and Banking**

Chair: TBA

1. Empirical Evidence on access to finance and the economic performance: An analysis of firm in micro small medium enterprise (MSME) sector in India.

Motiniva Nayak (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

Discussant: Mohammad Saiful Islam (Leading University, Bangladesh)

2. Who has Microcredit Really Helped? A Look at Women's Empowerment Using Evidence from Rural India

Hangma Basumatary (Sikkim University, India)

Prabin Chauhan Chhetri (Sikkim University, India)

Rajesh Raj S.N (Sikkim University, India)

Discussant: Kiran Kumar Kakarlapudi (Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, India)

3. The role institutional Innovations in financial inclusion: Evidence from India's banking sector

Kiran Kumar Kakarlapudi (Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, India)

Discussant: Prabin Chauhan Chhetri (Sikkim University, India)

4. Board of Directors Structure and Bank's Performance: Evidence from Bangladesh

Mohammad Saiful Islam (Leading University, Bangladesh)

Sharmin Akter Eva (Voice of South Bangladesh, Bangladesh)

Discussant: Motiniva Nayak (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

1:15 – 2:00 pm:

Lunch

2:00 – 4:00 pm: **Technical Session 5.a: Health and Education**

Chair: TBA

1. Parents to Son, why not from Parents to Daughter? Intergenerational Transfers of Educational Years and Streams in India

Indrajit Bairagya (Institute for Social and Economic Change, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore, India)
Rohit Mukerji (Institute for Social and Economic Change, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore, India)

Discussant: Naveen Sunder (Cornell University, USA)

2. Quality of Schooling, Child Quantity-Quality Trade-off, Technological Progress and Economic Growth

Swati Saini (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

Discussant: Smit Gade (Good Business Lab)

3. Knowledge is Power: School Construction & Intergenerational Human Capital

Naveen Sunder (Cornell University, USA)

Discussant: Indrajit Bairagya (Institute for Social and Economic Change, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore, India)

4. Household Income Dynamics and Investment in Children: Evidence from India.

Sowmya Dhanaraj (Madras School of Economics, India)

Christy Mariya Paul (Madras School of Economics, India)

Smit Gade (Good Business Lab)

Discussant: Swati Saini (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

2:00 – 4:00 pm: **Technical Session 5.b: Rural Development and Human Development**

Chair: TBA

1. India's MGNREGA success boils down to few States, fewer Districts and fewest Blocks

Nitin A. Lokhande (Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, India)

Hari Priya Gundimeda (Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, India)

Discussant: Sujit Kumar Mishra (Council for Social Development, Hyderabad, India)

2. Southern Super Models: Human Development Trajectories of Sri Lanka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu

Swati Narayan (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India)

Discussant: Jaspreet Kaur (Punjabi University, India)

3. Mining with Community: Closure and the Issue of Livelihood

Sujit Kumar Mishra (Council for Social Development, Hyderabad, India)

Discussant: Nitin A. Lokhande (Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, India)

4. Poverty Estimates on Multiple Dimensions in India

Jaspreet Kaur (Punjabi University, India)

Dr. Anupama (Punjabi University, India).

Discussant: Swati Narayan (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India)

2:00 – 4:00 pm: **Technical Session 5.c: Miscellaneous**

Chair: TBA

1. Alcohol Ban and Crime: The ABC's of the Bihar Prohibition

Kalyani Chaudhuri (Indian School of Business, India)

Natasha Jha (Indian School of Business, India)

Mrithyunjayan Nilayamgode (Indian School of Business, India)

Revathy Surya Narayana (Indian School of Business, India)

Discussant: Aishwarya Harichanadan (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

2. Terrorism in a game theoretic framework

Aishwarya Harichanadan (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

Discussant: Revathy Surya Narayana (Indian School of Business, India)

3. A study of Social Capital in Bhutan

Phuntsho Choden (Thimphu, Bhutan)

Discussant: M. L. Nityashree (Division of Agricultural Economics, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, India)

4. Performance of Indian Food Processing Industry in Post Liberalized Era: Case of Sugar and Fruits and Vegetables Processing Industry

M. L. Nithyashree (Division of Agricultural Economics, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, India)

Priyanka Upreti (Division of Agricultural Economics, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, India)

Alka Singh (Division of Agricultural Economics, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, India)

Discussant: Phuntsho Choden (Thimphu, Bhutan)

4:00 – 4:15 pm: Tea Break

4:15 – 6:15 pm: **Round Table Discussion on “Vision for South Asia, 2030”**

Speakers: **E Somanathan** (Professor, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi)

“Environmental problems and policies for sustainable development”

Amitabh Kundu (Distinguished Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, and former Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

“Human development”

Kavita Iyengar, Economist, India Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank

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P K Joshi (Director for South Asia, International Food Policy Research Institute, New Delhi)

“Issues confronting the farmers and agriculture sector in the South-Asia region”

Shubhashis Gangopadhyay (Research Director, IDF; Professor of Emerging Market Finance, University of Groningen, Netherlands, and Visiting Professor, Gothenburg School of Business, Economics and Law, Gothenburg University, Sweden)

“Economy: challenges and prospects”

6:15 – 6:30 pm: Vote of Thanks

6:30 – 7:00 pm: High Tea