



11th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development
December 17-19, 2015
Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi

Conference Programme

Day 1: 17 December, Thursday

9.00 - 10.20: Registration, Coffee/Tea

10.20 - 10.30: Opening Remarks: Chetan Ghate (ISI, Delhi)

10.30 - 11.30: Plenary Session 1 (Auditorium)

Ariel Rubinstein (New York University and Tel Aviv University): “A Typology of Players: between Instinctive and Contemplative”

Chair: Arunava Sen (ISI, Delhi)

11.50 – 1.00: Parallel Sessions 1

- 1(a) Marriage Market (*Conference Room*)
- 1(b) Financial Inclusion and Microfinance (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 1(c) Food and Nutrition (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 1(d) Bureaucracy: Theory (*Classroom 14*)
- 1(e) Bargaining: Theory (*Classroom 13*)
- 1(f) Language: Education and Nation Building (*Auditorium*)

1.00 - 2.15: Lunch (Guesthouse Lawn)

2.15 - 4.00: Parallel Sessions 2

- 2(a) Health I (*Conference Room*)
- 2(b) Environment (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 2(c) Conflicts (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 2(d) Microcredit: Theory (*Classroom 14*)
- 2(e) Land Acquisition: Theory and Evidence (*Classroom 13*)
- 2(f) Human Capital and Development (*Auditorium*)

4.00 - 4.30: Coffee/Tea Break

4.30 – 6.15: Parallel Sessions 3

- 3(a) Health II (*Conference Room*)
- 3(b) Gender I (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 3(c) Religion: Discrimination and Violence (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 3(d) Institutions: Quality and Frictions (*Classroom 14*)
- 3(e) Social Choice (*Classroom 13*)
- 3(f) Business Cycles and Oil Price Shock (*Auditorium*)

Day 2: 18 December, Friday

9.00 - 9.30: Registration and Coffee/Tea

9.30 - 10.30: Plenary Session 2 (Auditorium)

Nobuhiro Kiyotaki (Princeton University): “Monetary and Financial Policies in Emerging Markets”

Chair: Chetan Ghate (ISI, Delhi)

10.30 - 11.15: High Tea (Guesthouse Lawn)

11.15 - 1.00: Parallel Sessions 4

- 4(a) Health III (*Conference Room*)
- 4(b) Welfare Effects and NREGS (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 4(c) Experiment I (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 4(d) Rural Credit, Insurance and Pension (*Classroom 14*)
- 4(e) Finance I (*Classroom 13*)
- 4(f) Status, Aspiration and Endogenous Growth (*Auditorium*)

1.00 - 2.15: Lunch (Guesthouse Lawn)

2.15 - 4.00: Parallel Sessions 5

- 5(a) Education I (*Conference Room*)
- 5(b) Gender II (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 5(c) Experiment II (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 5(d) Political Economy: Theory and Evidence (*Classroom 14*)
- 5(e) Microeconomic Theory I (*Classroom 13*)
- 5(f) Inequality, Poverty and Demographic Convergence (*Auditorium*)

4.00 - 4.30: Coffee/Tea Break

4.30 – 6.15: Parallel Sessions 6

- 6(a) Education II (*Conference Room*)
- 6(b) Poverty and Inequality (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 6(c) Agriculture I (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 6(d) Labour Market: Theory (*Classroom 14*)
- 6(e) Mechanism Design (*Classroom 13*)
- 6(f) Finance and Financial Development (*Auditorium*)

**7.30 – 10.00: Gala Dinner at the French Cultural Centre
(2 Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi - 11)**

[The conference dinner is co-hosted with the Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi]



Day 3: 19 December, Saturday

9.00 - 9.30: Registration and Coffee/Tea

9.30 - 10.30: **Plenary Session 3** (*Auditorium*)

Asher Wolinsky (Northwestern University): “Adverse Selection, State Dependent Participation and Information Aggregation”

Chair: E. Somanathan (ISI, Delhi)

10.30 – 11.15: High Tea (*Guesthouse Lawn*)

11.15 – 1.00: **Parallel Sessions 7**

- 7(a) Education III (*Conference Room*)
- 7(b) Exports and Informal Firms (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 7(c) Caste (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 7(d) Applied Microeconomics (*Classroom 14*)
- 7(e) Finance II (*Classroom 13*)
- 7(f) Topics in Macroeconomics (*Auditorium*)

1.00 – 2.15: Lunch (*Guesthouse Lawn*)

2.15 – 4.00: **Parallel Sessions 8**

- 8(a) Political Economy: Empirical (*Conference Room*)
- 8(b) Indian Manufacturing (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 8(c) Agriculture II (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 8(d) Industrial Organization (*Classroom 14*)
- 8(e) Microeconomic Theory II (*Classroom 13*)
- 8(f) Monetary Economics (*Auditorium*)

4.00 – 4.30: Coffee/Tea Break

4.30 - 6.00: **Panel Discussion** on “Fiscal Federalism” (*Auditorium*)

Panelists:

Sindhushree Khullar (NITI Aayog)

Pinaki Chakraborty (National Institute of Public Finance and Policy)

Abhirup Sarkar (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata)

Abhijit Sen (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Moderator: Himanshu (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

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6.00 – 6.15: Vote of Thanks

Parallel Sessions 1**17 December, Thursday 11:50 AM - 1:00 PM****Session 1(a): Marriage Market (Conference Room)****Chair: Shyamal Chowdhury**

A. Bheemeshwar Reddy (ISI, Bangalore): “Changes in Educational Assortative Marriage in India: Evidence from National Sample Surveys, 1983-2012”

Shyamal Chowdhury (University of Sydney), **Debdulal Mallick** (Deakin University) & **Prabal Roy Chowdhury** (ISI, Delhi): “Evolution of Mehr and Dowry among Muslims in Bangladesh: Evidence from Natural Experiments”

Session 1(b): Financial Inclusion and Microfinance (Seminar Room 1)**Chair: Ranjula Bali Swain**

Sankar De (Shiv Nadar University) & **Gitanjali Sen** (Shiv Nadar University): “How much Does having a Bank Account help the Poor? An Investigation with Instrumental Variables”

Ashim Kumar Kar (University of Helsinki) & **Ranjula Bali Swain** (Södertörn University): “Competitiveness in Microfinance Markets: A Non-structural Approach”

Session 1(c): Food and Nutrition (Seminar Room 2)**Chair: Amlan Das Gupta**

Monica Jain (International Initiative for Impact Evaluation) & **Manfred Zeller** (International Food Policy Research Institute): “Effect of Maternal Time Use on Food Intake of Young Children in Bangladesh”

Amlan Das Gupta (ISI, Delhi): “The Fight against Malnutrition: Impact of Public Distribution of Food in India on Consumption of Nutrients”

Session 1(d): Bureaucracy: Theory (Classroom 14)**Chair: Tapas Kundu**

Panchali Banerjee (Jadavpur University) & **Vivekananda Mukherjee** (Jadavpur University): “Does Introduction of Bureaucratic Competition Reduce Corruption in Public Service Delivery?”

Tapas Kundu (UiT The Arctic University of Norway) & **Tore Nilssen** (University of Oslo): “Delegation in Regulation”

Session 1(e): Bargaining: Theory (Classroom 13)**Chair: S. Nageeb Ali**

Rakesh Chaturvedi (IIM Udaipur): “Efficient Coalitional Bargaining with Noncontingent Offers”

S. Nageeb Ali (Pennsylvania State University), **B. Douglas Bernheim** (Stanford University) & **Xiaochen Fan** (New York University): “Predictability and Power in Legislative Bargaining”

Session 1(f): Language: Education and Nation Building (Auditorium)**Chair: Rajesh Ramachandran**

P. Sree Kumar Nair (Indian School of Business): “Does Medium of Instruction Affect Learning Outcomes? Evidence using Young Lives Longitudinal Data from Andhra Pradesh, India”

David D. Laitin (Stanford University) & **Rajesh Ramachandran** (Goethe University): “Linguistic Diversity, Official Language Choice and Nation Building: Theory and Evidence”

Parallel Sessions 2

17 December, Thursday 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Session 2(a): Health I (Conference Room)

Chair: **Sonia Bhalotra**

Prakarsh Singh (Amherst College): “Training Workers and Informing Mothers to Reduce Malnutrition: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial”

Joseph Flavian Gomes (University of Navarra): “The Health Costs of Ethnic Distance: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa”

Victoria Baranov (University of Melbourne), **Sonia Bhalotra** (University of Essex) & Joanna Maselko (Duke University): “Does Maternal Depression Hamper Child Development? Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial”

Session 2(b): Environment (Seminar Room 1)

Chair: **Saugato Datta**

Jayjit Roy (Appalachian State University): “On the Environmental Consequences of Intra-Industry Trade”

Kanupriya Bhardwaj (TERI University) & **Eshita Gupta** (TERI University): “Analyzing the “Energy-Efficiency Gap”: An Empirical Analysis of Air conditioners in the Household Sector of Delhi”

Saugato Datta (ideas42), Juan Jose Miranda (World Bank) & Laura Zoratto (World Bank): “Saving Water With A Nudge (Or Two): Evidence from Costa Rica on the Effectiveness and Limits of Low-Cost Behavioral Interventions on Water Use”

Session 2(c): Conflicts (Seminar Room 2)

Chair: **Marie-Helene Hubert**

François Libois (University of Namur & Paris School of Economics): “Households in Times of War: Adaptation Strategies during the Nepal Civil War”

Anirban Mitra (University of Oslo) & Shabana Mitra (IIM, Bangalore): “Redistribution of Economic Resources due to Conflict: The Maoist Uprising in Nepal”

Isabelle Cadoret (University of Rennes), **Marie-Helene Hubert** (University of Rennes) & Veronique Thelen (University of Rennes): “Civil Conflicts and Food Prices Spikes”

Session 2(d): Microcredit: Theory (Classroom 14)

Chair: **Peter Bardsley**

Dyotona Dasgupta (ISI, Delhi) & Prabal Roy Chowdhury (ISI, Delhi): “Dynamic Incentives and Compulsory Savings in Microfinance”

Sukanta Bhattacharya (University of Calcutta) & **Shirsendu Mukherjee** (St. Paul's C. M. College, Kolkata): “Group Formation and Endogenous Information Collection in Microcredit”

Peter Bardsley (University of Melbourne) & Rachael Meager (MIT): “Competing Lending Platforms, Endogenous Reputation, and Fragility in Microcredit Markets”

Session 2(e): Land Acquisition: Theory and Evidence (Classroom 13)

Chair: **Bappaditya Mukhopadhyay**

Anirban Mukherjee (University of Calcutta) & **Prasenjit Sarkhel** (University of Kalyani): “Land Acquisition in Indian Sundarbans: The Role of Information Networks in the Land Sale for Building Public Infrastructure”

Soumendu Sarkar (TERI University): “Convergence to a First Best Solution in a Model of Land Acquisition”

Bappaditya Mukhopadhyay (Great Lakes Institute of Management), Anurag Danda (WWF) & Awadhesh Kumar Jha (Zeerone, India): “Compensation for Land When Landowners Communicate”

Session 2(f): Human Capital and Development (Auditorium)

Chair: **Yong Wang**

Ayona Bhattacharjee (IIM, Bangalore), Jong Kook Shin (Newcastle University Business School) & Chetan Subramanian (IIM, Bangalore): “Health and Income Inequality: An Analysis of Public versus Private Health Expenditure”

Naveen Joseph Thomas (Delhi School of Economics) & Mausumi Das (Delhi School of Economics): “The Role of Small and Medium Enterprises in Structural Transformation and Economic Development”

Yong Wang (City University of Hong Kong) & Yibo Yang (City University of Hong Kong): “Does Stronger Intellectual Property Rights Protection Always Promote Economic Growth? A North-South General Equilibrium Model with Learning-By-Doing”

Parallel Sessions 3

17 December, Thursday 4:30 PM – 6:15 PM

Session 3(a): Health II (Conference Room)

Chair: Arjun Singh Bedi

Debasis Barik (NCAER), Sonalde Desai (University of Maryland) & Reeve Vanneman (University of Maryland): “Adult Mortality in India: The Health-Wealth Nexus”

Sisir Debnath (Indian School of Business), **Tarun Jain** (Indian School of Business) & Manvendra Singh (Indian School of Business): “Social Networks and Health Insurance Utilization”

Wameq Raza (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Ellen Van de Poel (Erasmus University Rotterdam), **Arjun Singh Bedi** (Erasmus University Rotterdam) & Frans Rutten (Erasmus University Rotterdam): “Impact of Community Based Health Insurance on Access and Financial Protection: Evidence from Three Randomised Control Trials in Rural India”

Session 3(b): Gender I (Seminar Room 1)

Chair: Gunjan Sharma

Sulagna Mookerjee (Georgetown University): “Gender-Neutral Inheritance Laws, Family Structure, and Women's Social Status in India”

S Anukriti (Boston College), Sonia Bhalotra (University of Essex) & Hiu Tam (London School of Economics): “Missing Girls: Ultrasound Access, Fertility, and Gender Discrimination”

Dara Lee Luca (Harvard University & University of Missouri), Emily Owens (University of Pennsylvania) & **Gunjan Sharma** (World Bank): “The Effect of Alcohol Regulation on Violence Against Women: Evidence from India”

Session 3(c): Religion: Discrimination and Violence (Seminar Room 2)

Chair: Arka Roy Chaudhuri

Saugato Datta (ideas42) & **Vikram Pathania** (University of Sussex): “For Whom Does the Phone (Not) Ring? Discrimination in the Rental Housing Market in Delhi, India”

Yashodhan Ghorpade (University of Sussex): “Calamity, Conflict and Cash Transfers: How Violence Affects Access to Aid in Pakistan”

Arka Roy Chaudhuri (ISI, Delhi): “Colonization and Religious Violence: Evidence from India”

Session 3(d): Institutions: Quality and Frictions (Classroom 14)

Chair: Jonathan Goyette

Sabyasachi Kar (IEG, India), Kunal Sen (University of Manchester) & **Amrita Roy** (IEG, India): “Low Income Traps and Institutional Quality”

Anindya S. Chakrabarti (IIM, Ahmedabad) & Aparna Dutta (Bates White Economic Consulting, Washington): “Economic Incentives Versus Institutional Frictions: Migration Dynamics within Europe”

Anirban Mukherjee (University of Calcutta) & **Subhasree Sarkar** (University of Calcutta): “Institutional Barriers To Technology Adoption: The Case of Silk Technology in Colonial India”

Jonathan Goyette (Université de Sherbrooke, Canada): “Firms' Growth, Corruption, Taxation and Financial Underdevelopment in Developing Countries”

Session 3(e): Social Choice (Classroom 13)

Chair: Nicolas Gravel

Gopakumar Achuthankutty (ISI, Kolkata) & Souvik Roy (ISI, Kolkata): “Maximal Possibility and Minimal Dictatorial Cover of Domains”

Hans Peters (Maastricht University), Souvik Roy (ISI, Kolkata), **Soumyarup Sadhukhan** (ISI, Kolkata) & Ton Storcke (Maastricht University): “An Extreme Point Characterization of the Strategy-proof Probabilistic Rules over Binary Restricted Domains”

Bhargav Maharaj (Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, India): “Translation-Consistent Subgroup Decomposable Inequality Indices”

Nicolas Gravel (Aix-Marseille School of Economics), Brice Magdalou (University of Montpellier, Lameta) & Patrick Moyes (University of Bordeaux): “Ranking Distributions of an Ordinal Attribute”

Session 3(f): Business Cycles and Oil Price Shock (Auditorium)

Chair: Sakib Bin Amin

Anusha (IGIDR, Mumbai): “Credit and Growth Cycles in India and US: Investigation in the Frequency Domain”

Shesadri Banerjee (NCAER, India) & Parantap Basu (Durham University): “Technology Shocks and Business Cycles in India”

Sakib Bin Amin (North South University), Laura Marsiliani (Durham University) & Thomas I. Renström (Durham University): “Macroeconomic Impacts of Oil Price Shocks on the Bangladesh Economy”

Parallel Sessions 4

18 December, Friday 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM

Session 4(a): Health III (Conference Room)

Chair: **Richard A. Iles**

Michael P. Murray (Bates College) & Raisa Sharmin (University of Waterloo): “Groundwater Arsenic and Education Attainment in Bangladesh”

Jishnu Das (World Bank), Alaka Holla (World Bank), **Aakash Mohpal** (University of Michigan) & Karthik Muralidharan (UC San Diego): “Quality and Accountability in Healthcare Delivery: Audit-Study Evidence from Primary Care in India”

Richard A. Iles (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine): “Counterfactual Demand for Qualified and Unqualified 'Doctors' in Rural North India: Government Doctor Absenteeism and Its Effects on Consumer Demand”

Session 4(b): Welfare Effects and NREGS (Seminar Room 1)

Chair: **Parantap Basu**

D. Suganthi (IGIDR, Mumbai): “Welfare Effects of Farmer’s Participation in Supermarket Supply Chain”

Christian Oldiges (Heidelberg University): “Measuring Welfare Effects of India’s Employment Guarantee Using Panel Data and a Unique Instrument”

Parantap Basu (Durham University) & Kunal Sen (University of Manchester): “Welfare Implications of India’s Employment Guarantee Programme with a Wage Payment Delay”

Session 4(c): Experiment I (Seminar Room 2)

Chair: **Surajeet Chakravarty**

Subrato Banerjee (ISI, Delhi) & Bharat Ramaswami (ISI, Delhi): “When Dictator Games Get Real: The Role of Intrinsic Characteristics”

Shraman Banerjee (IMT, Ghaziabad) & Timothy C. Salmon (Southern Methodist University): “Teachers' Performance-pay: External Incentives and Effort Allocations in Multi-tasking Problem”

Surajeet Chakravarty (University of Exeter), Miguel A. Fonseca (University of Exeter), Sudeep Ghosh (Hong Kong Polytechnic University) & Sugata Marjit (Center for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta): “Religious Fragmentation, Social Identity and Cooperation: Evidence from an Artefactual Field Experiment in India”

Session 4(d): Rural Credit, Insurance and Pension (Classroom 14)

Chair: **Clive Bell**

Somdutta Basu (Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, Washington D.C), **Souvik Dutta** (IIM, Bangalore) & Abhirup Sarkar (ISI, Kolkata): “Informal Insurance Under Individual Liability Loans: Theory and Evidence”

Xi Chen (Yale University & IZA): “Old Age Pension and Intergenerational Living Arrangements: A Regression Discontinuity Design”

Clive Bell (University of Heidelberg) & Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay (ISI, Delhi): “Income Guarantees and Borrowing in Risky Environments: Evidence from India’s Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme”

Session 4(e): Finance I (Classroom 13)

Chair: **Udichibarna Bose**

Gargi Sanati (National Institute of Bank Management, Pune) & Anup Kumar Bhandari (IIT, Madras): “Packing Credit as a Substitute to Short-Term Bank Loan: Analysis of Indian Export Sectors”

Zoya Saher (University of Surrey), Sarmistha Pal (University of Surrey) & Tiago Pinheiro (University of Surrey): “Regulations and Firm Financing: Impact of Clause 49 in India”

Udichibarna Bose (University of Essex), Ronald MacDonald (University of Glasgow) & Serafeim Tsoukas (University of Glasgow): “Policy Initiatives and Firms' Access to External Finance: Evidence from a Panel of Emerging Asian Economies”

Session 4(f): Status, Aspiration and Endogenous Growth (Auditorium)

Chair: **Sugata Ghosh**

Clément Bellet (Sciences Po) & **Eve Sihra** (Sciences Po): “Less Food for More Status”

Jeff Allen (Bentley University) & **Shankha Chakraborty** (University of Oregon): “Aspirations and Socio-Economic Change in the Long Run”

Sugata Ghosh (Brunel University) & Ronald Wendner (University of Graz): “Externalities in Wealth and Consumption – Endogenous Growth, and Corrective Taxation”

Parallel Sessions 5

18 December, Friday 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Session 5(a): Education I (Conference Room)

Chair: Moshe Justman

Dong Zhou (Shanghai Jiao Tong University) & **Aparajita Dasgupta** (Ashoka University): “Understanding the Intergenerational Transmission of Human Capital: Evidence from a Quasi Natural Experiment in China”

Tanvi Rao (Cornell University): “Does Information Shape Borrowing Intentions? Experimental Evidence on Track-Specific Higher Education Decisions in India”

Brendan Hough (University of Melbourne) & **Moshe Justman** (Ben Gurion University): “Using Standardized Tests to Predict Access to Higher Education and Measure School Value-Added”

Session 5(b): Gender II (Seminar Room 1)

Chair: Janneke Pieters

Dona Ghosh (IIT, Kharagpur): “Impact of Gender Aspect on Self-perceived Quality of Life of Elderly”

Sukanya Sarkhel (St. Xavier's College, Kolkata): “Wage Gap in Labor Market, Gender Bias and Socio-Cultural Influences: A Decomposition Analysis for India”

Isis Gaddis (World Bank) & **Janneke Pieters** (Wageningen University and IZA): “The Gendered Labor Market Impacts of Trade Liberalization: Evidence from Brazil”

Session 5(c): Experiment II (Seminar Room 2)

Chair: Sujata Visaria

Priya Mukherjee (College of William and Mary): “The Effects of Social Identity on Aspirations and Learning Outcomes: A Field Experiment in Rural India”

Christopher Ksoll (University of Ottawa) & **Annemie Maertens** (University of Sussex): “Can Rationality be Taught? Experimental Evidence from India”

Sujata Visaria (HKUST), Rajeev Dehejia (New York University), Melody M. Chao (HKUST) & Anirban Mukhopadhyay (HKUST): “Unintended Negative Consequences of Rewards for Student Attendance: Results from a Field Experiment in Indian Classrooms”

Session 5(d): Political Economy: Theory and Evidence (Classroom 14)

Chair: Kalle Moene

Rupayan Pal (IGIDR, Mumbai) & **Ajay Sharma** (IIM, Indore): “Political Competition and Leadership in Tax Competition”

Sanjay Jain (University of Cambridge): “The Political Economy of Public Sector Reforms: Redistributive Promises, and Transfers to Special Interests”

Kalle Moene (University of Oslo), Erling Barth (University of Oslo), Henning Finseraas (University of Oslo) & Kjersti M. Ostbakken (University of Oslo): “Insurance or Redistribution Motives: Behaviors and Beliefs in the Welfare State”

Session 5(e): Microeconomic Theory I (Classroom 13)

Chair: Rohan Dutta

Saish Nevrekar (IGIDR, Mumbai): “A Theory of Coalition Formation in Constant Sum Games”

Kaustav Das (University of Exeter): “Strategic Experimentation with Competition and Private Arrival of Information”

Rohan Dutta (McGill University), David K. Levine (EUI and Washington University) & Salvatore Modica (Università di Palermo): “Collusion, Randomization and Leadership in Groups”

Session 5(f): Inequality, Poverty and Demographic Convergence (Auditorium)

Chair: David de la Croix

Nathalie Scholl (University of Goettingen), Stephan Klasen (University of Goettingen) & Sebastian Vollmer (University of Goettingen): “Re-estimating the Relationship between Inequality and Growth”

Raj Arunachalam (University of Michigan) & **Ajay Shenoy** (University of California): “Poverty Traps, Convergence, and the Dynamics of Household Income”

David de la Croix (UCLouvain, Belgium) & Paula Gobbi (UCLouvain, Belgium): “Population Density, Fertility, and Demographic Convergence in Developing Countries”

Parallel Sessions 6

18 December, Friday 4:30 PM – 6:15 PM

Session 6(a): Education II (Conference Room)

Chair: Geeta Kingdon

Upasak Das (Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum): “Private Coaching and the Impact of the Rural Employment Guarantee Programme on it: Evidence from West Bengal, India”

Nishant Chadha (Shiv Nadar University) & **Arijit Das** (Shiv Nadar University): “How Long the Shadow of the City? Schooling in Rural Gautam Buddha Nagar”

Geeta Kingdon (UCL Institute of Education), **Mehtabul Azam** (Oklahoma State University) & **Kin Bing Wu**: “Impact of Private Secondary Schooling on Cognitive Skills: Evidence from India”

Session 6(b): Poverty and Inequality (Seminar Room 1)

Chair: Devesh Roy

Atika Pasha (Georg August University Göttingen): “Impact of Cash Grants on Multidimensional Poverty in South Africa”

Tony Castleman (George Washington University), **James Foster** (George Washington University) & **Stephen Smith** (George Washington University): “Person Equivalent Headcount Measures of Poverty”

Jeffrey Jordan (University of Georgia), **Aparna Mathur** (American Enterprise Institute), **Abdul Munasib** (University of Georgia) & **Devesh Roy** (International Food Policy Research Institute): “Do Right to Work Laws Worsen Income Inequality?”

Session 6(c): Agriculture I (Seminar Room 2)

Chair: Somdeep Chatterjee

Raushan Kumar (Delhi School of Economics): “Price Discovery in some Agricultural Commodity Markets in India”

Tanushree Haldar (IIM, Bangalore): “Role of Price Volatility and Cost of Cooperation in Agri-decision Making”

Somdeep Chatterjee (University of Houston): “Effects of Agricultural Credit Reforms on Farming Outcomes: Evidence from the Kisan Credit Card Program in India”

Session 6(d): Labour Market: Theory (Classroom 14)

Chair: Subhayu Bandyopadhyay

Niti Bhutani (University of Delhi): “Another Kind of Power: Labor Market Outcomes and Antitrust Legislation”

Alessandro Cigno (University of Florence), **Giorgia Giovannetti** (University of Florence) & **Laura Sabani** (University of Florence): “The Role of Trade and Offshoring in the Determination of Relative Wages and Child Labour”

Subhayu Bandyopadhyay (Federal Reserve bank of St. Louis), **Arnab Basu** (Cornell University), **Nancy Chau** (Cornell University) & **Devashish Mitra** (Syracuse University): “Offshoring and Labor Markets in Developing Nations”

Session 6(e): Mechanism Design (Classroom 13)

Chair: Souvik Roy

Parikshit De (ISI, Kolkata) & **Manipushpak Mitra** (ISI, Kolkata): “Implementability and Balanced Implementability of Sequencing Rules”

Conan Mukherjee (Lund University): “On Group Strategy-proof Optimal Mechanisms”

Satish Agarwal (La defence, France) & **Souvik Roy** (ISI, Kolkata): “Sufficiency Of Weak Monotonicity for Implementability in Max Domain”

Session 6(f): Finance and Financial Development (Auditorium)

Chair: Ila Patnaik

Agnirup Sarkar (Durham University Business School): “Market Capitalisation, Growth and Inflation in a New-Keynesian Framework”

Rudra Prosad Roy (Jadavpur University) & **Saikat Sinha Roy** (Jadavpur University): “Financial Contagion and Volatility Spillover: An Exploration into Indian Commodity Derivative Market”

Ila Patnaik (Ministry of Finance, Government of India), **Ajay Shah** (NIPFP) & **Nirvikar Singh** (UC Santa Cruz): “Understanding Foreign Currency Borrowing by Firms”

Parallel Sessions 7

19 December, Saturday, 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM

Session 7(a): Education III (Conference Room)

Chair: **Bidisha Barooah**

Chitra Jogani (University of Illinois): “Schooling Infrastructure and Literacy: Evidence from a National Education Mission in India”

Gopal Naik (IIM, Bangalore), **Manaswini Bhalla** (IIM, Bangalore), **Jothsna Rajan** (IIM, Bangalore) & **Chetan Chitre** (IIM, Bangalore): “Can Technology Overcome Social Disadvantage of School Children’s Learning Outcomes? Evidence from a Large-scale Experiment in India”

Bidisha Barooah (International Initiative for Impact Evaluation), **Farzana Afridi** (ISI Delhi) & **Rohini Somanathan** (Delhi School of Economics): “Information Provision and the Quality of Education in Rural India”

Session 7(b): Exports and Informal Firms (Seminar Room 1)

Chair: **Takashi Kurosaki**

Oleg Firsin (Cornell University): “Do Immigrants Promote Exports to Countries Other than Their Country of Origin? On the Role of Geographic and Linguistic Proximity”

Ritam Chaurey (SUNY Binghamton): “Place Based Policies and Informal firms”

Takashi Kurosaki (Hitotsubashi University): “Informality and Micro Entrepreneurs in Developing Countries: Empirical Findings from Delhi, India”

Session 7(c): Caste (Seminar Room 2)

Chair: **Ashwini Deshpande**

Hemanshu Kumar (Delhi School of Economics) & **Rohini Somanathan** (Delhi School of Economics): “Caste Connections and Government Transfers: The Mahadalits of Bihar”

Véronique Gille (Université catholique de Louvain): “Application for Social Programs: The Role of Local Politics and Caste Networks in Affirmative Action in India”

Ashwini Deshpande (Delhi School of Economics) & **Rajesh Ramachandran** (Goethe University): “Affirmative Action, Political Representation and Caste Disadvantage: Mapping Changes in Post-Mandal India”

Session 7(d): Applied Microeconomics (Classroom 14)

Chair: **Gautam Bose**

Amrita Pramanick (Jadavpur University) & **Swapnendu Banerjee** (Jadavpur University): “Gestational Surrogacy Contracts and Social Ignominy with Discrete Effort”

Niloy Bose (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), **Chandramouli Banerjee** (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) & **Chitralekha Rath** (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee): “Explaining the Effects of Financial Development on the Quality of Property Rights”

Gautam Bose (University of New South Wales): “Contributing to Public Defense in a Contest Model”

Session 7(e): Finance II (Classroom 13)

Chair: **Martin Melecky**

Piyush Pandey (Delhi University) & **Sanjay Sehgal** (Delhi University): “Investor Sentiment and Its Role in Asset Pricing: An Empirical Study for India”

M. Mostak Ahamed (Queen Mary University of London) & **Sushanta Mallick** (Queen Mary University of London): “Corporate Debt Restructuring, Bank Competition and Stability: Evidence from Creditors’ Perspective”

Rui Han (University of Washington) & **Martin Melecky** (World Bank): “Financial Inclusion and Financial Stability: Can Broader Use of Deposits Boost Resilience of Bank Funding?”

Session 7(f): Topics in Macroeconomics (Auditorium)

Chair: **Suchismita Tarafdar**

Emmanouil Kitsios (IMF) & **Manasa Patnam** (ENSAE - CREST): “Estimating Fiscal Multipliers with Correlated Heterogeneity”

Pami Dua (Delhi School of Economics) & **Divya Tuteja** (Delhi School of Economics): “Global Recession and Eurozone Debt Crisis: Impact on Exports of China and India”

Olivier Morand (University of Connecticut), **Kevin Reffett** (Arizona State University) & **Suchismita Tarafdar** (Shiv Nadar University): “Generalized Envelope Theorems with Applications to Dynamic Programming”

Parallel Sessions 8

19 December, Saturday, 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Session 8(a): Political Economy: Empirical (Conference Room)

Chair: Mudit Kapoor

Shampa Bhattacharjee (Shiv Nadar University): “The Timing of Elections and Infant Mortality: Evidence from India”

Subhasish Dey (University of Manchester) & **Kunal Sen** (University of Manchester): “Do Electoral Politics Matter in MG-NREGS Implementation? Evidence from Village Council Elections in West Bengal”

Sisir Debnath (Indian School of Business), **Mudit Kapoor** (ISI, Delhi) & **Shamika Ravi** (Brookings Institution): “The Impact of Electoral Process on Democracy and Development”

Session 8(b): Indian Manufacturing (Seminar Room 1)

Chair: Saon Ray

Prachi Gupta (IGIDR, Mumbai) & **C. Veeramani** (IGIDR, Mumbai): “Impact of Trade Reforms on Markups: Analysis of Indian Manufacturing Plants”

Sarmishtha Sen (Syamsundar College, West Bengal): “Productivity Improvement through Subcontracting and Unorganized Indian Textile and Garment Enterprises: An Impact Evaluation”

Saon Ray (ICRIER), **Prithvijit Mukherjee** (Georgia State University) & **Mishita Mehra** (University of Washington): “Upgrading in the Indian Garment Industry: A Study of Three Clusters”

Session 8(c): Agriculture II (Seminar Room 2)

Chair: Sutirtha Bandyopadhyay

Deepak Varshney (Delhi School of Economics): “Impact of MGNREGA on Cropping Pattern and Labour Use: An Analysis Using Primary Survey from Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh”

Gaurav Arora (Iowa State University), **Peter T. Wolter** (Iowa State University), **Hongli Feng** (Michigan State University) & **David A. Hennessy** (Michigan State University): “Role of Ethanol Plants in Dakotas Land Use Change: Incorporating Flexible Trends in the Difference-in-Difference Framework with Remotely-Sensed Data”

Sutirtha Bandyopadhyay (ISI, Delhi) & **Bharat Ramaswami** (ISI, Delhi): “Welfare Impact of Trade Liberalization in India: The Case of Edible Oil”

Session 8(d): Industrial Organization (Classroom 14)

Chair: Abhimanyu Khan

Rudra Prosad Roy (Jadavpur University) & **Tanmoyee Banerjee** (Jadavpur University): “Perceived Risk in Online Shopping, Informative Advertising and Price Competition: Some Theoretical Understandings”

Priyanka Kothari (ISI, Delhi) & **Prabal Roy Chowdhury** (ISI, Delhi): “Incumbent Behavior in Vertically Differentiated Markets with Bounded Rational Consumers”

Abhimanyu Khan (Cambridge-INET) & **Ronald Peeters** (Maastricht University): “Imitation and Price Competition in a Differentiated Market”

Session 8(e): Microeconomic Theory II (Classroom 13)

Chair: Indrajit Ray

Bharat Goel (IIM, Calcutta) & **Arijit Sen** (IIM, Calcutta): “Value Creation vs. Appropriation, and Evolution of Property Rights”

Aditya V Kuvalekar (New York University) & **Elliot Lipnowski** (New York University): “Job Insecurity”

Ricardo Gonçalves (Universidade de Católica Portuguesa) & **Indrajit Ray** (Cardiff University): “Equilibria in a Japanese English Auction with Discrete Bid Levels for the Wallet Game”

Session 8(f): Monetary Economics (Auditorium)

Chair: Debdulal Mallick

Chetan Ghate (ISI, Delhi), **Sargam Gupta** (ISI, Delhi) & **Debdulal Mallick** (Deakin University): “Terms of Trade Shocks and Monetary Policy in India”

Chetan Subramanian (IIM, Bangalore) & **Vipul Mathur** (IIM, Bangalore): “Segmented Financial Markets and Exchange Rate Dynamics in a Small Open Economy”

Debdulal Mallick (Deakin University): “A Spectral Representation of the Phillips Curve in Australia”