

CALL FOR PAPERS

The World Bank and Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Delhi are jointly organizing a workshop on

Jobless Growth in South Asia?

on **March 8, 2018** at ISI, Delhi.

Even though South Asia has been the fastest growing region in the world in recent years, there is a genuine concern whether this growth has been able to generate productive employment in these countries. For example, in India, National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) data reveals that employment growth from 1993-94 to 2011-12 averaged 1.1% per annum; lower than the perceived growth in the number of people entering the labor force. Similar trends have been observed in other countries in the South Asia. This warrants a deeper understanding between the (possible) mismatch between economic growth and employment in the region. The objective of the workshop is to try and answer the question – is jobless growth in South Asia a myth or a reality?

The topics of interest for this workshop include but are not limited to:

- Sectoral composition and patterns of economic growth - implications for job creation and destruction
- Changing nature of employment composition (male vs. female, regular vs. casual...)
- Relationship between job creation and firm characteristics (size, age...)
- Relationship between job creation and location characteristics (city size, business environment...)
- The challenges of measuring employment - what is really a job?
- Trends in labor productivity and their implications for job creation
- Changes in labor force participation, especially among women

You are invited to submit a paper for the workshop on one of the above or related topics. Selected papers from the workshop may be published in the Policy Focus section of the Indian Growth and Development Review. Travel grants for speakers based in South Asia are available. Submissions from young scholars are highly encouraged.

Submission Procedure:

The deadline for submission of abstracts is Tuesday, **February 1, 2018**. Please submit the following information via email to Chetan Ghate at cghate@isid.ac.in.

- Paper title
- Author information
- Abstract (approximately 500 words) and paper (if applicable)

Important dates:

Deadline for submission of abstracts: **February 1, 2018**

Notification of acceptance: **February 12, 2018**

Deadline for final paper submission: **March 5, 2018**

Organizing Committee:

Chetan Ghate (ISI Delhi), Martin Rama (The World Bank), and Robert Carl Michael Beyer (The World Bank).

Contact Information:

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