



**14th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development**  
**December 19-21, 2018**  
**Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi**

**Conference Programme**

**Pre-conference Event: 18 December, Tuesday**

**7:00 pm - 8:30 pm: Panel Discussion** on "The Way forward for the Indian Economy"

*(Auditorium, India Islamic Cultural Centre, 87-88, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003)*

**Panelists:**

**K.P. Krishnan** (Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship)

**T.N. Ninan** (Business Standard)

**Ila Patnaik** (National Institute of Public Finance and Policy)

**Sanjeev Sanyal** (Ministry of Finance)

**Moderator: Ashok Kotwal** (Ideas for India and University of British Columbia)

[The panel discussion is co-organized with the International Growth Centre and Ideas for India.]



## Day 1: 19 December, Wednesday

9.00 - 10.10: Registration and Coffee/Tea

10.10 - 10.20: Welcome and Opening Remarks: Bharat Ramaswami (Indian Statistical Inst., Delhi)

10.20 - 11.20: **Plenary Session 1** (*Auditorium*)

Debraj Ray (New York University): "Groups in Conflict"

Chair: Bharat Ramaswami (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi)

11.20 - 11.50: Coffee/Tea Break

11.50 - 1.00: **Parallel Sessions 1**

- 1(a) Trade: WTO (*Conference Room*)
- 1(b) Financial Development, Crime and Corruption (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 1(c) Statistical Methods (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 1(d) Social Networks (*Auditorium*)
- 1(e) Welfare Economics (*Classroom 11*)
- 1(f) Happiness and Aspiration (*Classroom 13*)
- 1(g) Macro: Intergenerational Issues (*Classroom 14*)

1.00 - 2.15: Lunch (*Guesthouse Lawn – For registered participants only*)

2.15 - 4.00: **Parallel Sessions 2**

- 2(a) Ethnic Diversity I (*Conference Room*)
- 2(b) Corporate Finance (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 2(c) Gender I (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 2(d) Political Economy (*Auditorium*)
- 2(e) Crime and Corruption: Theory (*Classroom 11*)
- 2(f) Food Price and Food Security (*Classroom 13*)
- 2(g) Topics in Macroeconomics I (*Classroom 14*)

4.00 - 4.30: Coffee/Tea Break

4.30 - 6.15: **Parallel Sessions 3**

- 3(a) Education I (*Conference Room*)
- 3(b) Indian Manufacturing I (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 3(c) Healthcare and Insurance (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 3(d) Political Economy: Public Goods (*Auditorium*)
- 3(e) Industrial Organization (*Classroom 11*)
- 3(f) Agriculture (*Classroom 13*)
- 3(g) Topics in Macroeconomics II (*Classroom 14*)

## Day 2: 20 December, Thursday

**9.00 - 9.30: Registration and Coffee/Tea**

**9.30 - 10.30: Plenary Session 2 (Auditorium)**

**Morten O. Ravn (University College London): "Sentimental Business Cycles"**

Chair: Monisankar Bishnu (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi)

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

**11.15 - 1.00: Parallel Sessions 4**

- 4(a) Ethnic Diversity II (Conference Room)
- 4(b) Indian Manufacturing II (Seminar Room 1)
- 4(c) Marriage (Seminar Room 2)
- 4(d) Political Institutions (Auditorium)
- 4(e) Auction and Mechanism Design (Classroom 11)
- 4(f) Environment I (Classroom 13)
- 4(g) Economic Growth (Classroom 14)

**1.00 - 2.15: Lunch (Guesthouse Lawn – For registered participants only)**

**2.15 - 4.00: Parallel Sessions 5**

- 5(a) Education: Policy Evaluation (Conference Room)
- 5(b) Microfinance (Seminar Room 1)
- 5(c) Gender II (Seminar Room 2)
- 5(d) Poverty and Exclusion (Auditorium)
- 5(e) Topics in Applied Micro Theory (Classroom 11)
- 5(f) Environment II (Classroom 13)
- 5(g) Gender, Education and the Economy (Classroom 14)

**4.00 - 4.30: Coffee/Tea Break**

**4.30 - 6.15: Parallel Sessions 6**

- 6(a) Caste and Religion (Conference Room)
- 6(b) Household Finance (Seminar Room 1)
- 6(c) Health and Nutrition I (Seminar Room 2)
- 6(d) Politics and Corruption (Auditorium)
- 6(e) Social Choice Theory (Classroom 11)
- 6(f) Trade: Theory and Empirical (Classroom 13)
- 6(g) Macroeconomics: Indian Economy (Classroom 14)

**7.30 - 10.00: Gala Dinner at the French Cultural Centre**

**2 APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi - 11**

*(Dinner is by invitation only)*



## Day 3: 21 December, Friday

9.00 - 9.30: Registration and Coffee/Tea

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

**Orazio Attanasio (University College London):** "Interventions to Foster Early Childhood Development: Evaluation, Sustainability and Scalability"

Chair: Farzana Afridi (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi)

10.30 - 11.15: **High Tea** (*Guest House Lawn*)

11.15 - 1.00: **Parallel Sessions 7**

- 7(a) **Education II** (*Conference Room*)
- 7(b) **Labour I** (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 7(c) **Crime against Women** (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 7(d) **Institutions** (*Auditorium*)
- 7(e) **Topics in Micro Theory I** (*Classroom 11*)
- 7(f) **Infrastructure** (*Classroom 13*)
- 7(g) **Topics in Macroeconomics III** (*Classroom 14*)

1.00 - 2.15: **Lunch** (*Guest House Lawn – For registered participants only*)

2.15 - 4.00: **Parallel Sessions 8**

- 8(a) **Education: Teachers and Students** (*Conference Room*)
- 8(b) **Labour II** (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 8(c) **Health and Nutrition II** (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 8(d) **Law and Economics** (*Auditorium*)
- 8(e) **Topics in Micro Theory II** (*Classroom 11*)
- 8(f) **Trade: Empirical** (*Classroom 13*)
- 8(g) **Macroeconomic Theory** (*Classroom 14*)

4.00 - 4.30: **Coffee/Tea Break**

4.30 - 6.00: **Session in Memory of T.N. Srinivasan (1933 - 2018)** (*Auditorium*)

**Speakers:**

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

**Bharat Ramaswami** (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi)

**Rohini Somanathan** (Delhi School of Economics)

**Chair: Debraj Ray** (New York University)

[The Session is co-organized with the Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi.]



6.00 - 6.15: **Vote of Thanks**

**Parallel Sessions 1****19 December, Wednesday 11:50 AM – 1:00 PM****Session 1(a): Trade: WTO (Conference Room)****Chair: Saikat Sinha Roy****Pushan Dutt** (INSEAD): "The WTO Is Not Passé"

Pradyut Kumar Pyne (Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India) and **Saikat Sinha Roy** (Jadavpur University): "Does WTO Improve Market Access? May be, but with Maturity"

**Session 1(b): Financial Development, Crime & Corruption (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Chandan Kumar Jha**

Rashmi Barua (Jawaharlal Nehru University) and **Malvika Mahesh** (Jawaharlal Nehru University): "Financial Development, Crime, and Income Inequality in India"

**Chandan Kumar Jha** (Le Moyne College): "Financial Reforms and Corruption: Evidence using GMM Estimation"

**Session 1(c): Statistical Methods (Seminar Room 2)****Chair: Saraswata Chaudhuri**

**Mitul Surana** (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad) and Errol D'Souza (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad): "Politician Identity and Development – Evaluating the IV Strategy built on a Close Elections RD Design"

**Saraswata Chaudhuri** (McGill University) and Jean-Louis Barnwell (McGill University): "Efficient Estimation in Sub and Full Populations with Monotonically Missing at Random Data"

**Session 1(d): Social Networks (Auditorium)****Chair: Christophe Jalil Nordman**

**Souvik Dutta** (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore), Abhirup Sarkar (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata) and Suraj Shekhar (University of Cape Town): "Social Insurance in Self Help Groups: A Generalized Propensity Score Approach"

**Christophe Jalil Nordman** (IRD, DIAL, IFP and IZA) and Anne Hilger (The World Bank, DIAL and IFP): "The Determinants of Trust: Evidence from Rural South India"

**Session 1(e): Welfare Economics (Classroom 11)****Chair: Nicolas Gravel**

**Suman Seth** (University of Leeds) and Gaston Yalonetzky (University of Leeds): "Assessing Deprivation with Ordinal Variables: Depth Sensitivity and Poverty Aversion"

Mathieu Faure (Aix-Marseille School of Economics) and **Nicolas Gravel** (Centre de Sciences Humaines, Delhi and Aix-Marseille School of Economics): "Equality Among Unequals"

**Session 1(f): Happiness and Aspiration (Classroom 13)****Chair: Dyotona Dasgupta**

Subrato Banerjee (Queensland University of Technology) and **Priyanka Kothari** (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi): "Happiness in the Finite"

**Dyotona Dasgupta** (Ashoka University) and Anuradha Saha (Ashoka University): "Aspiration and Development"

**Session 1(g): Macro: Intergenerational Issues (Classroom 14)****Chair: Shankha Chakraborty**

Monisankar Bishnu (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi), Shresth Garg (Harvard University), **Tishara Garg** (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi) and Tridip Ray (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi): "Optimal Intergenerational Transfers: Public Education and Pensions"

**Shankha Chakraborty** (University of Oregon) and Mausumi Das (Delhi School of Economics): "Mortality and Structural Change under Directed Altruism"

**Parallel Sessions 2****19 December, Wednesday 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM****Session 2(a): Ethnic Diversity I (Conference Room)****Chair: Anirban Mitra**

**Andaleeb Rahman** (Cornell University), **Deepak Malghan** ((Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore) and **Naveen Bharathi** ((Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore): "More Heat than Light: Census-Scale Evidence for the Relationship between Ethnic Diversity and Economic Development as a Statistical Artifact"

**Manaswini Bhalla** (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore), **Manisha Goel** (Pomona College), **Balagopal Vissa** (INSEAD) and **Suresh Bhagavatula** (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore): "Cultural Homophily in Corporate Boards and Firm Outcomes"

**Anirban Mitra** (University of Kent) and **Sarmistha Pal** (University of Surrey): "Democratisation under Diversity: Theory and Evidence from Indonesian Communities"

**Session 2(b): Corporate Finance (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Rish Singhania**

**Manaswini Bhalla** (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore), **Manisha Goel** (Pomona College), **Krishna Teja** (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore) and **Michelle Zemel** (Pomona College): "Firms of a Feather Merge Together: Information Flows, Familiarity Bias and M&A Outcomes"

**Mukta Mukherjee** (NSHM College of Management and Technology): "The Effect of Fringe Benet Tax on Wages: Evidence from India"

**Stephen LeRoy** (University of California, Santa Barbara) and **Rish Singhania** (University of Exeter): "Size and Power of Asset Pricing Tests"

**Session 2(c): Gender I (Seminar Room 2)****Chair: Gautam Hazarika**

**Anirvan Chowdhury** (University of California, Berkeley), **Saad Gulzar** (Stanford University) and **Durgesh Pathak** (Aam Aadmi Party): "A Field Experiment on Engaging Women Voters in India"

**Ashwini Deshpande** (Delhi School of Economics), **Christopher Ksoll** (Mathematica Policy Research), **Annemie Maertens** (University of Sussex) and **Vinitha Varghese** (University of Illinois, Chicago): "The Impact of an Adult Literacy Program on the Next Generation: Evidence from Rural India"

**Gautam Hazarika** (The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley), **Chandan Kumar Jha** (Le Moyne College) and **Sudipta Sarangi** (Virginia Tech): "Ancestral Ecological Endowments and Missing Women"

**Session 2(d): Political Economy (Auditorium)****Chair: Anders Kjelsrud**

**Chinmaya Kumar** (Univeristy of Chicago) and **M R Sharan** (Harvard Kennedy School): "The Distributional Consequences of Political Reservation"

**Saad Gulzar** (Stanford University), **Nicholas Haas** (New York University) and **Benjamin Pasquale** (Independent Researcher): "Representation and Development Across Groups: Evidence from a Large-Scale Government Program in India"

**Anders Kjelsrud** (University of Oslo), **Kalle Moene** (University of Oslo) and **Lore Vandewalle** (The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva): "The Political Competition over Life and Death"

**Parallel Sessions 2 (continued...)****19 December, Wednesday 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM****Session 2(e): Crime and Corruption: Theory (Classroom 11)****Chair: Parimal Bag**

**Aditya Dasgupta** (University of California, Merced) and **Tesalia Rizzo** (Massachusetts Institute of Technology): "Red Tape, Corruption, and Distributive Politics"

**Amit Ahuja** (University of California, Santa Barbara) and **Aashish Mehta** (University of California, Santa Barbara): "How does Growth Affect Corruption? Exit, Empowerment and Voice in Indian Public Services"

**Mehmet Bac** (Sabanci University) and **Parimal Bag** (National University of Singapore): "How to Deter Crimes?"

**Session 2(f): Food Price and Food Security (Classroom 13)****Chair: Avinash Kishore**

**Digvijay Singh Negi** (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi): "The Welfare Impacts of High Food Prices: Resource Endowments and Spill-Over Effects"

**Sanjukta Das** (National Council of Applied Economic Research): "Cash and Food? Tackling Poverty with Conditional Transfers"

**Suman Chakrabarti** (International Food Policy Research Institute), **Avinash Kishore** (International Food Policy Research Institute) and **Devesh Roy** (International Food Policy Research Institute): "Entitlement Fetching or Snatching? Arbitrage and Grain Diversion in India's Public Distribution System"

**Session 2(g): Topics in Macroeconomics I (Classroom 14)****Chair: Aarti Singh**

**Sargam Gupta** (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi): "Trade Openness, Uncertainty Shocks and Monetary Policy"

**Sriparna Goswami** (Jadavpur University) and **Bidisha Chakraborty** (Jadavpur University): "Wealth Distribution and Skills Generation under Public and Private Education Systems"

**Michal Horvath** (University of York) and **Aarti Singh** (University of Sydney): "Redistribution and Human Capital Investment"



**Parallel Sessions 3****19 December, Wednesday 4:30 PM – 6:15 PM****Session 3(a): Education I (Conference Room)****Chair: Arpita Chatterjee**

**Shweta Grover** (Indian Institute of Management, Indore) and Ajay Sharma (Indian Institute of Management, Indore): "Education Occupation (Mis-)Match and Dispersion in Returns to Education: Evidence from India"

Nishant Chadha (India Development Foundation) and **Bharti Nandwani** (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research): "Ethnic Fragmentation and School Provision in India"

**Marcos Agurto** (Universidad de Piura), Hugo Fiestas (Universidad de Piura), Wenceslao Nunez (Universidad de Piura), Ana Quevedo (Virginia Tech) and Susana Vegas (Universidad de Piura): "Study-Group Diversity and College Academic Outcomes: Experimental Evidence from the Beca18 Social Inclusion Program in Peru"

Reshad Ahsan (University of Melbourne), **Arpita Chatterjee** (University of New South Wales) and Shahe Emran (Columbia University): "Is Better Access to Markets a Substitute for Educated Parents? Evidence from Rural India"

**Session 3(b): Indian Manufacturing I (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Ritam Chaurey**

**Diti Goswami** (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi) and Sourabh B Paul (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi): "The Decline in the Aggregate Productivity Growth of Indian Manufacturing: Evidence from Plant-Level Panel Dataset"

Bishwanath Goldar (Institute of Economic Growth) and **Mahua Paul** (Institute for Studies in Industrial Development): "Impact of Port Infrastructure Development and Operational Efficiency of Ports on Export Performance: A Study of Manufactured Product Exports from India"

**Ritika Jain** (Centre for Development Studies): "Is R&D Spending Influenced by Disinvestment and Local Political Corruption? The Case of Indian Central Public Sector Enterprises"

David Blakeslee (NYU, Abu Dhabi), **Ritam Chaurey** (Johns Hopkins SAIS), Ram Fishman (Tel Aviv University) and Samreen Malik (NYU, Abu Dhabi): "Structural Transformation and Spillovers from Industrial Areas"

**Session 3(c): Healthcare and Insurance (Seminar Room 2)****Chair: Sonia Bhalotra**

**Anaka Aiyar** (Cornell University): "Unintended Spillovers of Targeted Health Insurance Programs on Intra-Household Resource Allocations"

**Manoj Mohanan** (Duke University), Grant Miller (Stanford University and NBER), Katherine Donato (Stanford University and NBER), Yulya Truskinovsky (Wayne State University) and Marcos Vera-Hernández (UCL and IFS): "Different Strokes for Different Folks: Experimental Evidence on Effectiveness of Input and Output Based Contracts for Health Care Providers with Different Levels of Skills"

**Sonia Bhalotra** (University of Essex), Leticia Nunes (FGV) and Rudi Rocha (FGV): "Curative vs Preventive Pre-Hospital Care in a Developing Country – Effects on Hospital Crowding and Patient Outcomes"

**Session 3(d): Political Economy: Public Goods (Auditorium)****Chair: Bharatee Bhusana Dash**

**Tanushree Goyal** (University of Oxford): "Do Roads Bring Votes? Democratic Accountability in Rural India"

**Deepak Singhania** (Institute for Financial Management and Research): "When does Local Government Proliferation Work? Role of Direct Local Elections in Indonesia"

Stanley L. Winer (Carleton University), J. Stephen Ferris (Carleton University), **Bharatee Bhusana Dash** (National Institute of Public Finance and Policy) and Pinaki Chakraborty (National Institute of Public Finance and Policy): "The Privatness of Public Expenditure: A Model and Empirics for the Indian States"



**Parallel Sessions 3 (continued...)****19 December, Wednesday 4:30 PM – 6:15 PM****Session 3(e): Industrial Organization (Classroom 11)****Chair: Suraj Prasad**

**Rishman Jot Kaur Chahal** (Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur), Wasim Ahmad (Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur) and Gazi Salah Uddin (Linkoping University, BI Norwegian Business School and EDHEC): "Firm-Political Connections: A Resource Based View Analysis "

**Gaurav Jakhu** (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi): "Bundling in Platform Markets in the Presence of Data Advantage"

**Shraman Banerjee** (O.P. Jindal Global University): "Revenue-Management for Strategic Buyers with Time-Inconsistency"

**Suraj Prasad** (University of Sydney) and Sebastian Tanase (University of Sydney): "Competition, Collaboration and Organization Design"

**Session 3(f): Agriculture (Classroom 13)****Chair: Shekhar Tomar**

Shawn Cole (Harvard Business School), Tomoko Harigaya (Precision Agriculture for Development) and **Aparna Krishna** (Precision Agriculture for Development): "Value of Customized Advice: Experimental Evidence from India"

**Deepak Varshney** (International Food Policy Research Institute), Pramod Kumar Joshi (International Food Policy Research Institute) and Devesh Roy (International Food Policy Research Institute): "Social Network amid Social Differentiation in the Adoption of Improved Technologies: A Case Study of Mustard Hybrids in Rajasthan, India"

**Raushan Kumar** (Zakir Husain Delhi College, Delhi University): "Predicting Wheat Futures Prices in India "

Abhinav Narayanan (Reserve Bank of India) and **Shekhar Tomar** (Reserve Bank of India): "Price Deficiency Payments Mechanism: Evidence from the Indian Agricultural Market"

**Session 3(g): Topics in Macroeconomics II (Classroom 14)****Chair: Piyali Das**

Rohan Ray (Singapore Management University) and **Cledwyn Fernandez** (Xavier School of Management, Jamshedpur): "India and China's Growth Spillover in Asia: A Spatial Panel Econometric Approach"

Chetan Ghate (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi) and **Debojyoti Mazumder** (Indian Institute of Management, Indore): "Employment Targeting in a Frictional Labor Market"

**Rishabh Kumar** (California State University): "The Evolution of Wealth-Income Ratios in India 1860-2012"

**Piyali Das** (Indian Institute of Management, Indore) and Chetan Ghate (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi): "Debt Decomposition for India"

**Parallel Sessions 4****20 December, Thursday 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM****Session 4(a): Ethnic Diversity II (Conference Room)****Chair: Lakshmi Iyer**

Naveen Bharathi (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore), Deepak Malghan (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore), **Sumit Mishra** (Institute for Financial Management and Research) and Andaleeb Rahman (Cornell University): "Public Goods, and Nested Subnational Units: Diversity, Segregation, or Hierarchy?"

**Bruhan Konda** (UNU MERIT, Netherlands), Eleonora Nillesen (UNU MERIT, Netherlands) and Stephan Dietrich (UNU MERIT, Netherlands): "Capturing Minds of the Oppressed: Evidence from a Lab-in-Field Experiment"

Sonia Bhalotra (University of Essex), Irma Clots-Figueras (Universidad Carlos III Madrid), **Lakshmi Iyer** (University of Notre Dame) and Joseph Vecci (University of Gothenburg): "Leader Identity and Coordination"

**Session 4(b): Indian Manufacturing II (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Ajay Bhaskarabhatla**

**Sreyashi Sen** (Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University): "Productivity Effects of Labour Regulations: Evidence from India"

**Sanjaya Kumar Malik** (Institute for Studies in Industrial Development): "Employment Effect of Foreign Direct Investment in Indian Manufacturing Industries"

Gianluca Antonicchia (Erasmus School of Economics) and **Ajay Bhaskarabhatla** (Erasmus School of Economics): "Productivity, Prices and Market Shares in Multiproduct Firms"

**Session 4(c): Marriage (Seminar Room 2)****Chair: Shreyasee Das**

**Sounak Thakur** (Washington University, St. Louis): "Saving for Marriage Expenses and Nutrition of Children in Early Childhood: Evidence from India"

**Dimple Kukreja** (Toulouse School of Economics): "Labour Market Shocks and Evolution of Dowry Payments: Evidence from India"

**Shreyasee Das** (Temple University) and Shatanjaya Dasgupta (Beloit College): "Marriage Market Responses in the Wake of a Natural Disaster in India"

**Session 4(d): Political Institutions (Auditorium)****Chair: Vijayendra Rao**

**Rolly Kukreja** (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi): "Does Political Representation affect Trust in Political Institutions? Evidence from India"

**Meghna Agarwala** (Ashoka University), Shampa Bhattacharjee (Shiv Nadar University) and Aparajita Dasgupta (Ashoka University): "The Effect of Political Institutions on Crop Residue Burning"

Ramya Parthasarathy (McKinsey), **Vijayendra Rao** (World Bank) and Nethra Palaniswamy (World Bank): "Deliberative Inequality: A Text-as-Data Study of Tamil Nadu's Village Assemblies"

**Session 4(e): Auction and Mechanism Design (Classroom 11)****Chair: Swagata Bhattacharjee****Sanyam Khurana** (Delhi School of Economics): "Asymmetric Auctions with Risk Averse Preferences"Gaurav Arora (Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi) and **Rakesh Chaturvedi** (Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi): "Double Auction Mechanisms for Land Assembly"Shraman Banerjee (O. P. Jindal Global University) and **Swagata Bhattacharjee** (Ashoka University): "Simple Vs Optimal Auctions: An Experimental Investigation"**Session 4(f): Environment I (Classroom 13)****Chair: Lopamudra Chakraborti (CIDE, Mexico)****Ridhima Gupta** (IISER Bhopal) and Martino Pelli (University of Sherbrooke): "Electrification and Cooking Fuel Choice in Rural India"Ujjayant Chakravorty (Tufts University), Xiangzheng Deng (Chinese Academy of Sciences), Yazhen Gong (Renmin University of China), **Martino Pelli** (Université de Sherbrooke) and Qian Zhang (Chinese Academy of Sciences): "Roads and Resources: Groundwater Depletion in the North China Plains"**Anant Sudarshan** (University of Chicago) and Nicholas Ryan (Yale University): "The Efficiency of Rationing: Agricultural Power Subsidies, Power Supply and Groundwater Depletion in Rajasthan"**Session 4(g): Economic Growth (Classroom 14)****Chair: Agnirup Sarkar****Saheli Das** (Jawaharlal Nehru University) and Meeta Keswani Mehra (Jawaharlal Nehru University): "Ability-Biased Technical Change, Economic Growth and the Environment"**Bharat Diwakar** (Bennett University), Gilad Sorek (Auburn University) and Michael Stern (Auburn University): "Patents and Growth in OLG Economy with Physical Capital"**Agnirup Sarkar** (Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati): "Understanding the Short Run Relationship between Stock Market and Growth in Emerging Economies"

**Parallel Sessions 5****20 December, Thursday 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM****Session 5(a): Education: Policy Evaluation (Conference Room)****Chair: Siddharth Hari**

**Garima Agarwal** (Delhi School of Economics): "Improving School Attendance for Adolescent Girls – Evidence from a Policy Experiment in Delhi's Public Schools"

Amrishi Dongre (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad), Ankur Sarin (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad) and **Karan Singhal** (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad): "Can a Mandate for Inclusion Change School Choices for Disadvantaged Parents? Evidence from Urban India"

Nazmul Ahsan (St. Louis University), Rakesh Banerjee (Rice University) and **Siddharth Hari** (Virginia Tech): "Social Promotion and Learning Outcomes: Evidence from India"

**Session 5(b): Microfinance (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Surajeet Chakravarty**

**Indu Choudhary** (University of Delhi): "Evaluation of Return and its Determinants in Rotating Saving Credit Associations (ROSCAs)"

Britta Augsborg (Institute for Fiscal Studies), Bet Caeyers (Institute for Fiscal Studies), Sara Giunti (Institute for Fiscal Studies) and **Bansi Malde** (University of Kent and Institute for Fiscal Studies): "Labelled Loans, Credit Constraints and Sanitation Investments"

**Surajeet Chakravarty** (University of Exeter), Sumedh Dalwai (University of Exeter) and Pradeep Kumar (University of Exeter): "Incentive Design in a Microfinance Organisation"

**Session 5(c): Gender II (Seminar Room 2)****Chair: Rohini Somanathan**

**Ritika Sethi** (Indian School of Business): "Young Brides and Social Ties"

MD Moshi Ul Alam (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and **Monica** (University of Wisconsin-Madison): "Women Inheritance Rights and Household Sanitation"

Basil Isaac (Delhi School of Economics), **Rohini Somanathan** (Delhi School of Economics) and Akanksha Vardani (Delhi School of Economics): "Gender Bias and Gendered Outcomes: Some Pitfalls of Inference"

**Session 5(d): Poverty and Exclusion (Auditorium)****Chair: Björn Brey**

Nishant Chadha (India Development Foundation) and **Satyaki Chakravarty** (India Development Foundation), Soma Wadhwa (India Development Foundation): "Illiteracy and Exclusion: Evidence from India"

**Tanisha Mishra** (Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur), Deep Mukherjee (Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur) and Amey Sapre (National Institute of Public Finance and Policy): "Does Splitting States into Smaller Ones Help to Improve the Welfare of Rural Households? An Empirical Investigation"

**Brey Björn** (University of Nottingham) and Matthias S. Hertweck (Deutsche Bundesbank): "Agricultural Productivity Shocks and Poverty in India: The Short and Long-Term Effects of Monsoon Rainfall"

**Parallel Sessions 5 (continued...)****20 December, Thursday 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM****Session 5(e): Topics in Applied Micro Theory (Classroom 11)****Chair: Kalle Moene**

**Gautam Bose** (University of New South Wales, Sydney), **Arghya Ghosh** (University of New South Wales, Sydney) and **Prabal Roy Chowdhury** (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi): "Persistence of the Informal Sector"

**Bharat Goel** (Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance): "Bowerbirds' Mate-Selection Contests: Analysis and an Application"

**Rolf Aaberge** (University of Oslo), **Jo Thori Lind** (University of Oslo) and **Kalle Moene** (University of Oslo): "The Inequality of Equal Mating"

**Session 5(f): Environment II (Classroom 13)****Chair: Sumeet Gulati**

**Khushboo Aggarwal** (Jawaharlal Nehru University): "The Effect of Arsenic Poisoning on Education Outcomes: Evidence from Indian Districts"

**Prachi Singh** (Brookings India), **Sagnik Dey** (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi) and **Sourangsu Chowdhury** (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi): "Early Life Exposure to Pollution: Effect of Seasonal Open Biomass Burning on Child Health in India"

**Werner Antweiler** (University of British Columbia) and **Sumeet Gulati** (University of British Columbia): "Estimating the Fuel-Tax Elasticity of Vehicle Miles Travelled from Aggregate Data"

**Session 5(g): Gender, Education and the Economy (Classroom 14)****Chair: Kanika Mahajan**

**Girija Borker** (World Bank): "Safety First: Perceived Risk of Street Harassment and Educational Choices of Women"

**Tatiana Dmjanovic** (University of Durham) and **Geethanjali Selvaretnam** (University of Glasgow): "Economic Growth and Evolution of Gender Equality"

**Farzana Afridi** (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi), **Monisankar Bishnu** (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi) and **Kanika Mahajan** (Ashoka University): "Rising Education, Stagnating Labor Supply: Women and Work in India"

**Parallel Sessions 6****20 December, Thursday 4:30 PM – 6:15 PM****Session 6(a): Caste and Religion (Conference Room)****Chair: Swati Sharma**

**Nitin Kumar Bharti** (Paris School of Economics and University of Namur): "Wealth Inequality, Caste and Class in India, 1961-2012"

**Shreya Bhattacharya** (University of Houston): "Technology in Agriculture and Religious Conflict"

**Swati Sharma** (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi): "Social Connections at Workplace and Productivity: Evidence from Indian Garment Manufacturing"

**Session 6(b): Household Finance (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Parantap Basu**

**Niloy Bose** (Virginia Tech) and **Antu Murshid** (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee): "The Housing Wealth Effect: Identification after a Tragedy"

**Pawan Gopalakrishnan** (Reserve Bank of India), **S. K. Ritadhi** (Reserve Bank of India) and **Shekhar Tomar** (Reserve Bank of India): "Indian Households Finance – An Analysis of Stocks Vs Flows"

**Tanika Chakraborty** (Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta) and **Aarti Gupta** (Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur): "Efficacy of Loan Waiver Programs"

**Parantap Basu** (Durham University) and **Sigit Wibowo** (Universitas Indonesia): "An Empirical Investigation of Risk Sharing among Indonesian Households"

**Session 6(c): Health and Nutrition I (Seminar Room 2)****Chair: Wiktorja Tafesse**

**Esther Heesemann** (University of Göttingen) and **Sebastian Vollmer** (University of Göttingen): "The Relationship between Pregnancy Anemia, Childhood Anemia and Early Child Development: Evidence from Rural India"

**Anjali Purushotham** (Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen), **Nitya Mittal** (Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen), **B. C. Ashwini** (University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore), **K. B. Umesh** (University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore), **Stephan von Cramon-Taubadel** (Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen) and **Sebastian Vollmer** (Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen): "Does Dietary Diversity Improve Health Outcomes among Young Children and Women: A Quantile Regression Analysis"

**Wiktorja Tafesse** (University of York): "The Causal Impact of Iodised Salt Availability on Children's Heights in Rural India"

**Session 6(d): Politics and Corruption (Auditorium)****Chair: Laura Zimmermann**

**Ajit Phadnis** (Indian Institute of Management, Indore) and **Aishwarya Gupta** (Indian Institute of Management, Indore): "The Politics of Farm Loan Waivers: A Comparative Study"

**Rikhil Bhavnani** (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and **Saumitra Jha** (Stanford University): "Forging a Non-Violent Mass Movement: Economic Shocks and Organizational Innovations in India's Struggle for Democracy"

**Dahyeon Jeong** (University of California, Santa Cruz), **Ajay Shenoy** (University of California, Santa Cruz) and **Laura Zimmermann** (University of Georgia): "Are Transparency and Accountability Enough? Open Corruption and Why It Exists"

**Session 6(e): Social Choice Theory (Classroom 11)****Chair: Soumyarup Sadhukhan**

**Madhuparna Karmokar** (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata) and Souvik Roy (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata): "On the Equivalence of Ordinal Bayesian Incentive Compatibility and Dominant Strategy Incentive Compatibility for Random Rules"

**Ujjwal Kumar** (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata) and Souvik Roy (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata): "Equivalence of Local and Global SD Strategy-Proofness under Block Connectedness"

Hans Peters (Maastricht University), Souvik Roy (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata) and **Soumyarup Sadhukhan** (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata): "Fair Division with Single-Plateaued Preferences"

**Session 6(f): Trade: Theory and Empirical (Classroom 13)****Chair: Scott Charles Bradford**

**Takumi Naito** (Waseda University): "Can the Optimal Tariff be Zero for a Growing Large Country?"

**Arnab Nayak** (Mercer University): "Factor Endowment Differences, Cost Non-Homotheticity and the Pattern of Home Market Effects Across Countries"

**Scott Bradford** (Brigham Young University), Satya Das (University of Illinois) and Anuradha Saha (Ashoka University): "Country Size, Per Capita Income, and Comparative Advantage: Services versus Manufacturing"

**Session 6(g): Macroeconomics: Indian Economy (Classroom 14)****Chair: N. Kundan Kishor**

**Saakshi** (Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur) and Sohini Sahu (Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur): "An Analysis of Heterogeneity in Inflation Expectations across Cities in India"

Ashima Goyal (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research) and **Abhishek Kumar** (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research): "Money and Business Cycle: Evidence from India"

**N. Kundan Kishor** (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee): "Forecasting Inflation in India Under the Inflation-Targeting Regime"



**Parallel Sessions 7****21 December, Friday 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM****Session 7(a): Education II (Conference Room)****Chair: Anisha Sharma**

**Maulik Jagnani** (Cornell University): "Poor Sleep: Sunset Time and Human Capital Production"

**Michela Giorcelli** (University of California, Los Angeles) and **Nicola Bianchi** (Northwestern University): "Scientific Education and Innovation"

**Anisha Sharma** (Ashoka University) and **Aparajita Dasgupta** (Ashoka University): "Closing the Gender Gap: Evidence from Survey and Administrative Data"

**Session 7(b): Labour I (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Kanishka Kacker**

**Bhaskar Jyoti Neog** (Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur) and **Bimal Kishore Sahoo** (Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur): "Segmentation and Mobility in the Indian Labour Market"

**Swati Virmani** (University of Huddersfield): "Are Technology Transfers Skill Biased?"

**Kanishka Kacker** (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi): "Social Transfers and the Labor Supply Response: Revisiting the South African Old Age Pension"

**Session 7(c): Crime against Women (Seminar Room 2)****Chair: Asha Sundaram**

**Gaurav Dhamija** (Shiv Nadar University) and **Punarjit Roychowdhury** (Indian Institute of Management, Indore): "The Causal Impact of Women's Age at Marriage on Domestic Violence in India"

**Sumantra Pal** (Heidelberg University) and **Stefan Klonner** (Heidelberg University): "Cultural Correlates of Domestic Violence"

**Debasis Bandyopadhyay** (University of Auckland), **James Jones** (University of Auckland) and **Asha Sundaram** (University of Auckland): "Gender Bias and Male Backlash as Drivers of Crime Against Women: Evidence from India"

**Session 7(d): Institutions (Auditorium)****Chair: Arjunan Subramanian**

**Daron Acemoglu** (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), **Giuseppe De Feo** (Leicester University) and **Giacomo De Luca** (University of York): "Weak States: Causes and Consequences of the Sicilian Mafia"

**Thiemo Fetzer** (University of Warwick) and **Priya Mukherjee** (College of William and Mary): "The Long-Run Effects of Private Rule in the Colonial Era: Evidence from Java"

**Arjunan Subramanian** (University of Glasgow) and **Parmod Kumar** (Institute of Social and Economic Change): "Institution and Development: Evidence from a Randomized Information Field Experiment in India"

**Session 7(e): Topics in Micro Theory I (Classroom 11)****Chair: Raghul S Venkatesh**

**Srinivas Arigapudi** (University of Wisconsin-Madison): "Exit from Equilibrium in Coordination Games under Probit choice"

**Srijita Ghosh** (New York University): "Multidimensional and Selective Learning: A Case Study of Bt Cotton Farmers in India"

**Raghul Venkatesh** (Aix-Marseille School of Economics): "Communication and Commitment with Constraints"

**Session 7(f): Infrastructure (Classroom 13)****Chair: Oindrila Dey**

**Annamary Jose** (Institute for Financial Management and Research): "Do Policies Targeting Poor Districts Work? An Evaluation of BRGF Programme"

**John Firth** (Center for Global Development): "I've Been Waiting on the Railroad: The Effects of Congestion on Firm Production"

**Oindrila Dey** (FLAME University, Pune) and **Debalina Chakravarty** (Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta): "Is Electric Street Car a Sustainable Public Transport System in India? A Demand Side Analysis"

**Session 7(g): Topics in Macroeconomics III (Classroom 14)****Chair: Alok Johri**

**Divya Tuteja** (Indian Institute of Foreign Trade) and **Pami Dua** (Delhi School of Economics): "Inter-Linkages between BRICS and U.S."

**Pablo Cuba-Borda** (Federal Reserve Board) and **Sanjay R Singh** (University of California, Davis): "Understanding Persistent Stagnation"

**Ionut Cotoc** (McMaster University), **Alok Johri** (McMaster University) and **Cesar Sosa-Padilla** (University of Notre Dame): "Debt, Defaults and Dogma: Politics and the Dynamics of Sovereign Debt Markets"

**Parallel Sessions 8****21 December, Friday 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM****Session 8(a): Education: Teachers and Students (Conference Room)****Chair: Nishith Prakash**

**Ronak Jain** (Harvard University): "Incentives for Teachers: A Theoretical Framework and a Structural Model"

**Madhuri Agarwal** (Nova School of Business and Economics) and **Ana Balcão Reis** (Nova School of Business and Economics): "Look no Farther: The Impact of Local Contract Teachers on Student Outcomes"

**Nishith Prakash** (University of Connecticut), **Asadul Islam** (Monash University), **Sungoh Kwon** (Korea Institute of Public Finance), **Eema Masood** (World Bank) and **Shwetlena Sabarwal** (World Bank): "'All Pain and No Gain': When Goal Setting Leads to More Effort but No Gains in Test Scores"

**Session 8(b): Labour II (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Vidhya Soundararajan**

**Md Moshi Ul Alam** (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and **Irina Shaorshadze** (Bank of America): "Statistical Discrimination at the Extensive & Intensive Margin: Explaining Racial Employment & Wage Gap"

**Sadish** (Independent Researcher): "A Worker Worth the Wait: Information Asymmetry and Adverse Selection in the Labour Market of International Students"

**Ritam Chaurey** (Johns Hopkins University) and **Vidhya Soundararajan** (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore): "Banning Contract Work: Implications for Input Choices and Firm Performance"

**Session 8(c): Health and Nutrition II (Seminar Room 2)****Chair: Olga Shemyakina**

**Tharshini Thangavelu** (Luleå University of Technology): "Drama of Life Before Birth. A Quantile Regression Approach on Indian Adolescents"

**Marion Kraemer** (University of Göttingen), **Santosh Kumar** (Sam Houston State University) and **Sebastian Vollmer** (University of Göttingen): "Does Information on Child Health Risk Generate Positive Behavior Change and Improve Child Outcomes? A Regression Discontinuity Approach from Rural India"

**Olga Shemyakina** (Georgia Institute of Technology): "Political Violence and Child Health: Results from Zimbabwe"

**Session 8(d): Law and Economics (Auditorium)****Chair: Sankar De**

**Kalyani Chaudhuri** (University of California, Davis), **Natasha Jha** (Cornell University), **Mrithyunjayan Nilayamgode** (University of Virginia) and **Revathy Suryanarayana** (Cornell University): "Alcohol Ban and Crime: The ABC's of the Bihar Prohibition"

**Sahil Gandhi** (Tata Institute of Social Sciences), **Vaidehi Tandel** (IDFC Institute), **Alex Tabarrok** (George Mason University) and **Shamika Ravi** (Brookings India): "Too Slow for the Urban March: Litigations and Real Estate Market in Mumbai"

**Sankar De** (Independent Researcher) and **Manpreet Singh** (Scheller School of Business, Georgia Institute of Technology): "Relational Contracts and Courts"

**Parallel Sessions 8 (continued...)****21 December, Friday 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM****Session 8(e): Topics in Micro Theory II (Classroom 11)****Chair: Jeevant Rampal**

**Sakshi Upadhyay** (Virginia Tech): "Coalition Formation in Public Good Games"

Dhritiman Gupta (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi) and **Soumendu Sarkar** (TERI School of Advanced Studies): "Bargaining for Assembly"

Puja Bhattacharya (WZB Social Science Centre and DIW Berlin) and **Jeevant Rampal** (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad): "Contests Within and Between Groups"

**Session 8(f): Trade: Empirical (Classroom 13)****Chair: Kalpana Tokas**

Pavel Chakraborty (Lancaster University), Michael Henry (University of Birmingham) and **Rahul Singh** (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore): "Markups and Quality Adjustments to Chinese Import Competition: Evidence from India"

**Kanika Pathania** (Delhi School of Economics): "Empirical Estimates of Inverted Duty Structure and Effective Rate of Protection - The Case of India"

**Kalpana Tokas** (International Management Institute, New Delhi): "'New Age' Preferential Trade Agreements: Implications for Value Added Trade"

**Session 8(g): Macroeconomic Theory (Classroom 14)****Chair: Aditya Goenka**

**Sneha Agrawal** (New York University): "Black Money and Demonetisation "

Masao Nakagawa (Hiroshima University), Asuka Oura (Daito Bunka University) and **Yoshiaki Sugimoto** (Kansai University): "Economic Growth with Locked-in Fertility: Under- and Over-Investment in Education"

Guido Cozzi (University of St Gallen), **Aditya Goenka** (University of Birmingham), Minwook Kang (Nanyang Technology University) and Karl Shell (Cornell university): "Price Level Volatility and Optimal Taxation"