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## Conference Programme



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## Day 1: 18 December, Monday

**9.00 AM - 10.10 AM: Registration and Coffee/Tea**

**10.10 AM - 10.20 AM: Welcome and Opening Remarks:** Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay (ISI Delhi)

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

**Sonia Bhalotra (University of Warwick):** “The Dynamic Economic Benefits of Early Life Health Interventions: the Role of Skills and Opportunities”

Chair: Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi)

**11.20 AM - 11.50 AM: Coffee/Tea Break**

**11.50 AM - 01.00 PM: Parallel Sessions 1**

Session 1(a) Social Identity and Financial Inclusion (Conference Room)

Session 1(b) Welfare Programmes I (Seminar Room 1)

Session 1(c) Gender I: Women's Safety (Seminar Room 2)

Session 1(d) Religion and Caste (Auditorium)

Session 1(e) Real Estate and Finance I (Classroom 11)

Session 1(f) Applied Micro Theory I (Classroom 13)

Session 1(g) Social Networking and Learning (Classroom 14)

Session 1(h) Banking and Finance (Classroom 22)

Session 1(i) Labour I: Minimum Wages (Classroom 23)

Session 1(j) Environment I (Classroom 24)

**01.00 PM - 02.15 PM: Lunch (Guest House lawn- *for registered participants only*)**

**02.15 PM - 04.00 PM: Parallel Sessions 2**

Session 2(a) Education I (Conference Room)

Session 2(b) Health I (Seminar Room 1)

Session 2(c) Gender II: Female Labour Force Participation (Seminar Room 2)

Session 2(d) Political Economy I: Theory (Auditorium)

Session 2(e) Information Economics (Classroom 11)

Session 2(f) IO: Theory (Classroom 13)

Session 2(g) Macroeconomics: Labour I (Classroom 14)

Session 2(h) Empirical IO (Classroom 22)

Session 2(i) Labour II: Gender Issues (Classroom 23)

Session 2(j) Environment II (Classroom 24)

**04.00 PM – 04.30 PM: Coffee/Tea Break**

**04.30 PM - 06.15 PM: Parallel Sessions 3**

Session 3(a) Education II: Affirmative Action (Conference Room)

Session 3(b) Health II (Seminar Room 1)

Session 3(c) Gender III: Female Labour Force Participation (Seminar Room 2)

Session 3(d) Political Economy II: Local Democracy (Auditorium)

Session 3(e) Decision Theory (Classroom 11)

Session 3(f) Applied Micro Theory II (Classroom 13)

Session 3(g) Topics in Macroeconomics I (Classroom 14)

Session 3(h) Topics in Macroeconomics II (Classroom 22)

Session 3(i) Labour III (Classroom 23)

Session 3(j) Agriculture I (Classroom 24)

## Day 2: 19 December, Tuesday

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

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

**B. Ravikumar (Washington University in St. Louis; Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis):**  
“Moving Past Malthus and Becker: Mortality and Population Dynamics”

Chair: Chetan Ghate (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi)

**10.30 AM - 11.15 AM: High Tea (Guest House lawn)**

**11.15 AM - 01.00 PM: Parallel Sessions 4**

Session 4(a) Education III (Conference Room)  
Session 4(b) Health III: COVID 19 (Seminar Room 1)  
Session 4(c) Gender IV: Son Preference (Seminar Room 2)  
Session 4(d) Political Economy III (Auditorium)  
Session 4(e) Market Design (Classroom 11)  
Session 4(f) Trade and IO: Theory (Classroom 13)  
Session 4(g) Topics in Macroeconomics III (Classroom 14)  
Session 4(h) Law and Economics (Classroom 22)  
Session 4(i) Labour IV: Migration (Classroom 23)  
Session 4(j) Agriculture II (Classroom 24)

**01.00 PM - 02.15 PM: Lunch (Guest House lawn - For registered participants only)**

**02.15 PM - 04.00 PM: Parallel Sessions 5**

Session 5(a) Social Heterogeneity and Mobility (Conference Room)  
Session 5(b) Health IV (Seminar Room 1)  
Session 5(c) History and Persistence (Seminar Room 2)  
Session 5(d) Political Economy IV (Auditorium)  
Session 5(e) Game Theory (Classroom 11)  
Session 5(f) IO and Development: Theory (Classroom 13)  
Session 5(g) Macroeconomics: Government Policies (Classroom 14)  
Session 5(h) Empirical Trade (Classroom 22)  
Session 5(i) Labour V (Classroom 23)  
Session 5(j) Environment III (Classroom 24)

**04.00 PM - 04.30 PM: Coffee/Tea Break**

**04.30 PM - 06.15 PM: Parallel Sessions 6**

Session 6(a) Education IV: Gender Issues (Conference Room)  
Session 6(b) Poverty and Deprivation (Seminar Room 1)  
Session 6(c) Gender V: Marriage Market (Seminar Room 2)  
Session 6(d) Cash Transfers (Auditorium)  
Session 6(e) Mechanism Design (Classroom 11)  
Session 6(f) Applied Micro Theory III (Classroom 13)  
Session 6(g) Macroeconomics: Labour II (Classroom 14)  
Session 6(h) Finance (Classroom 22)  
Session 6(i) Labour VI (Classroom 23)  
Session 6(j) Language (Classroom 24)

**7.30 PM - 10.00 PM: Gala Dinner at the French Cultural Centre (2 APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi - 11)**  
(Dinner is by invitation only)

## Day 3: 20 December, Wednesday

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

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

**Rohini Pande (Yale University):** “Updating the State: Does Easier Access to Program Information Improve Bureaucrat Performance?”

Chair: E. Somanathan (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi)

**10.30 AM- 11.15 AM: High Tea (*Guest House lawn*)**

**11.15 AM- 01.00 PM: Parallel Sessions 7**

- Session 7(a) Caste (Conference Room)
- Session 7(b) Welfare Programmes II (Seminar Room 1)
- Session 7(c) Gender VI (Seminar Room 2)
- Session 7(d) Political Economy V (Auditorium)
- Session 7(e) Networks and Cooperative Games (Classroom 11)
- Session 7(f) Applied Micro Theory IV (Classroom 13)
- Session 7(g) Macroeconomics: Indian Experience I (Classroom 14)
- Session 7(h) Banking (Classroom 22)
- Session 7(i) Behavioural Economics I (Classroom 23)
- Session 7(j) Environment IV: Air Pollution (Classroom 24)

**01.00 PM - 02.15 PM: Lunch (*Guest House lawn - For registered participants only*)**

**02.15 PM- 04.00 PM: Parallel Sessions 8**

- Session 8(a) Education V: Impact of Conflict (Conference Room)
- Session 8(b) Health V (Seminar Room 1)
- Session 8(c) Networks and Congestion (Seminar Room 2)
- Session 8(d) Political Economy VI (Auditorium)
- Session 8(e) Topics in Micro Theory (Classroom 11)
- Session 8(f) Topics in Macroeconomics IV (Classroom 13)
- Session 8(g) Macroeconomics: Indian Experience II (Classroom 14)
- Session 8(h) Real Estate and Finance II (Classroom 22)
- Session 8(i) Behavioural Economics II (Classroom 23)
- Session 8(j) Agriculture III (Classroom 24)

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

**4.30 PM - 6.00 PM: Panel Discussion on “Research Opportunities in a Dynamic Policy Making Environment” (*Auditorium*)**

**Panelists:**

**Yamini Aiyar** (Centre for Policy Research)

**Karthik Muralidharan** (University of California San Diego)

**Amarjeet Sinha** (Ex Secretary, Govt. of India)

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

**6.00 - 6.15: Vote of Thanks**

**Parallel Sessions 1****18 December, Monday 11:50 AM- 01:00 PM****Session 1(a) Social Identity and Financial Inclusion (Conference Room)****Chair: Sandhya Garg**

**Rikhia Bhukta** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur), **Debayan Pakrashi** (Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata; Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur), **Sarani Saha** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur), and **Ashish Sedai** (University of Texas at Arlington): "Does Financial Inclusion Mitigate Social Exclusion? Causal Evidence from India"

**Sandhya Garg** (Institute of Economic Growth), **Samarth Gupta** (Ahmedabad University), and **Sushanta Mallick** (Queen Mary University of London): "Does Social Identity Constrain Rural Entrepreneurship? The Role of Financial Inclusion"

**Session 1(b) Welfare Programmes I (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Michael Palmer**

**Vidhya Unnikrishnan** (University of Manchester): "Impact of Social Protection Policy Targeted on the Disabled: Panel Data Evidence from India"

**Michael Palmer** (University of Western Australia): "Breaking Down the Barriers to Disability Benefits. Experimental Evidence from Vietnam"

**Session 1(c) Gender I: Women's Safety (Seminar Room 2)****Chair: Utsa Banerjee**

**Kumar Ashutosh** (IFMR Graduate School of Business, KREA University): "Street Safety: Fuel to Girls' Secondary Schooling in India"

**Utsa Banerjee** (Lancaster University): "Can Local Safety Explain Gender Gap in Employment"

**Session 1(d) Religion and Caste (Auditorium)****Chair: Ashwini Deshpande**

**Anand Murugesan** (Central European University, Vienna), and **Jitendra Singh** (Ashoka University): "Conflict, Markets, and Social Costs"

**Ashwini Deshpande** (Ashoka University), and **Rajesh Ramachandran** (Monash University): "How Does Religious Affiliation Affect Socio-Economic Outcomes? Evidence from the Religion-Caste Overlap in India"

**Session 1(e) Real Estate and Finance I (Classroom 11)****Chair: Sankar De**

**Sahana Roy Chowdhury** (International Management Institute Kolkata), **Kirti Gupta** (Reserve Bank of India), and **Panayiotis Tzeremes** (University of Thessaly): "US Housing Prices and the Transmission Mechanism: A Quantile Connectedness Model"

**Amiya K. Basu** (Whitman School of Management, Syracuse University), **Siddhartha Basu** (Airbnb, San Francisco, California) and **Sankar De** (Independent Researcher): "New Venture Financing and Venture Capital 'Funding Hole' "

**Parallel Sessions 1 (continued...)****18 December, Monday 11:50 AM – 01:00 PM****Session 1(f) Applied Micro Theory I (Classroom 13)****Chair: Dmitry Shapiro**

**Swapnendu Banerjee** (Jadavpur University), and **Somenath Chakraborty** (Adamas University): "Moral Hazard with Other-Regarding Principal and Agents "

**Dmitry Shapiro** (Seoul National University): "Limited Impact of Business Development Programs on Entrepreneurs' Profitability in the Presence of Ambiguity Aversion"

**Session 1(g) Social Networking and Learning (Classroom 14)****Chair: Vanisha Sharma**

**Ashish Dattaram Desai** (Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode), **Rudra Sensarma** (Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode), and **Ashok Thomas** (Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode): "Impact of Social Networking on Income and Loan Repayment of Subsistence Women Entrepreneurs: Experimental Evidence from India"

**Vanisha Sharma** (Cornell University): "Social (Media) Learning: Experimental Evidence from Indian Farmers"

**Session 1(h) Banking and Finance (Classroom 22)****Chair: KM Neelima**

**Arpit Kumar Parija** (Indian Institute of Management Calcutta; Xavier School of Management Delhi): "Unraveling Credibility in Stress Test Result Disclosures"

**Nirupama Kulkarni** (Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning), **KM Neelima** (Reserve Bank of India), and **Sonalika Sinha** (Reserve Bank of India): "Anatomy of a Liquidity Shock on Non-Banks"

**Session 1(i) Labour I: Minimum Wages (Classroom 23)****Chair: Jin Ho Kim**

**Mohit Sharma** (Madras School of Economics), and **Brinda Viswanathan** (Madras School of Economics): "Impact of Minimum Wages on Low-Skilled Self-Employed Workers in India: Evidence in the Presence of Varying Compliance Levels and Market Power "

**Zhaohe Yang** (Hang Seng Bank China), **Jin Ho Kim** (Cardiff University), and **Ida Brzezinska** (Oxford Policy Management): "Meat or Poison? Minimum Wages for Chinese Firms and Workers"

**Session 1(j) Environment I (Classroom 24)****Chair: Sankalp Mathur**

**Raavi Aggarwal** (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi): "Input Substitution for Sustainable Industrialisation - Evidence from India"

**Sankalp Mathur** (Center for Advanced Financial Research and Learning; University of Florida): "Protectionism in a Green Suit? Market Power and Carbon-based Trade Policy Reform"

**Parallel Sessions 2****18 December, Monday 02:15 PM – 04:00 PM****Session 2(a) Education I (Conference Room)****Chair: Shyamal Chowdhury**

Nitin Kumar Bharti (New York University Abu Dhabi), Pradeep Kumar Choudhury (Jawaharlal Nehru University; South Asia Institute; Harvard University), and **Pabitra Chowdhury** (Independent Researcher): "**Does Exposure Matter? Parent's Early Childhood Exposure to Public Schools and Choice of Private Schools: Evidence from India**"

**Deepak Kumar** (ASER Centre, Pratham), Naveen Sundar (Bentley University), Ricardo Sabates (University of Cambridge), Wilima Wadhwa (ASER Centre, Pratham), and Suman Bhattacharjea (ASER Centre, Pratham): "**Improving Children's Foundational Learning through Community-School Participation: Experimental Evidence from Rural India**"

Laura Breilkopf (Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods), **Shyamal Chowdhury** (University of Sydney), Daniel A. Kamhofer (Heinrich Heine University Dusseldorf), Hannah Schildberg-Horisch (Heinrich Heine University Dusseldorf), and Matthias Sutter (Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods): "**The Right Timing Matters: Identifying Sensitive Periods in the Formation of Socio-Emotional Skills**"

**Session 2(b) Health I (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Tanika Chakraborty**

**Justine Hervé** (Stevens Institute of Technology), Subha Mani (Fordham University), Jere Behrman (University of Pennsylvania), Ramanan Laxminarayan (One Health Trust; Princeton University), and Arindam Nandi (The Population Council): "**Food Coma is Real: The Effect of Digestive Fatigue on Adolescents' Cognitive Performance**"

Titir Bhattacharya (Indian Institute of Management Calcutta; University of Warwick), Tanika Chakraborty (Indian Institute of Management Calcutta), and **Anirban Mukherjee** (University of Calcutta): "**Demand for Health Insurance: Financial and Informational role of Informal Networks**"

Titir Bhattacharya (University of Warwick), **Tanika Chakraborty** (Indian Institute of Management Calcutta), and Prabal De (City University of New York): "**Impacts of Public Insurance on Health Access and Outcomes - Evidence from India**"

**Session 2(c) Gender II: Female Labour Force Participation (Seminar Room 2) Chair: Ashokankur Datta**

Marco Bertoni (University of Padova), Chiara Dal Bianco (University of Padova), **Isha Gupta** (India Development Foundation; Masaryk University), and Guglielmo Weber (University of Padova): "**Prenatal Sex Detection Technology and Mothers' Labour Supply in India**"

**Tanu Gupta** (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi): "**Women's Inheritance Rights and Time Use in India**"

Aparajita Dasgupta (Ashoka University), and **Ashokankur Datta** (Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence): "**Gendered Transport Subsidy and its Short Run Effect on Female Employment: Evidence from Delhi's Pink Pass Scheme**"

**Session 2(d) Political Economy I: Theory (Auditorium)****Chair: Satyajit Chatterjee**

Siddhartha Bandyopadhyay (University of Birmingham), **Moumita Deb** (Alfred Weber Institute for Economics; University of Heidelberg), Johannes Lohse (University of Birmingham), and Rebecca McDonald (University of Birmingham): "**Transparency's Twist: Impact of Information Acquisition on Voting**"

Dyotona Dasgupta (O.P. Jindal Global University), and **Anirban Mitra** (University of Kent): "**The Long Shadow of Political Campaigns: Inequality and Welfare**"

**Satyajit Chatterjee** (Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia), and Burcu Eyigungor (Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia): "**The Changing Polarization of Party Ideologies: The Role of Sorting**"

**Session 2(e) Information Economics (Classroom 11)****Chair: Deepal Basak**

**Salil Sharma** (Stockholm School of Economics), Pavel Illinov (École Polytechnique Fédérale De Lausanne), Andrei Matveenko (University of Mannheim), Elias Tsakas (Maastricht University), and Mark Voorneveld (Stockholm School of Economics): "**Is it Better to be First? Sequential Search with Endogenous Information Acquisition**"

**Raghul Srinivasan Venkatesh** (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Bhopal): "**A Theory of International Alliances**"

**Deepal Basak** (Kelley School of Business at Indiana University), Joyee Deb (New York University), and Aditya Kuvalekar (University of Essex): "**#Change**"

**Parallel Sessions 2 (continued...)****18 December, Monday 02:15 PM – 04:00 PM****Session 2(f) IO: Theory (Classroom 13)****Chair: Neelanjana Sen**

**Hiteshchandra Tripathi** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur): "Coalition-proof Stackelberg Equilibria"

**Sneha Bakshi** (Ashoka University): "Heterogeneous Quality Discernment and Competitive Pricing"

**Neelanjana Sen** (Madras School of Economics), and **Uday Bhanu Sinha** (Delhi School of Economics): "Multi-market Contact, Cartel and Product Quality"

**Session 2(g) Macroeconomics: Labour I (Classroom 14)****Chair: Amartya Lahiri**

**Srinivasan Murali** (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore), and **Shweta Sogani** (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore): "Wage Cyclicalities Across Time and Frequencies"

**Pubali Chakraborty** (Bates College), **Anand Chopra** (University of Liverpool), and **Lalit Contractor** (Ashoka University): "Support Prices, Input Subsidies, and Misallocation in Agriculture"

**Viktoria Hnatkowska** (University of British Columbia), **Chenyu (Sev) Hou** (CUHK - Shenzhen), and **Amartya Lahiri** (University of British Columbia): "Urbanization, Structural Transformation and Rural-Urban Disparities in China and India"

**Session 2(h) Empirical IO (Classroom 22)****Chair: Ajay Shenoy**

**Tishara Garg** (Massachusetts Institute of Technology): "Agglomeration and Coordination Failures: Lessons for Industrial Policy"

**Himadri Shekhar Chakrabarty** (Indian Institute of Management Lucknow): "Myths in the Modes of Privatization of Distressed State Owned Enterprises in India: Role of Soft Budget Constraint"

**Brenda Samaniego de la Parra** (University of California Santa Cruz), and **Ajay Shenoy** (University of California Santa Cruz): "Measuring and Estimating Retail Productivity"

**Session 2(i) Labour II: Gender Issues (Classroom 23)****Chair: Rahul Lahoti**

**Arjun Prakash** (Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur), and **Inder Sekhar Yadav** (Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur): "From Bytes to Bias: Investigating Gender Pay Gap and Glass Ceiling in the Indian IT Sector"

**Saheli Bose** (Birla Institute of Technology Mesra), and **Somdeep Chatterjee** (Indian Institute of Management Calcutta): "Mandated Increases in Maternity Leaves and the Motherhood Penalty: New Evidence from India"

**Rosa Abraham** (Azim Premji University), **Nishat Anjum** (Jawaharlal Nehru University), **Rahul Lahoti** (UNU-WIDER), and **Hema Swaminathan** (Institute of Management Bangalore): "What did They Say? Respondent Identity, Question Framing and the Measurement of Employment"

**Session 2(j) Environment II (Classroom 24)****Chair: Prabhat Kishore**

**Dayakar Peddi** (Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad): "Soil and Water Conservation Measures and Rainfed Agriculture in Telangana, India: Role of Community and Neighborhood Conservation Measures"

**Shivani Wadehra** (University of Petroleum and Energy Studies), and **Zihan Nie** (Beijing Normal University): "Designing a Waste Management System Suitable for Developing Countries: Field Evidence from Bangladesh"

**Prabhat Kishore** (National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research), **Devesh Roy** (International Food Policy Research Institute), **Pratap Birthal** (National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research), and **Shivendra K. Srivastava** (National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research): "Regulation and Responses to Policies for Checking Groundwater Depletion in India: Evaluation using Synthetic Difference-in-Difference Approach"

**Parallel Sessions 3****18 December, Monday 04:30 PM – 06:15 PM****Session 3(a) Education II: Affirmative Action (Conference Room)****Chair: Abhijeet Singh**

**Ritika Gupta** (University of Virginia): "Fixing the Leaky Pipeline: Affirmative Action in Local Elite Colleges and Subject Choice"

**Abhishek Shaw** (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad): "Affirmative Action in Higher Education: Understanding OBC Reservations in India"

Mauricio Romero (ITAM; JPAL), and **Abhijeet Singh** (Stockholm School of Economics; JPAL): "The Incidence of Affirmative Action: Evidence from Quotas in Private Schools in India"

**Session 3(b) Health II (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Dweepobotee Brahma**

**Pragati** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur), and Sounak Thakur (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur): "Affirmative Actions and Intergenerational Impacts: Evidence from India"

**Sarthak Agarwal** (Indian Institute of Management Lucknow), Somdeep Chatterjee (Indian Institute of Management Calcutta), and Shreyasee Das (Temple University): "Does Paternal Exposure to an Industrial Disaster affect Early Life Health Investments of Children?"

**Dweepobotee Brahma** (Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur), and Souvik Ghosh (Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur): "Heterogeneity in Intergenerational Transmission of Health: A Recursive Partitioning Approach from Machine Learning"

**Session 3(c) Gender III: Female Labour Force Participation (Seminar Room 2)****Chair: Cledwyn Fernandez**

**Abu Afzal Tauheed** (Jawaharlal Nehru University): "(En)Gendering Marital Status in Indian Job Market: An Experimental Study"

**Sarthak Joshi** (University of Warwick): "The Geography of Structural Transformation: Implications for Women's Work"

**Cledwyn Fernandez** (Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations), and Havishaye Puri (Indian Council for Research for International Economic Relations): "Does Digital Infrastructure Spur Female Labour Force Participation: Evidence from Urban India"

**Session 3(d) Political Economy II: Local Democracy (Auditorium)****Chair: M. R. Sharan**

**Abhishek Arora** (Harvard University), Siddharth George (National University of Singapore), Vijayendra Rao (World Bank), and M. R. Sharan (University of Maryland): "The Added Value of Local Democracy: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in India"

**Priyadarshi Amar** (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Rikhil Bhavnani (University of Wisconsin-Madison), and Amit Jadhav (University of Wisconsin-Madison): "The Effects of Direct Elections on Program Implementation: Evidence from India's Village Councils"

Apurva Bamezai (University of Pennsylvania), Siddharth George (National University of Singapore), **M. R. Sharan** (University of Maryland), and Borui Sun (University of Maryland): "Who Becomes a Local Politician? Evidence from Rural India"

**Session 3(e) Decision Theory (Classroom 11)****Chair: Nicolas Gravel**

Pranjal Bhushan (HEC Paris), Abhinash Borah (Ashoka University), and **Siddharth Venkatesh** (Ashoka University): "Beliefs in Echo Chambers: Identification and Characterization"

**Varun Bansal** (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi): "Reference Lower Bound"

**Barry Sopher** (Rutgers University): "Paradox Lost: The St. Petersburg Gamble Revisited "

**Nicolas Gravel** (Aix-Marseille University), and Thierry Marchant (University of Ghent): "Rank Dependent Weighted Average Utility Models for Decision Making under Ignorance or Objective Ambiguity"

**Parallel Sessions 3 (continued...)****18 December, Monday 04:30 PM – 06:15 PM****Session 3(f) Applied Micro Theory II (Classroom 13)****Chair: Brishti Guha****Rabi Mondal** (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi; Ashoka University): "Media Bias: a Demand-Sided Approach"**Ayush Pant** (Ashoka University), and **Zeinab Aboutalebi** (European University Institute): "Optimal Intermediary Test and Disclosure Design"**Brishti Guha** (Jawaharlal Nehru University): "Plea Bargaining when Juror Effort is Costly"**Session 3(g) Topics in Macroeconomics I (Classroom 14)****Chair: Sugata Ghosh****Shiv Ratan Tiwari** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur): "Aspirational OPS with Fiscal Prudence of NPS: A Conceptual Framework for a Win-Win Solution"**Anshumaan Tuteja** (University of Warwick): "What Explains the Stock Market's Response to QE Policy? Evidence from a Decomposition of the S&P500 Index"**Joel Alcedo** (Mastercard), **Alberto Cavallo** (Harvard Business School), **Bricklin Dwyer** (Mastercard), **Prachi Mishra** (International Monetary Fund Research), and **Antonio Spilimbergo** (International Monetary Fund): "Back to Trend: COVID Effects on E-Commerce in 47 Countries"**Sugata Ghosh** (Brunel University London), and **Simone Marsiglio** (University of Pisa): "Environmental Damages and the Prospects for Economic Development"**Session 3(h) Topics in Macroeconomics II (Classroom 22)****Chair: Samarth Gupta****Rudra Narayan Kushwaha** (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research), and **Taniya Ghosh** (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research): "The Effects of Declining Population Growth on Patents and Economic Growth Dynamics"**Subhrasil Chingri** (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi), and **Debasis Mondal** (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi): "Automation and Human Capital: Modeling the Impact on Labor Share"**Samarth Gupta** (Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University), and **Vaishnavi Mohan** (Ahmedabad University): "Consumption, Welfare and Income Transfers in India: A Structural Econometrics Approach"**Session 3(i) Labour III (Classroom 23)****Chair: Kanika Mahajan****Mahima Kapoor** (University of Warwick), **Subhasish Dey** (University of Warwick), and **Anirban Mukherjee** (University of Calcutta): "Between Two Worlds: Education-Occupation Mismatch for Second-Generation Immigrants in the UK"**Nandana Sengupta** (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi), **Neaketa Chawla** (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad), **Anna Agarwal** (Centre for Policy Research), and **James Evans** (University of Chicago and Santa Fe Institute): "Do Online Certifications Improve Job Market Outcomes? Evidence from an IT Skills Certification Platform in India"**Kanika Mahajan** (Ashoka University), and **Shekhar Tomar** (Indian School of Business): "Bridging the Miles: Spatial Factors in Job Application and Selection"**Session 3(j) Agriculture I (Classroom 24)****Chair: Wouter Zant****Digvijay Singh Negi** (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research), and **Christopher B. Barrett** (Cornell University): "Commodity Markets, Informal Transfers and Consumption Risk Sharing"**Ridhima Gupta** (South Asian University), **Ashokankur Dutta** (Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence), and **Amlan Das Gupta** (O.P. Jindal Global University): "Impact of Climate Change on Food Consumption Patterns in India"**Wouter Zant** (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam; Tinbergen Institute, Amsterdam), and **Bart van den Boom** (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam): "Technology Adoption and Market Participation through Household Savings for Food Security: Two Birds with One Stone?"

**Parallel Sessions 4****19 December, Tuesday 11:15 AM – 01:00 PM****Session 4(a) Education III (Conference Room)****Chair: Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay**

**Gopinath Annadurai** (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore), and Soham Sahoo (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore): "Improving First-Generation College Students' Education and Labour Market Outcomes: Impact Evaluation of an Inclusive Policy in India"

**Ariel Gomez** (Northeastern University): "Rural Education, Nation-Building, and Human Capital in Post-Revolutionary Mexico"

Nitin Bharti (New York University Abu Dhabi), Samreen Malik (New York University Abu Dhabi), **Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay** (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi), and Nishith Prakash (Northeastern University): "Science on the Move: How Mobile Pedagogy Shapes Human Capital "

**Session 4(b) Health III: COVID 19 (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Arnab Nayak**

**Aashish Gupta** (University of Oxford), Payal Hathi (University of California, Berkeley), Murad Banaji (University of Oxford), Prankur Gupta (University of Texas at Austin), Ridhi Kashyap (University of Oxford), Vipul Paikra (Research Institute for Compassionate Economics), Kanika Sharma (Emory University), Anmol Somanchi (Paris School of Economics), Nikkil Sudharsanan (Technical University of Munich), and Sangita Vyas (City University of New York): "Large and Unequal Life Expectancy Declines Associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic in India in 2020"

**Sisir Debnath** (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi), Sourabh B. Paul (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi), and Komal Sareen (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi): "Effect of COVID-19 Pandemic on Routine Childhood Immunization"

Tannista Banerjee (Auburn University), **Arnab Nayak** (Mercer University), and Yiyu Xing (Auburn University): "Did Our Trousers Fit after the Quarantine? Effects of COVID-19 Lockdowns and Digital Social Support on Personal Health Choices "

**Session 4(c) Gender IV: Son Preference (Seminar Room 2)****Chair: Garance Genicot**

**Bilal Ahmad Bhat** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur), Esha Chatterjee (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur), and Sounak Thakur (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur): "Fertility Outcomes and Wellbeing in Post-Reproductive Ages: Evidence from India"

**Tista Mukherjee** (University of Goettingen), Sukanta Bhattacharya (University of Calcutta), and Ishita Mukhopadhyay (University of Calcutta): "Unsafe Daughters: Sexual Violence in Public Spheres and Intrahousehold Stated Preference for Sons"

**Garance Genicot** (Georgetown University), and Maria Hernandez-de-Benito (Universidad De Alicante): "Firstborn Girls and Family Structure: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa"

**Session 4(d) Political Economy III (Auditorium)****Chair: Laura Zimmermann**

**Muneer Kalliyil** (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore), and Soham Sahoo (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore): "Political Economy of Private Schooling Market in India"

**S. K. Ritadhi** (Ashoka University), Pavel Chakraborty (Lancaster University), and Abhay Aneja (University of California, Berkeley): "Globalization Shocks and the Rise of Ethnic Politics: Evidence from India's Trade Liberalization"

Nabaneeta Biswas (Marshall University), Christopher Cornwell (University of Georgia), and **Laura Zimmermann** (University of Georgia): "Female Electoral Success and the Survival of Girl Children in India"

**Session 4(e) Market Design (Classroom 11)****Chair: Sonal Yadav**

**Vinay Kumar Jha** (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad), Jeevant Rampal (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad), and Aditya Kuvalekar (University of Essex): "Bureaucratic Assignment"

**Kriti Manocha** (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi), and Bertan Turhan (Iowa State University): "Gradual Matching with Affirmative Action"

**Sonal Yadav** (Umea University), Debasis Mishra (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi), Soumendu Sarkar (Delhi School of Economics), Arunava Sen (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi), and Jay Sethuraman (Columbia University): "Teacher Transfer in Public Schools"

**Parallel Sessions 4 (continued...)****19 December, Tuesday 11:15 AM – 01:00 PM****Session 4(f) Trade and IO: Theory (Classroom 13)****Chair: Arghya Ghosh**

**Gaurav Jakhu** (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore), and Tarun Jain (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore): "Economics of Content Aggregation: Pricing and Advertising Competition in a Multi-Channel Structure"

**Kaushal Kishore** (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Bhopal): "Does Competition for Multiple Investors Mitigate the Hold-up Problem?"

Tomohiro Ara (Fukushima University), Arpita Chatterjee (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore; University of New South Wales), **Arghya Ghosh** (University of New South Wales), and Hongyong Zhang (RIETI): "Input Tariff in Oligopoly: Entry, Heterogeneity, and Demand Curvature"

**Session 4(g) Topics in Macroeconomics III (Classroom 14)****Chair: Parantap Basu**

Monisankar Bishnu (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi), and **Chakshu Jain** (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi): "The Unusual Power of the Interaction of Inequality and Technological Progress to Explain Historical Paths"

**Debasis Bandyopadhyay** (University of Auckland): "Gender in Macroeconomic Evolutionary Dynamics with Endogenous Technology and Women's Rights"

**Parantap Basu** (Durham University Business School), Tooraj Jamasb (Copenhagen School of Energy Infrastructure, Copenhagen Business School), and Anupama Sen (Smith School for Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford): "Trilemma or Trinity? The Nexus between Economic Growth, Circular Economy and Net Zero Emissions"

**Session 4(h) Law and Economics (Classroom 22)****Chair: Vaidehi Tandel**

**Mahima Vasishth** (LEAP, Bocconi University): "Local Media Reports about Sexual Crimes and Judicial Outcomes in India"

**Martin Mattsson** (National University of Singapore), and Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak (Yale University): "Formalizing Dispute Resolution: Effects of Village Courts in Bangladesh"

**Vaidehi Tandel** (University of Manchester), Sahil Gandhi (University of Manchester), Anupam Nanda (University of Manchester), and Nandini Agnihotri (Centre for Social and Economic Progress): "Do Mandatory Disclosures Squeeze the Lemons? The Case of Housing Markets in India"

**Session 4(i) Labour IV: Migration (Classroom 23)****Chair: Suresh Naidu**

**Ronit Mukherji** (Ashoka University): "Deunionization and Immigrant Entry"

Ritam Chaurey (Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies), **Kanika Mahajan** (Ashoka University), and Shekhar Tomar (Indian School of Business): "Trumping Immigration: Visa Uncertainty and Jobs Relocation"

**Suresh Naidu** (Columbia University), Yaw Nyarko (New York University), and Shing-Yi Wang (University of Pennsylvania): "The Costs and Benefits of Guest Worker Programs: Experimental Evidence from the India-UAE Migration Corridor"

**Session 4(j) Agriculture II (Classroom 24)****Chair: Disha Gupta**

Apoorv Gupta (Dartmouth College), **Jacopo Ponticelli** (Northwestern University), and Andrea Tesei (Queen Mary University of London): "Information Frictions and Take-up of Government Credit Programs"

**Andre Butler** (University of Cambridge), and Camille Boudot-Reddy (Birkbeck Business School, University of London): "Watering the Seeds of the Rural Economy: Evidence from Groundwater Irrigation in India"

**Disha Gupta** (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research): "Pricing Farm Electricity, Water Use and Efficiency: The Case of Paddy Cultivation in Punjab"

**Parallel Sessions 5****19 December, Tuesday 02:15 PM – 04:00 PM****Session 5(a) Social Heterogeneity and Mobility (Conference Room)****Chair: Kunal Sen**

**Nazneen Alam** (University of Calcutta), **Sukanta Bhattacharya** (University of Calcutta), and **Anirban Mukherjee** (University of Calcutta): "**Social Heterogeneity and Economic Mobility**"

**Upasak Das** (University of Manchester), **Udayan Rathore** (Oxford Policy Management), and **Prasenjit Sarkhel** (University of Kalyani): "**Social Diversity and Spread of Pandemic: Evidence from India**"

**Vegard Iversen** (University of Greenwich; UNU-WIDER), **Anustup Kundu** (UNU-WIDER ; University of Helsinki), **Rahul Lahoti** (UNU-WIDER), and **Kunal Sen** (UNU-WIDER; University of Manchester): "**Barriers or Catalysts? Traditional Institutions and Social Mobility in Rural India**"

**Session 5(b) Health IV (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Andrea Berlanda**

**Vinayak Krishnatri** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur), and **Sukumar Vellakkal** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur): "**Market Disruption and Unintended Welfare Gains: Effects of Affordable Internet on Access to Maternal and Child Healthcare in India.**"

**Dibya Deepta Mishra** (Rice University), and **Ritika Sethi** (Rice University): "**Pharmacy Proximity and Period Poverty: Assessing the Impact of Subsidized Menstrual Product Availability on Menstrual Management**"

**Andrea Berlanda** (University of Padova): "**Health Policies for Women Empowerment**"

**Session 5(c) History and Persistence (Seminar Room 2)****Chair: Sumit Mishra**

**Shampa Bhattacharjee** (Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence), **Roopal Jain** (Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence), and **Priyoma Mustafi** (University of Pittsburgh): "**Catholic Missionary Presence and Fertility in India**"

**Dean Yang** (University of Michigan), and **Aneesha Parvathaneni** (University of Michigan): "**War Mobilization and Economic Development: World War II and Structural Transformation in India**"

**Karthik Rao Cavale** (Krea University), and **Sumit Mishra** (Krea University): "**Whither Persistence?**"

**Session 5(d) Political Economy IV (Auditorium)****Chair: Sarmistha Pal**

**Natasha Jha** (University of Notre Dame), **Shilpa Aggarwal** (Indian School of Business), and **Ishani Chatterjee** (University of California San Diego): "**Minimum Support Prices in Indian Agriculture: Supporting Whom and at What Price?**"

**Ram Singh** (Delhi School of Economics): "**Do the Wealthy Underreport their Income? Using General Election Filings to Study the Income-Wealth Relationship in India**"

**Marislei Nishijima** (University of Sao Paulo), and **Sarmistha Pal** (University of Surrey; IZA - Institute of Labour Economics): "**Can the Political Left Save the Planet? Impact of Leftist Mayors on Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon**"

**Session 5(e) Game Theory (Classroom 11)****Chair: Tapas Kundu**

**Srinivas Arigapudi** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur), **Yuval Heller** (Bar-Ilan University), and **Amnon Schreiber** (Bar-Ilan University): "**Heterogeneous Noise and Stable Miscoordination**"

**Jeevant Rampal** (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad), and **Fernando Stragliotto** (Queen Mary University of London): "**Heterogeneous Agent Quantal Response Equilibrium**"

**Derek Clark** (UiT the Arctic University of Norway), and **Tapas Kundu** (Oslo Metropolitan University): "**Competing for Dominance in Technology Markets**"

**Parallel Sessions 5 (continued...)****19 December, Tuesday 02:15 PM – 04:00 PM****Session 5(f) IO and Development: Theory (Classroom 13)****Chair: Vatsala Shreeti**

**Priyanka Dutta** (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi), Arghya Ghosh (University of New South Wales), and Tridip Ray (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi): "**Mixed Markets, Privatization and Consumer Welfare**"

Dibyendu Maiti (Delhi School of Economics), and **Bhavna Khari** (Delhi School of Economics): "**Digitalisation, Governance and the Informal Sector**"

**Vatsala Shreeti** (Bank for International Settlements): "**Adoption of Digital Technologies: The Case of Smartphones in India**"

**Session 5(g) Macroeconomics: Government Policies (Classroom 14)****Chair: Simone Marsiglio**

**Snigdha Kalra** (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research), and Sargam Gupta (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research): "**Optimal Tax Rates and Laffer Curve Analysis for India**"

**Abhishek Kumar** (University of Southampton), and Sushanta Mallick (Queen Mary University of London): "**Government Size and Risk Premium**"

**Simone Marsiglio** (University of Pisa), Javier de Frutos (University of Valladolid), Guiomar Martín-Herran (University of Valladolid), Davide La Torre (SKEMA Business School), and Danilo Liuzzi (University of Milan): "**Mitigation Policy during COVID-19: Economy, Health and the Environment**"

**Session 5(h) Empirical Trade (Classroom 22)****Chair: Anirudh Shingal**

**Ananya Kotia** (London School of Economics): "**Import Competition and Domestic Distortions: Evidence from India**"

**Qayoom Khachoo** (Delhi School of Economics; Institute of Economic Growth), and Ridwan Ah Sheikh (Delhi School of Economics): "**Do Preferential Trade Agreements Stimulate Patenting? Evidence from BRICS**"

**Anirudh Shingal** (Shreyans Prasad Jain Institute of Management & Research; European University Institute): "**Sanctions and Services Trade: The Neglected Dimension**"

**Session 5(i) Labour V (Classroom 23)****Chair: Soham Sahoo**

**Neeraj Katewa** (Indian Institute of Management Lucknow), Dr. Tanmoy Majilla (Plaksha University), and Dr. Sangeeta D. Misra (Indian Institute of Management Lucknow): "**Government as Marketer: The Labor Market Effects of Product Promotion and Cluster Formation Initiative by the Government**"

Femi Gabriel Ogunjemilusi (University of Warwick), and **Subhasish Dey** (University of Warwick): "**Evaluating Micro-Entrepreneurship Development Programme Through Business Plan Competition: The Case of YouWin Programme of Nigeria.**"

Jafar Jafarov (Georgia State University), Tejendra Singh (Georgia State University), and **Soham Sahoo** (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore): "**Air Pollution and Time Use: Evidence from India**"

**Session 5(j) Environment III (Classroom 24)****Chair: Biung-Ghi Ju**

**Rimjhim Saxena** (University of Colorado Boulder): "**Structural Transformation and Climate Change in India**"

Sanjukta Mitra (Iowa State University), and **Sandip K. Agarwal** (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Bhopal): "**Prices vs Taxes: Evidence from Household Fuel Consumption in India**"

**Biung-Ghi Ju** (Seoul National University), and Hyunwoo Hong (Chungnam National University): "**Climate Justice: Historical Accountability vs. International Paretianism**"

**Parallel Sessions 6****19 December, Tuesday 04:30 PM – 06:15 PM****Session 6(a) Education IV: Gender Issues (Conference Room)****Chair: Aparajita Dasgupta**

**Tanmay Devi** (Rice University), **Ajinkya Keskar** (Binghamton University (SUNY)), **Dibya Mishra** (Rice University), and **Ritika Sethi** (Rice University): "Beyond a Free Lunch: Unintended Consequences of an Out-of-School Nutrition Program on Adolescent Girls' School Enrollment"

**Elisabeth Kempter** (University of Luxembourg): "Educated Girls, a Force for Development? Gender Inequality in Education and Economic Performance in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Path-Dependency Analysis"

**Aparajita Dasgupta** (Ashoka University), and **Anahita Karandikar** (University of British Columbia): "Learning Outcomes under Rainfall Shocks: The Role of Norms Around Female Labor Force Participation"

**Session 6(b) Poverty and Deprivation (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Paul Kattuman**

**Jean-Louis Arcand** (Geneva Graduate Institute; Global Development Network), and **Balasubramanyam Pattath** (Geneva Graduate Institute): "Relative Deprivation and the Engel Curve"

**Akansh** (Indian Institute of Management Indore), and **Karthikeya Naraparaju** (Indian Institute of Management Indore): "Societal Poverty in a High-Growth Economy: Estimates from India During 1993-2012"

**Pierre-Philippe Combes** (Sciences Po), **Robin Moellerherm** (Heidelberg University), **Shohei Nakamura** (World Bank), **Charlotte Robert** (Heidelberg University), **Mark Roberts** (World Bank), **Benjamin Stewart** (World Bank), and **Slava Yakubenko** (Westminster International University in Tashkent; The National Research University Higher School of Economics): "Where is Poverty Concentrated? The New Evidence based on Globally Consistent Urban and Poverty Measurements"

**Sytske Wijnsma** (Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley), and **Paul Kattuman** (Judge Business School, University of Cambridge): "Rural Smallholders, Income Portfolios, and Spillovers: Broadening the View for Poverty Alleviation Strategies"

**Session 6(c) Gender V: Marriage Market (Seminar Room 2)****Chair: V Bhaskar**

**Priyama Majumdar** (University of Warwick): "The Effect of Women's Political Reservation on the Prevalence of Dowry"

**Khushboo Surana** (University of York), and **Mikhail Freer** (University of Essex): "Marital Stability With Committed Couples: A Revealed Preference Analysis"

**V Bhaskar** (University of Texas at Austin), **Junjian Yi** (Beijing University), and **Wenchao Li** (Tongji University): "Strategic Parental Investments in a Competitive Marriage Market"

**Session 6(d) Cash Transfers (Auditorium)****Chair: Rohini Somanathan**

**Anshika** (Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence), and **Gitanjali Sen** (Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence): "Money Matters: Evidence from a Conditional Cash Transfer Scheme on Child and Maternal Health"

**Sandip Sukhtankar** (University of Virginia), **Jeffrey Weaver** (University of Southern California), **Paul Niehaus** (University of California, San Diego), and **Karthik Muralidharan** (University of California, San Diego): "Cash Transfers for Child Development: Experimental Evidence from India"

**Rohini Somanathan** (Delhi School of Economics): "Nudging Norms through Conditional Transfers"

**Session 6(e) Mechanism Design (Classroom 11)****Chair: Sumit Goel**

**Parikshit De** (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Bhopal), and **Devvrat Dube** (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Bhopal): "No-Envy, Strategyproofness and Cost-Monotonicity in Sequencing Problems"

**Abhigyan Bose** (Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata), and **Souvik Roy** (Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata): "Matching under Multiple Single-Peaked Domains"

**Sumit Goel** (New York University Abu Dhabi), and **Wade Hann-Caruthers** (Technion): "Project Selection with Partially Verifiable Information"

**Parallel Sessions 6 (continued...)****19 December, Tuesday 04:30 PM – 06:15 PM****Session 6(f) Applied Micro Theory III (Classroom 13)****Chair: Ira N. Gang**

**Sukanta Bhattacharya** (University of Calcutta), and Anirban Mukherjee (University of Calcutta): "Identity, Economic Mobility and Conflict"

**Mausumi Das** (Delhi School of Economics), and Rajiv Sethi (Columbia University; Santa Fe Institute): "Role Models"

Gil S. Epstein (Bar-Ilan University), and **Ira N. Gang** (Rutgers University): "Herding, Taxpayer's Rent Seeking and Endemic Corruption"

**Session 6(g) Macroeconomics: Labour II (Classroom 14)****Chair: Srinivasan Murali**

**Pranav Mimani** (European University Institute): "Beliefs, Aggregate Productivity and Wages: Role of Expectation in Labor Market Dynamics"

**Aruni Mitra** (The University of Manchester): "The Productivity Puzzle and the Decline of Unions"

Guanyi Yang (Colorado College), and **Srinivasan Murali** (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore): "Race, Wealth, and Unemployment Insurance"

**Session 6(h) Finance (Classroom 22)****Chair: Vaishnavi Surendra**

**Shreya Lahiri** (Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani, Hyderabad Campus), and Shreya Biswas (Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani, Hyderabad Campus): "(Im)balance in the Household Balance Sheet in the Aftermath of a Natural Disaster"

Christopher Eaglin (Duke University), and **Apoorv Gupta** (Dartmouth College): "The Impact of Relaxing Liquidity Constraints on Small Firm Performance: Evidence from South Africa"

**Vaishnavi Surendra** (Precision Development (PxD)): "The Moneylender as Middleman: Formal Credit Supply and Informal Loans in Rural India"

**Session 6(i) Labour VI (Classroom 23)****Chair: Bornali Bhandari**

**Niranjan R. Raja** (Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence), and Shabana Mitra (Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence): "Rational Selection among SOGIESC Minority Communities in the Indian Workplace: A Focused Study"

**Anisha Sharma** (Ashoka University), Manisha Shah (University of California, Berkeley), and Beata Luczywek (University of California, San Diego): "Understanding the Impact of Low-Cost Loans on Labor Trafficking Outcomes"

**Bornali Bhandari** (National Council of Applied Economic Research), Samarth Gupta (Ahmedabad University), Ajaya K Sahu (National Council of Applied Economic Research), and KS Urs (National Council of Applied Economic Research): "Tenure, Earnings and Productivity of Platform Delivery Workers: Evidence from India"

**Session 6(j) Language (Classroom 24)****Chair: Chinmaya Holla**

**Advait Jayakumar** (Independent Researcher), and Anisha Sharma (Ashoka University): "Is Language a Bridge or Barrier? Impact of Linguistic Distance on Woman and Child Health in India"

Ashokankur Datta (Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence), and **Anushree Khatri** (Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence): "Effect of State's Language Policy on Learning Outcomes of Linguistic Minorities: Evidence from Indian Districts"

Uttara Balakrishnan (American Institutes for Research), **Chinmaya Holla** (American Institutes for Research), and Pooja Nakamura (American Institutes for Research): "Impact of Mother Tongue Instruction on Academic Performance: Evidence from India"

**Parallel Sessions 7****20 December, Wednesday 11:15 AM– 01:00 PM****Session 7(a) Caste (Conference Room)****Chair: Nitin Kumar Bharti**

Ritwik Banerjee (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore), **Satarupa Mitra** (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore), Soham Sahoo (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore), and Ashmita Gupta (Asian Development Research Institute): "**Teachers Caste Bias Affects Students Mental Health and Aspirations in Bihar, India**"

**Akhil Ilango** (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore), and Sampreet S. Goraya (Stockholm School of Economics): "**Social Norms, Product Demand, and Firm Size**"

**Nitin Kumar Bharti** (New York University Abu Dhabi), Luca Maria Pesando (New York University Abu Dhabi), Koyel Sarkar (New York University Abu Dhabi), and Neha Bailwal (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi): "**Dynamics of School Expansion and Inter-Caste Marriages in India**"

**Session 7(b) Welfare Programmes II (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Debdatta Pal**

Impact and Incidence of Housing Subsidies in Urban Slums: Evidence from Indi: "**Impact and Incidence of Housing Subsidies in Urban Slums: Evidence from India**"

**Swarna Parameswaran** (Goa Institute of Management), Hari K. Nagarajan (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad), Abhiman Das (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad), and Vivek Pandey (Institute of Rural Management Anand): "**Examining the Spillover Effects of Exposure to MGNREGS on Village Incomes and Household Consumption Expenditures**"

**Debdatta Pal** (Indian Institute of Management Lucknow): "**Confidence in Local Self-Governments and Rural Housing Programs**"

**Session 7(c) Gender VI (Seminar Room 2)****Chair: Bharti Nandwani**

**Karan Babbar** (O.P. Jindal Global University), and Pritha Dev (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad): "**'Knowledge is Power': Ovulatory Cycle Knowledge and its Impact on Reproductive Outcomes and Empowerment**"

**Manini Ojha** (O. P. Jindal Global University), and Karan Babbar (O. P. Jindal Global University): "**Power to Choose? Examining the Link between Contraceptive Use and Domestic Violence**"

**Bharti Nandwani** (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research), and Punarjit Roychowdhury (Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence): "**Rural Roads Infrastructure and Women Empowerment in India**"

**Session 7(d) Political Economy V (Auditorium)****Chair: Pushkar Maitra**

**Resuf Ahmed** (University of Lausanne), Akhila Kovvuri (Stanford University), and Alessandro Saia (University of Bologna): "**Crafting Identity: Rise of Hindu Nationalism**"

**Camille Boudot-Reddy** (Birkbeck Business School, University of London), and Andre Butler (University of Cambridge): "**Paving the Road to Re-election**"

Ashani Amarasinghe (University of Sydney), **Pushkar Maitra** (Monash University), and Yuchen Zhong (University of Melbourne): "**Partisan Alignment, Insurgency and Security: Evidence from the Indian Red-corridor**"

**Session 7(e) Networks and Cooperative Games (Classroom 11)****Chair: Sudipta Sarangi**

Christophe Bravard (Université Grenoble Alpes), **Promit K. Chaudhuri** (Virginia Tech), Sudipta Sarangi (Virginia Tech), and Hector Tzavellas (Virginia Tech): "**Intervention under Network Uncertainty**"

Surajit Borkotokey (Dibrugarh University), Sujata Goala (Dibrugarh University), and **Rajnish Kumar** (Queen's University Belfast): "**The Expected Shapley Value on a Class of Probabilistic Games**"

Christophe Bravard (Université Grenoble Alpes), **Sudipta Sarangi** (Virginia Tech), and Hector Tzavellas (Virginia Tech): "**Group Dominant Networks and Convexity**"

**Parallel Sessions 7 (continued...) 20 December, Wednesday 11:15 AM – 01:00 PM**

**Session 7(f) Applied Micro Theory IV (Classroom 13) Chair: Gautam Bose**

**Sandip Datta** (Delhi School of Economics), and Debasis Mondal (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi): "The Puzzle of Private School Enrollment in India: Insights on the Perceived Quality of Education"

Christopher Biolsi (University of Western Kentucky), Steven G. Craig (University of Houston), and **Amrita Dhar** (University of Mary Washington): "Tastes for Education or Tastes for Equity: What Motivates State Government Aid for K-12?"

**Gautam Bose** (University of New South Wales), and Arghya Ghosh (University of New South Wales): "Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity, or just Tax the Rich? Development, Efficiency, and the Pursuit of Equity"

**Session 7(g) Macroeconomics: Indian Experience I (Classroom 14) Chair: Abhiman Das**

**Janani Rangan** (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad), and Abhiman Das (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad): "Macroeconomic Shocks and Business Inflation Expectations"

**Samiran Dutta** (Paris School of Economics, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne): "Misallocation, Labor Informality and TFP: Theory & Evidence from the Formal Indian Manufacturing Sector"

Kajal Lahiri (University at Albany - State University of New York), Karan Bhasin (University at Albany - State University of New York), and **Abhiman Das** (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad): "Indian Inflation Expectations: An Analysis Based on 271,000 Households, 2008-2022"

**Session 7(h) Banking (Classroom 22) Chair: Sudipta Sen**

**Harish Kamal** (Indian Institute of Management Calcutta), Samit Paul (Indian Institute of Management Calcutta), and Avijit Bansal (Indian Institute of Management Calcutta): "Does an Exclusive Relationship with Government Banks Matter during Climate Shocks?"

Nirupama Kulkarni (Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning), **Karthik Narayan** (University of Oxford), and Akshat Singh (University of Oxford): "Banking Catch-22: Trading off Mark-to-Market and Default Risk in the Presence of Guaranteed Deposits"

Prasenjit Chakrabarti (Indian Institute of Management Ranchi), and **Sudipta Sen** (O.P. Jindal Global University): "The Indian Banking Recapitalization Saga"

**Session 7(i) Behavioural Economics I (Classroom 23) Chair: Sakshi Upadhyay**

Arkadev Ghosh (Duke University), **Prerna Kundu** (University of British Columbia), Matt Lowe (University of British Columbia), and Gareth Nellis (University of California San Diego): "Creating Cohesive Communities: A Youth Camp Experiment in India"

**Rajib Prasad** (Jawaharlal Nehru University; Vidyasagar College for Women), and Sujoy Chakravarty (Jawaharlal Nehru University): "Effect of Communication in Heterogeneous Group Contests with Incomplete Information: An Experimental Analysis"

**Sakshi Upadhyay** (Skidmore College), Sudipta Sarangi (Virginia Tech), and Sheryl Ball (Virginia Tech): "Voluntary Public Goods Provision using a Coalition Mechanism: Some Experimental Results"

**Session 7(j) Environment IV: Air Pollution (Classroom 24) Chair: Deepshikha Batheja**

A. Patrick Behrer (World Bank), **Rishabh Choudhary** (World Bank), and Dhruv Sharma (World Bank): "Air Pollution Reduces Economic Activity: Evidence from India"

**Debarun Sengupta** (Indian Institute of Science), Deep Mukherjee (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur), and Sarani Saha (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur): "Are Indians Willing to Pay to Reduce Air Pollution? Findings from Close-end Double-bound Contingent Valuation Study "

**Deepshikha Batheja** (One Health Trust), Sarojini Hirshleifer (University of California, Riverside), and Jamie T. Mullins (University of Massachusetts, Amherst): "More than Particulate Matters: Pollution and Productivity in Indian Call Centers"

**Parallel Sessions 8****20 December, Wednesday 02:15 PM – 04:00 PM****Session 8(a) Education V: Impact of Conflict (Conference Room)****Chair: Anand Kumar**

**Akanksha Aggarwal** (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi): "Crisis in Classrooms: Impact of Conflict on Student Educational Achievement in India"

**Ather Hassan Dar** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur), **Debayan Pakrashi** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur; Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata), and **Sounak Thakur** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur): "Civil Unrest and Learning Outcomes in India"

**Anand Kumar** (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore), **Ritwik Banerjee** (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore), **Aimable Nsabimana** (UNU-WIDER), and **Soham Sahoo** (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore): "Effect of Conflict and Post-Conflict Reconciliation on Education: Evidence from Rwanda"

**Session 8(b) Health V (Seminar Room 1)****Chair: Manoj Mohanan**

**Joseph Cummins** (University of California, Riverside), **Jingyan Guo** (University of California, Riverside), **Neha Agarwal** (University of Otago), **Anaka Aiyar** (University of Nevada, Reno), **Vaishali Jain** (University of California, Riverside), and **Andrew Bergmann** (Ohio State University): "Caste Differences in Child Growth: Disentangling Endowment and Investment Effects"

**Esha Dwibedi** (University of Washington), **Abdelaziz Alsharawy** (Princeton University), **Jason Aimone** (Baylor University), and **Sheryl Ball** (Virginia Tech): "Public Health Messages Encouraging Emotion Reappraisal Reduces Vaccine Hesitancy and Betrayal Aversion"

**Zachary Wagner** (RAND Corporation), **Manoj Mohanan** (Duke University), **Rushil Zutshi** (Pardee RAND Graduate School), **Arnab Mukherji** (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore), and **Neeraj Sood** (University of Southern California): "What Drives the Know-Do Gap in Care for Child Diarrhea? Experimental Evidence from Private Providers in India"

**Session 8(c) Networks and Congestion (Seminar Room 2)****Chair: Debopam Bhattacharya**

**Aranya Chakraborty** (Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University): "Network-Based Targeting with Heterogeneous Agents for Improving Technology Adoption"

**Subhadeep Paul** (The Ohio State University), **Shanjukta Nath** (University of Georgia), and **Keith Warren** (The Ohio State University): "Identifying Peer Influence in Therapeutic Communities"

**Debopam Bhattacharya** (University of Cambridge): "Discrete Choice with Congestion"

**Session 8(d) Political Economy VI (Auditorium)****Chair: Anubhav Jha**

**Karan Mishra** (Paris School of Economics): "Web of Discontent: Impact of 4G Internet on Political Outcomes in India"

**Anirvan Chowdhury** (University of California, Berkeley): "Religiously Conservative Parties and Women's Political Mobilization: Gender Norms and Political Participation in India"

**Anubhav Jha** (Princeton University): "Rally the Vote: Electoral Competition with Direct Campaign Communication"

**Session 8(e) Topics in Micro Theory (Classroom 11)****Chair: Sanyam Khurana**

**Mohsen Pourpouneh** (University of Oxford), **Rasoul Ramezani** (HEC Lausanne), **Arunava Sen** (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi), and **Vilok Taori** (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi): "Assignment Game with Private Payments"

**Anuj Bhowmik** (Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata), and **Sandipan Saha** (Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata): "Bargaining-Equilibrium Equivalence"

**Sanyam Khurana** (TERI School of Advanced Studies): "Symmetric Auctions with Resale"

**Parallel Sessions 8 (continued...)****20 December, Wednesday 02:15 PM – 04:00 PM****Session 8(f) Topics in Macroeconomics IV (Classroom 13)****Chair: Vipin Pudiyaath Veetil**

**Suruchi Shrimali** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur) and Wasim Ahmad (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur): "Analysing the Role of Central Bank's Communication and Asset Markets in the Flow of Information"

**Aditi Singh** (Shiv Nadar Institute of Eminence), and Anushka Mitra (The University of Texas at Austin): "What Determines Household Expectations?"

Antoine Mandel (Paris School of Economics), and **Vipin Pudiyaath Veetil** (Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode): "Rivalrous Competition and Macroeconomic Volatility"

**Session 8(g) Macroeconomics: Indian Experience II (Classroom 14)****Chair: Manish Chauhan**

**Darpajit Sengupta** (Jadavpur University), and Saikat Sinha Roy (Jadavpur University): "Exchange Rate Pass-Through, Monetary Policy, and Currency Invoicing: An Analysis within a DSGE Framework for India"

**Paras Sachdeva** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur), and Wasim Ahmad (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur): "The Active and Passive Fiscal-Monetary Policy Regimes and India's Government Expenditure Shocks: Which Stand Matters the Most?"

**Manish Chauhan** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur), Somesh Kumar Mathur (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur), and Praveen Kulshreshtha (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur): "Spatial Convergence among Indian Districts: An Econometric Evidence "

**Session 8(h) Real Estate and Finance II (Classroom 22)****Chair: Ruchi Singh**

Chenchen Huang (University of Bath), Di Luo (University of Southampton), **Soumyatanu Mukherjee** (XLRI Xavier School of Management | Delhi-NCR), and Tapas Mishra (University of Southampton): "To Acquire or to Ally? Managing Partners Environmental Risk in International Expansion"

**Yogeshwar Bharat** (Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning), Subhadeep Halder (Indian Statistical Institute Delhi), and Nirupama Kulkarni (Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning): "Asset-side Implications of Banks Funding Costs"

Daniel McMillen (University of Illinois at Chicago), and **Ruchi Singh** (University of Georgia): "Assessment Persistence"

**Session 8(i) Behavioural Economics II (Classroom 23)****Chair: Prasenjit Banerjee**

**Mahima Mukhija** (Ashoka University): "Deadlines, Procrastination and Task Quality: Role of Missing Information Regarding Task Difficulty"

**Subrato Banerjee** (Indian Institute of Technology Bombay), and Shilpi Mukherjee (Keystone Strategy): "Doubt: Insights from a Cross-cultural Experiment"

**Prasenjit Banerjee** (University of Manchester; XLRI Jamshedpur), Vegard Iversen (University of Greenwich), Sandip Mitra (Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata), and Kunal Sen (UNU-WIDER): "Politicians, Institutions and Citizen Welfare: Evidence from a Lab-in-the-Field Experiment in India "

**Session 8(j) Agriculture III (Classroom 24)****Chair: Shanjukta Nath**

**Nikita Gupta** (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad), Poornima Varma (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad), and Gopinath Munisamy (University of Georgia): "Rise in Alternate Marketing Channels and Spatial Price Transmission: The Case of Indian Agricultural Wholesale Markets"

**Muddasir Ahmad Akhoun** (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad), Abhishek Shaw (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad), and Vidya Vemireddy (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad): "Policy Evaluation in the Absence of Survey Data: Customised Border Designs with Satellite Data"

**Shanjukta Nath** (University of Georgia), Susan Athey (Stanford University), Shawn Cole (Harvard University), and Jessica Zhu (Precision Development): "Targeting, Personalization, and Engagement in an Agricultural Advisory Service"