



12th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development
December 19-21, 2016
Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi

Conference Programme

Day 1: 19 December, Monday

9.00 - 10.20: Registration, Coffee/Tea

10.20 - 10.30: Opening Remarks: Arunava Sen (ISI Delhi)

10.30 - 11.30: Plenary Session 1 (Auditorium)

Gita Gopinath (Harvard University): “Dominant Currency Paradigm”

Chair: Chetan Ghate (ISI Delhi)

11.50 - 1.00: Parallel Sessions 1

- 1(a) Finance I (*Conference Room*)
- 1(b) Food (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 1(c) Poverty and Mobility (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 1(d) Pension (*Auditorium*)
- 1(e) Estimation Methodology (*Classroom 11*)
- 1(f) Labour: High-skill Immigration (*Classroom 13*)
- 1(g) Law and Economics: Theory (*Classroom 14*)

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

2.15 - 4.00: Parallel Sessions 2

- 2(a) Caste (*Conference Room*)
- 2(b) Land Reform and Beyond (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 2(c) Health I (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 2(d) Political Economy: Clientelism and Political Alignment (*Auditorium*)
- 2(e) Individual and Collective Choice (*Classroom 11*)
- 2(f) Open Economy Macroeconomics (*Classroom 13*)
- 2(g) Applied Microeconomics I (*Classroom 14*)

4.00 - 4.30: Coffee/Tea Break

4.30 - 6.15: Parallel Sessions 3

- 3(a) Corruption and Leakages (*Conference Room*)
- 3(b) Indian Manufacturing I (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 3(c) Finance II (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 3(d) Experiment (*Auditorium*)
- 3(e) Auctions and Bargaining (*Classroom 11*)
- 3(f) Macroeconomics: Theory (*Classroom 13*)
- 3(g) Applied Microeconomics II (*Classroom 14*)

Day 2: 20 December, Tuesday

9.00 - 9.30: Registration and Coffee/Tea

9.30 - 10.30: Plenary Session 2 (Auditorium)

Costas Azariadis (Washington University in St. Louis): “Corruption and Rent-Seeking in Economic Growth”

Chair: Monisankar Bishnu (ISI Delhi)

10.30 - 11.15: High Tea (Guesthouse Lawn)

11.15 - 1.00: Parallel Sessions 4

- 4(a) Women's Labour Force Participation (Conference Room)
- 4(b) Public Goods and Infrastructure (Seminar Room 1)
- 4(c) Education I (Seminar Room 2)
- 4(d) Health II (Auditorium)
- 4(e) Group and Identity: Theory (Classroom 11)
- 4(f) Human Capital (Classroom 13)
- 4(g) Political Economy: Infrastructure and Natural Resources (Classroom 14)

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

2.15 - 4.00: Parallel Sessions 5

- 5(a) Addressing Gender Based Inequality (Conference Room)
- 5(b) Labour Market (Seminar Room 1)
- 5(c) Education II (Seminar Room 2)
- 5(d) Political Economy of Caste (Auditorium)
- 5(e) Dynamics and Experimentation (Classroom 11)
- 5(f) Investment, Growth and Convergence (Classroom 13)
- 5(g) Trade: Theory (Classroom 14)

4.00 - 4.30: Coffee/Tea Break

4.30 - 6.15: Parallel Sessions 6

- 6(a) Gender I (Conference Room)
- 6(b) Financial Crises and Microfinance (Seminar Room 1)
- 6(c) Education III (Seminar Room 2)
- 6(d) Health III (Auditorium)
- 6(e) Social Choice and Welfare (Classroom 11)
- 6(f) Macroeconomics: US and UK (Classroom 13)
- 6(g) Political Economy: Politician Behaviour and Outcomes (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)

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



Day 3: 21 December, Wednesday

9.00 - 9.30: Registration and Coffee/Tea

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

Rohini Pande (Harvard University): “Leveling the Playing Field: Women and Work in India”

Chair: Farzana Afridi (ISI Delhi)

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

11.15 - 1.00: **Parallel Sessions 7**

- 7(a) Gender II (*Conference Room*)
- 7(b) Indian Manufacturing II (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 7(c) Environment I (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 7(d) Trade: Empirical (*Auditorium*)
- 7(e) Strategyproof Mechanism Design (*Classroom 11*)
- 7(f) Macroeconomics: Indian and Emerging Economies (*Classroom 13*)
- 7(g) Political Economy: Local Elections (*Classroom 14*)

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

2.15 - 4.00: **Parallel Sessions 8**

- 8(a) Agriculture (*Conference Room*)
- 8(b) Poverty (*Seminar Room 1*)
- 8(c) Environment II (*Seminar Room 2*)
- 8(d) Behavioural Economics (*Auditorium*)
- 8(e) Stability and Coalition Formation (*Classroom 11*)
- 8(f) Topics in Macroeconomics (*Classroom 13*)
- 8(g) Political Economy: Theory (*Classroom 14*)

4.00 - 4.30: Coffee/Tea Break

4.30 - 6.00: **Panel Discussion** on “Universal Basic Income (UBI) and Its Relevance for India”
(*Auditorium*)

Panelists:

Debraj Ray (New York University),
Himanshu (Jawaharlal Nehru University),
Kalle Moene (University of Oslo),
Rajiv Sethi (Columbia University).

Moderator: E. Somanathan (ISI Delhi)

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6.00 - 6.15: Vote of Thanks

Parallel Sessions 1**19 December, Monday 11:50 AM - 1:00 PM****Session 1(a): Finance I (Conference Room)****Chair: Rashmi Barua**

Shashwat Alok (Indian School of Business), **Ritam Chaurey** (State University of New York, Binghamton), Vasudha Nukala (Indian School of Business): “Creditor Rights and Corporate Labor Policy: Evidence from a Policy Experiment”

Paolo Abarcar (Mathematica Policy Research), **Rashmi Barua** (Jawaharlal Nehru University) & Dean Yang (University of Michigan): “Financial Education and Financial Access for Transnational Households: Field Experimental Evidence from the Philippines”

Session 1(b): Food (Seminar Room 1)**Chair: C.S.C. Sekhar**

Digvijay Singh Negi (Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi) & Bharat Ramaswami (Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi): “Risk Sharing and Trade in World Food Markets: The Case of Rice, Wheat and Maize”

C.S.C. Sekhar (Institute of Economic Growth) & Yogesh Bhatt (Institute of Economic Growth): “Food Inflation and Volatility in India”

Session 1(c): Poverty and Mobility (Seminar Room 2)**Chair: Sugata Bag**

Shariq Mohammed (University of Arizona): “Does a Good Father Now Have to be Rich? Intergenerational Income Mobility in Rural India”

Sugata Bag (Delhi School of Economics) & Suman Seth (University of Leeds): “Understanding Standard of Living and Correlates in Slums: An Analysis using Monetary Versus Multidimensional Approaches in Three Indian Cities”

Session 1(d): Pension (Auditorium)**Chair: Sourabh B. Paul**

Vidhya Unnikrishnan (University of Manchester): “How Well Targeted are Social Assistance Programs in India-a Case Study of Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme”

Viola Asri (University of Zurich), Katharina Michaelowa (University of Zurich), Sitakanta Panda (IIT Delhi) & **Sourabh B. Paul** (IIT Delhi): “Does Transparency Improve Public Program Targeting? – Evidence from India's Old-Age Social Pension Reforms”

Session 1(e): Estimation Methodology (Classroom 11)**Chair: Debopam Bhattacharya**

Arpita Chatterjee (University of New South Wales), James Morley (University of New South Wales) & **Aarti Singh** (University of Sydney): “A Bayesian Approach to Estimating Household Income Risk and Consumption Insurance”

Debopam Bhattacharya (University of Cambridge): “Empirical Welfare Analysis for Discrete Choice: Some New Results”

Session 1(f): Labour: High-skill Immigration (Classroom 13)**Chair: Gaurav Khanna**

Niloy Bose (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), Scott Adams (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) & **Chandramouli Banerjee** (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee): “To Stay or Not to Stay: Location Choice of Foreign Born U.S. Doctorates”

Gaurav Khanna (University of California - San Diego) & Nicolas Morales (University of Michigan): “The IT Boom and Other Unintended Consequences of Chasing the American Dream”

Session 1(g): Law and Economics: Theory (Classroom 14)**Chair: Ram Singh**

Krishna K Ladha (Goa Institute of Management): “The Trouble with Innocent Until Proven Guilty”

Hans-Bernd Schafer (Bucerius Law School, Hamburg) & **Ram Singh** (Delhi School of Economics): “Economic Analysis of Takings Law: Reexamination”

Parallel Sessions 2**19 December, Monday 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM****Session 2(a): Caste (Conference Room)****Chair: Ashwini Deshpande**

Sunil Mitra Kumar (King's College London) & Ragupathy Venkatachalam (Goldsmiths University of London): “Caste and Credit: A Woeful Tale?”

Tanika Chakraborty (Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur), **Anirban Mukherjee** (University of Calcutta), Sarani Saha (Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur) & Abhishek Singh Shekhawat (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur): “Formal Institutions, Caste Network and Occupational Mobility”

Ashwini Deshpande (Delhi School of Economics) & Deepti Goel (Delhi School of Economics): “Identity, Perceptions and Institutions: Caste Differences in Earnings from Self-Employment in India”

Session 2(b): Land Reform and Beyond (Seminar Room 1)**Chair: Prasad S. Bhattacharya**

Takashi Kurosaki (Hitotsubashi University), **Rasyad A. Parinduri** (University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus) & Saumik Paul (Hitotsubashi University): “Evaluating Efficiency Gains from Tenancy Reform Targeting a Heterogeneous Group of Sharecroppers: Evidence from India”

Zoya Saher (University of Surrey), Sarmistha Pal (University of Surrey) & Tiago Pinheiro (University of Surrey): “Land Acquisition and Corporate Investment – Legacy of the Historical Land Ceiling Legislations.”

Rajabrata Banerjee (University of South Australia), **Prasad S. Bhattacharya** (Deakin University) & Tridip Ray (ISI Delhi): “Land Reform, Property Rights and Financial Development.”

Session 2(c): Health I (Seminar Room 2)**Chair: Mehtabul Azam**

Wiktoría Tafesse (University of Sussex): “The Effect of Iodine Deficiency on Test Scores and Child Mortality in Rural India”

Aparajita Dasgupta (Ashoka University) & Shampa Bhattacharjee (Shiv Nadar University): “Examining the Quality-Quantity Trade Off: Evidence from a Public Health Intervention in India”

Mehtabul Azam (Oklahoma State University): “Does Social Health Insurance Reduce Financial Burden? Panel Data Evidence from India”

Session 2(d): Political Economy: Clientelism and Political Alignment (Auditorium)**Chair: Anirban Kar**

Subhasish Dey (New College of the Humanities, London) & Arjun Bedi (Erasmus University, Rotterdam): “Falling Clientelism or Regime-Change Effect? Benefit Incidence of India’s Employment Guarantee Programme: A Panel Data Analysis from West Bengal, India”

Sabyasachi Das (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi) & Gaurav Sabharwal (Princeton University): “Whom are you Doing a Favor to? Governance Consequences of Political Alignment”

Anindya Bhattacharya (University of York, UK), **Anirban Kar** (Delhi School of Economics) & Alita Nandi (University of Essex): “Local Institutional Structure and Clientelistic Access to Employment: The Case of MGNREGS in Three States of India”

Parallel Sessions 2 (continued...)**19 December, Monday 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM****Session 2(e): Individual and Collective Choice (Classroom 11)****Chair: Rajnish Kumar**

Saptarshi Mukherjee (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi) & **Ruhi Sonal** (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi): “Proximity and Stochastic Choice”

Anujit Chakraborty (University of British Columbia): “Present Bias”

Sinan Ertemel (Istanbul Technical University) & **Rajnish Kumar** (Queen's University Belfast): “Proportional Rules for State Contingent Claims”

Session 2(f): Open Economy Macroeconomics (Classroom 13)**Chair: Abhijit Sen Gupta**

Nikhil Damodaran (Louisiana State University): “Fiscal Policy and Trade in a Currency Union”

Nikhil Patel (Bank for International Settlements): “International Trade Finance and the Cost Channel of Monetary Policy in Open Economies”

Abhijit Sen Gupta (Asian Development Bank) & Rajeswari Sengupta (Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research): “Is there a Case for Exchange Rate Coordination in South Asia”

Session 2(g): Applied Microeconomics I (Classroom 14)**Chair: Karna Basu**

Swagata Bhattacharjee (Ashoka University): “Contracting for Innovation under Ambiguity”

Shubhashis Gangopadhyay (India Development Foundation), **Radhika Lunawat** (University of California, Irvine) & Clas Wihlborg (Chapman University): “Soft Information Production and Investment in Specific Assets”

Karna Basu (City University of New York) & Jonathan Conning (City University of New York): “Breakable Commitments: Present-bias, Client protection and Bank ownership forms”

Parallel Sessions 3**19 December, Monday 4:30 PM – 6:15 PM****Session 3(a): Corruption and Leakages (Conference Room)****Chair: Madhav S. Aney**

Samarth Gupta (Boston University): “Corruption and Firm Dynamics in India”

Daniel Overbeck (Heidelberg University): “Leakage and Corruption in India’s Public Distribution System”

Sisir Debnath (Indian School of Business) & **Sheetal Sekhri** (University of Virginia): “No Free Lunch: Using Technology to Improve the Efficacy of School Feeding Programs”

Madhav S. Aney (Singapore Management University), **Shubhankar Dam** (City University of Hong Kong) & **Giovanni Ko** (Nanyang Technological University): “Jobs for Justice(s): Corruption in the Supreme Court of India”

Session 3(b): Indian Manufacturing I (Seminar Room 1)**Chair: Chirantan Chatterjee**

Shahana Mukherjee (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore): “How does Debt Financing affect Productivity Growth? Firm-level Evidence from India”

Subhadip Mukherjee (IBS, Hyderabad) & **Rupa Chanda** (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore): “Impact of Trade Liberalization on the Performance of Indian Manufacturing MSMEs: A Cross Census Panel Analysis”

Qayoom Khachoo (IIT, Indore) & **Ruchi Sharma** (IIT, Indore): “Proximity to the Best Practice Frontier and FDI Spillovers”

Sourav Bhattacharya (University of London), **Pavel Chakraborty** (Jawaharlal Nehru University) & **Chirantan Chatterjee** (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore): “IPR and Composition of Tasks”

Session 3(c): Finance II (Seminar Room 2)**Chair: Sudipto Karmakar**

Prasenjit Chakrabarti (Indian Institute of Management, Indore) & **K Kiran Kumar** (Indian Institute of Management, Indore): “Options Order Flow, Volatility Demand and Variance Risk Premium”

Swarnodeep Homroy (University of Lancaster): “Why Don't All Firms Do 'Good' Equally?”

Francisco Buera (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago & NBER) & **Sudipto Karmakar** (Bank of Portugal & UECE): “Real Effects of Financial Distress: The Role of Heterogeneity”

Session 3(d): Experiment (Auditorium)**Chair: Ananish Chaudhuri**

Ritwik Banerjee (IIM, Bangalore and IZA, Bonn), **Nabanita Datta Gupta** (Aarhus University and IZA, Bonn) & **Marie Claire Villeval** (IZA, Bonn): “The Spillover Effects of Affirmative Action on Competitiveness and Unethical Behaviour”

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

Cary Deck (University of Arkansas), **Sudipta Sarangi** (Virginia Tech) & **Matt Wisler** (University of South Alabama): “An Experimental Investigation of Electoral College Contests”

Tony So (University of Auckland), **Ananish Chaudhuri** (University of Auckland) & **Paul Brown** (University of California): “Piece-rates and Tournaments: Implications for Learning in a Cognitively Challenging Task”

Parallel Sessions 3 (continued...)**19 December, Monday 4:30 PM – 6:15 PM****Session 3(e): Auctions and Bargaining (Classroom 11)****Chair: Fahad Khalil**

Ravideep Sethi (New York University) & Ewout Verriest (New York University): “The Power of the Agenda Setter: A Dynamic Legislative Bargaining Model”

Rohan Dutta (McGill University): “Bargaining with Uncertain Commitment: On the Limits of Disagreement”

Indranil Chakraborty (National University of Singapore) & Kenneth Khoo (National University of Singapore): “Simultaneous vs. Sequential Auctions with Risk Averse Bidders”

Indranil Chakraborty (National University of Singapore), **Fahad Khalil** (University of Washington) & Jacques Lawarree (University of Washington): “Competitive Procurement and Ex Post Moral Hazard”

Session 3(f): Macroeconomics: Theory (Classroom 13)**Chair: Aditya Goenka**

Tobias Brunner (University of Lincoln), Guido Friebel (Goethe University, Frankfurt), Richard Holden (UNSW Australia Business School) & **Suraj Prasad** (University of Sydney): “Education, Experimentation and Entrepreneurship”

Berrak Bahadir (Ozyegin University), **Santanu Chatterjee** (University of Georgia) & Thomas Lebesmuehlbacher (Miami University): “The Macroeconomic Consequences of Remittances”

Guido Cozzi (St. Gallen), Minwolk Kang (NTU), **Aditya Goenka** (University of Birmingham) & Karl Shell (Cornell University): “Winners and Losers from Price-Level Volatility: Monetary Taxation and Information Frictions”

Session 3(g): Applied Microeconomics II (Classroom 14)**Chair: Arijit Mukherjee**

Oindrila Dey (FLAME University), Swapnendu Banerjee (Jadavpur University) & Sougata Poddar (University of Redland): “Endogenous Favouritism With Status Incentives: A Model Of Optimal Inefficiency”

Kaniska Dam (Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas) & Konstantinos Serfes (Drexel University): “A Price Theory of Vertical and Lateral Integration Under Two-Sided Productivity Heterogeneity”

Jin Li (Northwestern University), **Arijit Mukherjee** (Michigan State University) & Luis Vasconcelos (University of Essex): ““Learning-by-Shirking” in Relational Contracts”

IGC workshop on 'Women and Work in India'**Session 4(a): Women's Labour Force Participation (Conference Room)****Chair: Farzana Afridi**

Farzana Afridi (ISI, Delhi), Taryn Dinkelman (Dartmouth College) and **Kanika Mahajan** (Ambedkar University, Delhi): “Why Are Fewer Married Women Joining the Work Force in Rural India? A Decomposition Analysis over Two Decades”

Deepak Varshney (Delhi School of Economics): “Gender Difference in Wages in Casual Labour Market in India: An Analysis of the Impact of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)”

Chandan Jain (Shiv Nadar University): “Supply Side School Interventions for Girls in India, Effectiveness and Labour Market Outcomes : Evidence from a Natural Experiment”

***This session is supported by IGC- India Central research grant for 'Women and Work in India'**

Session 4(b): Public Goods and Infrastructure (Seminar Room 1)**Chair: Simon Alder**

Viacheslav Yakubenko (Goettingen University): “Giants and Midgets: The Effect of Public Goods’ Provision on Urban Population Concentration”

Sam Asher (The World Bank), **Karan Nagpal** (University of Oxford) & Paul Novosad (Dartmouth College): “The Cost of Distance: Geography and Governance in Rural India”

Simon Alder (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill): “Chinese Roads in India: The Effect of Transport Infrastructure on Economic Development”

Session 4(c): Education I (Seminar Room 2)**Chair: Tarun Jain**

Bhanu Gupta (University of Michigan): ““Big Brother” Effect: Impact of Birth Order and Gender on Learning Outcomes - Evidence from India”

Sukanta Bhattacharya (University of Calcutta), Aparajita Dasgupta (Ashoka University), Kumarjit Mandal (University of Calcutta) & Anirban Mukherjee (University of Calcutta): “Identity and Learning: A Study on the Effect of Student Teacher Gender Interaction on Student’s Learning”

Tarun Jain (Indian School of Business), Pushkar Maitra (Monash University) & Subha Mani (Fordham University): “Barriers to Skill Acquisition: Evidence from English training in India”

Session 4(d): Health II (Auditorium)**Chair: Mukesh Eswaran**

Subham Kailthya (University of Reading) & Uma Kambhampati (University of Reading): “Political-economy of Healthcare Provision in India: Analysing the Entire Healthcare Distribution”

Sonia Bhalotra (University of Essex), Rudi Rocha (UJRF Rio) & Rodrigo Soares (University of Columbia): “Does Universalization of Health Work? Evidence from Health Systems Restructuring and Maternal and Child Health in Brazil”

Mukesh Eswaran (University of British Columbia) & Nancy Gallini (University of British Columbia): “Rescuing the Golden Age of Antibiotics: Can Economics Help Avert the Looming Crisis?”

Parallel Sessions 4 (continued...)**20 December, Tuesday 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM****Session 4(e): Group and Identity: Theory (Classroom 11)****Chair: Rajiv Sethi**

Dripto Bakshi (ISI, Kolkata) & **Indraneel Dasgupta** (ISI, Kolkata): “Identity Conflict with Cross Border Spillovers”

Sourav Bhattacharya (University of London) & **Ming Li** (Concordia University, Canada): “Strategic Communication and Group Formation”

Rajiv Sethi (Columbia University) & **Muhamet Yildiz** (MIT): “Culture and Communication”

Session 4(f): Human Capital (Classroom 13)**Chair: Shankha Chakraborty**

Anurag Banerjee (Durham University), **Parantap Basu** (Durham University) & **Elisa Keller** (University of Exeter): “Business Cost and Skill Acquisition”

Jayanta Sarkar (Queensland University of Technology): “Fertility, Child Labor and Physical Activity among the Nutritionally Poor: A Bio-Economic Exploration”

Shankha Chakraborty (University of Oregon) & **Fidel Perez-Sebastian** (University of Alicante & University of Hull): “Age-Specific Effects of Mortality Shocks and Economic Development”

Session 4(g): Political Economy: Infrastructure and Natural Resources (Classroom 14)**Chair: Sam Asher**

Yu Liu (Fudan University) & **Xiaoxue Zhao** (Yale University): “State Capacity and Economic Development under Capital Mobility”

Satyendra Kumar Gupta (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) : “The Long-run Effects of Land Productivity on Democracy”

Sam Asher (World Bank Research Unit) & **Paul Novosad** (Dartmouth College): “Dirty Politics: Mining Booms and Politician Behavior in India”

Parallel Sessions 5**20 December, Tuesday 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM****IGC workshop on 'Women and Work in India'****Session 5(a): Addressing Gender Based Inequalities (Conference Room)****Chair: Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay**

Sukanya Sarkhel (St. Xavier's College, Kolkata): "Parenthood, Patriarchy and Penalty: Evidence from Indian Labour Market"

Shareen Joshi (Georgetown University), **Nishtha Kochhar** (Georgetown University) & **Vijayendra Rao** (World Bank): "Does Caste Still Matter? Gender, Empowerment and Inequality in 3 States of India"

Shabana Mitra (IIM, Bangalore) & **Kalle Moene** (University of Oslo): "Wheels of power---Longterm Effects of Targeting Girls with In Kind Transfers"

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Session 5(b): Labour Market (Seminar Room 1)**Chair: Arnab K. Basu**

Benjamin Thompson (University of Michigan): "Pensions, Retirement, and the Disutility of Labor: Bunching in Brazil"

Anand Shrivastava (Azim Premji University, University of Cambridge) & **Girish Bahal** (NCAER, University of Cambridge): "Labor Market Effects of Inconsistent Policy Interventions: Evidence from India's Employment Guarantees"

Arnab K. Basu (Cornell University), **Nancy Chau** (Cornell University) & **Vidhya Soundararajan** (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore): "Wage Polarization and Contract Employment"

Session 5(c): Education II (Seminar Room 2)**Chair: Sweta Gupta**

Karan Singhal (IIM, Ahmedabad) & **Upasak Das** (Centre for Development Studies): "The Role of Private Schooling on Children Learning Outcomes and Prevalence of Female Mathematical Anxiety in India"

Maulik Jagnani (Cornell University) & **Gaurav Khanna** (University of California, San Diego): "Do Public Colleges Increase Private School Enrollment? Evidence from India"

Sweta Gupta (University of Sussex): "Do Private Preschools add more 'value'? - Evidence on Achievement Gaps from Rural India"

Session 5(d): Political Economy of Caste (Auditorium)**Chair: Patrick Francois**

Victoire Girard (LEO Université d'Orléans and CES, Université Paris 1): "Don't Touch My Road: Evidence from India on Affirmative Action and Everyday Discrimination"

Yusuf Neggars (Brown University): "Enfranchising Your Own? Experimental Evidence on Bureaucrat Diversity and Bias in Indian Elections"

Siwan Anderson (University of British Columbia) & **Patrick Francois** (University of British Columbia): "Reservations and the Politics of Fear"

Parallel Sessions 5 (continued...)**20 December, Tuesday 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM****Session 5(e): Dynamics and Experimentation (Classroom 11)****Chair: Kaustav Das**

Srijita Ghosh (New York University): “Costly Social Learning and Rational Inattention”

Shraman Banerjee (O.P. Jindal Global University) & **Bo Chen** (Southern Methodist University): “Asymmetric Dynamic Price Mechanism for Symmetric Buyers”

Kaustav Das (University of Exeter): “The Role of Heterogeneity in a Model of Strategic Experimentation”

Session 5(f): Investment, Growth and Convergence (Classroom 13)**Chair: Alok Johri**

Aparna Lolayekar (Goa University) & **Pranab Mukhopadhyay** (Goa University): “Regional Income Convergence in India and Spatial Dependence”

Debdulal Mallick (Deakin University), **Robert Chirinko** (University of Illinois): “The Substitution Elasticity, Factor Shares, Long-Run Growth, and the Low-Frequency Panel Model”

Alok Johri (McMaster University) & **Mahbubur Rahman** (McMaster University): “The Rise and Fall of Q : The Story of India's Relative Price of Investment As Told by Quantitative Theory”

Session 5(g): Trade Theory (Classroom 14)**Chair: Kamal Saggi**

Subhayu Bandyopadhyay (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis), **Todd Sandler** (University of Texas, Dallas) & **Javed Younas** (American University of Sharjah): “Trade and Terrorism: A Disaggregated Approach”

Subhayu Bandyopadhyay (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis), **Arnab K. Basu** (Cornell University), **Nancy H. Chau** (Cornell University) & **Devashish Mitra** (Syracuse University): “Disentangling the Wage Impacts of Offshoring On a Developing Country: Theory and Policy”

Eric Bond (Vanderbilt University) & **Kamal Saggi** (Vanderbilt University): “Compulsory Licensing and Patent Protection: A North-South Perspective”

Parallel Sessions 6**20 December, Tuesday 4:30 PM – 6:15 PM****Session 6(a): Gender I (Conference Room)****Chair: Annemie Maertens**

S Anukriti (Boston College), **Sungoh Kwon** (University of Connecticut) & **Nishith Prakash** (University of Connecticut): “Dowry: Household Responses to Expected Marriage Payments”

Sonia Bhalotra (University of Essex) & **Sofia Amaral** (University of Essex): “Unmarried Men and Violence against Women: The Long-run Effects of Sex Selection in India”

Sweta Gupta (University of Sussex), **Chris Ksoll** (Mathematica) & **Annemie Maertens** (University of Sussex): “Do Mothers-In-Law Ruin Efficiency? Evidence from Rural India”

Session 6(b): Financial Crises and Microfinance (Seminar Room 1)**Chair: Shyamal Chowdhury**

Helios Herrera (University of Warwick), **Guillermo Ordoñez** (University of Pennsylvania) & **Christoph Trebesch** (University of Munich): “Political Booms, Financial Crises”

Abhijit Banerjee (MIT), **Esther Duflo** (MIT) & **Richard Hornbeck** (University of Chicago): “(Measured) Profit is Not Welfare: Evidence from an Experiment on Bundling Microcredit and Insurance”

Shyamal Chowdhury (University of Sydney), **Dyotona Dasgupta** (Indian Statistical Institute), **Prabal Roy Chowdhury** (Indian Statistical Institute) & **Uttam Sharma** (University of Sydney): “How Does Competition among MFIs Affect Lenders and Borrowers? Theory and Evidence from Bangladesh”

Session 6(c): Education III (Seminar Room 2)**Chair: Panu Pelkonen**

Jim Berry (Cornell University) & **Priya Mukherjee** (College of William and Mary): “Pricing of Private Education Services in India: Demand, Use and Impact”

Andres Giraldo (Southern Methodist University) & **Manini Ojha** (Southern Methodist University): “An Evaluation of the Effect of Quality of Education on Violence: Evidence from Colombia”

Sonja Fagernas (University of Sussex) & **Panu Pelkonen** (University of Sussex): “Teacher Imbalances and Segregation in India”

Session 6(d): Health III (Auditorium)**Chair: Prakarsh Singh**

Sanjeev Kumar (Yale University): “Does Health Influence Risk Preference?”

Chitwan Lalji (IIT, Kanpur), **Debayan Pakrash** (IIT Kanpur) & **Russell Smyth** (Monash University, Clayton): “Can Fruits and Vegetables Really Keep the Doctors Away?”

Prakarsh Singh (Amherst College) & **William A. Masters** (Tufts University): “Impact of Caregiver Incentives on Child Health: Evidence from an Experiment with Anganwadi Workers in India”

Parallel Sessions 6 (continued...)**20 December, Tuesday 4:30 PM – 6:15 PM****Session 6(e): Social Choice and Welfare (Classroom 11)****Chair: Mihir Bhattacharya**

Swarnendu Chatterjee (Maastricht University), Hans Peters (Maastricht University) & Ton Storcken (Maastricht University): “Frequency Based Analysis of Voting Rules”

Sandip Sarkar (Centre for Training and Research in Public Finance and Policy) & Sattwik Santra (Centre for Training and Research in Public Finance and Policy): “On the Quasi Approaches for Inequality Ordering of Ordinal Variables”

Mihir Bhattacharya (Aix-Marseille University) & Nicolas Gravel (Aix-Marseille University): “The Majoritarian Social Welfare Relation: Some Results”

Session 6(f): Macroeconomics: US and UK (Classroom 13)**Chair: Sandy Suardi**

Aditi Thapar (University of Michigan) & Matthew Hall (Boston Consulting Group): “The Economic Effects of Government Spending”

Arnab Bhattacharjee (Heriot-Watt University) & Atanas Christev (Heriot-Watt University): “Inferring Structural Ordering: How does the UK Economy Respond to International Shocks?”

Amélie Charles (Audencia Nantes), Chew Lian Chua (University of Melbourne), Olivier Darné (LEMNA - Université de Nantes) & **Sandy Suardi** (University of Wollongong): “On the Pernicious Effects of Oil Price Uncertainty on US Real Economic Activities”

Session 6(g): Political Economy: Politician Behaviour and Outcomes (Classroom 14)**Chair: Soham Sahoo**

Ajit Phadnis (IIM, Bangalore): “Do Individual MPs matter in India? Voter Reactions to MPs’ Parliamentary Performance in the 15th Lok Sabha”

Ritika Jain (Centre for Development Studies): “Do political factors influence performance of Public Sector Enterprises? The Indian Disinvestment Experience”

Rahul Lahoti (University of Goettingen) & **Soham Sahoo** (University of Goettingen): “Are Educated Leaders good for Education? Evidence from India”

Parallel Sessions 7**21 December, Wednesday 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM****Session 7(a): Gender II (Conference Room)****Chair: Rossella Calvi**

Annalisa Frigo (Université catholique de Louvain) & **Eric Roca Fernandez** (Université catholique de Louvain): “Now She Is Martha, then She Is Mary: The Influence of Beguinages on Attitudes Toward Women”

Uttara Balakrishnan (University of Maryland): “Financial Incentives, Son Preference and Household Behaviour: Evidence from India”

Rossella Calvi (Rice University): “Why Are Older Women Missing in India? The Age Profile of Bargaining Power and Poverty”

Session 7(b): Indian Manufacturing II (Seminar Room 1)**Chair: Swati Dhingra**

Abhinav Narayanan (Reserve Bank of India) & Santanu Chatterjee (University of Georgia): “The Spillover Effects of Public Investment: Implications for Formal and Informal Sector Firms in India”

Sonal Dua (Delhi School of Economics): “What motivates Mergers and Acquisitions - An Industry Level Analysis”

Johannes Boehm (Sciences Po), **Swati Dhingra** (LSE & CEP) & John Morrow (Birkbeck & CEP) : “Swimming Upstream: Input-Output Linkages and the Direction of Product Adoption”

Session 7(c): Environment I (Seminar Room 2)**Chair: Teevrat Garg**

Yashobanta Parida (Jawaharlal Nehru University): “Economic Impact of Floods in Indian States”

Shreekant Gupta (Delhi School of Economics), Partha Sen (Delhi School of Economics) & **Saumya Verma** (Delhi School of Economics): “Climate Change and Production Risk : Evidence from Indian Agriculture”

Teevrat Garg (University of California, San Diego), Maulik Jagnani (Cornell University) & Vis Taraz (Smith College): “Human Capital Costs of Climate Change: Evidence from Test Scores in India”

Session 7(d): Trade Empirical (Auditorium)**Chair: Asha Sundaram**

Pavel Chakraborty (Jawaharlal Nehru University) & Michael Henry (University of Birmingham): “The Effect of Chinese Competition on the Product Variety of Indian Firms”

Ivan Kandilov (North Carolina State University), Asli Leblebicioglu (University of Texas) & **Ruchita Manghnani** (World Bank): “Trade Liberalization and Investment in Foreign Capital Goods: Evidence from India”

Asha Sundaram (University of Auckland): “Trade Liberalization and Firm Sales Volatility: Evidence from India”

Parallel Sessions 7 (continued...)**21 December, Wednesday 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM****Session 7(e): Strategyproof Mechanism Design (Classroom 11)****Chair: Abhinaba Lahiri**

Gopakumar Achuthankutty (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata) & Souvik Roy (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata): “Further Results on Strategy-proof Social Choice under Categorization”

Souvik Roy (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata) & **Soumyarup Sadhukhan** (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata): “Strategy-proof and Unanimous Random Rules on Mixed Single Peaked Domain”

Abhinaba Lahiri (Kyushu University) & Ton Storcken (Maastricht University): “Strategy-proof Location of Two Public Bads in an Interval”

Session 7(f): Macroeconomics: Indian and Emerging Economies (Classroom 13)**Chair: Anindya S. Chakrabarti**

Sargam Gupta (Indian Statistical Institute): “Optimal Monetary Policy and Terms of Trade Shocks”

Suman Das (Jadavpur University) & Saikat Sinha Roy (Jadavpur University): “Exchange Rate Return Co-movements and Volatility Spillover: The Case of Emerging Market Economies”

Anindya S. Chakrabarti (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad): “Inflationary Effects of Monetary Policies in Newly Industrialized Economies with Cross-Sectoral Labor and Capital Immobility”

Session 7(g): Political Economy: Local Elections (Classroom 14)**Chair: Anirban Mitra**

Ashna Arora (Columbia University): “Government Performance under Elite Capture”

Miri Stryjan (Ben Gurion University of the Negev), Erika Deserranno (Kellogg School of Management) & Munshi Sulaiman (BRAC International): “Electoral Rules and Leader Selection: Experimental Evidence from Ugandan Community Groups”

Francesca R. Jensenius (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs), Andreas Kotsadam (Ragnar Frisch Centre for Economic Research) & **Anirban Mitra** (University of Kent): “Do Parties Matter at the Subdistrict Level of Politics? Evidence from Mandals in Andhra Pradesh”

Parallel Sessions 8**21 December, Wednesday 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM****Session 8(a): Agriculture (Conference Room)****Chair: Arjunan Subramanian**

Chandan Singha (University of Delhi): “Causal Impact of Adoption of Soil Conservation Measures on Farm Profit, Revenue and Variable Cost in Darjeeling District, India”

Bina Agarwal (University of Manchester) & **Ankush Agrawal** (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi): “To Farm or Not to Farm? Indian Farmers in Transition”

Arjunan Subramanian (Glasgow University), **Purnima Purohit** (Glasgow University) & **Rebeca Echavarri** (Glasgow University): “Dial Helpline ‘H’ for Help”

Session 8(b): Poverty (Seminar Room 1)**Chair: Sabina Alkire**

Anders Kjelsrud (Statistics Norway) & **Rohini Somanathan** (Delhi School of Economics): “Incorporating Public Transfers into the Measurement of Poverty”

Stephan Klasen (University of Goettingen) & **Rahul Lahoti** (University of Goettingen): “How Serious is the Neglect of Intra-Household Inequality in Multi-dimensional Poverty Indices?”

Sabina Alkire (University of Oxford) & **Suman Seth** (University of Leeds): “Identifying Destitution through Linked Subsets of Multidimensionally Poor: An Ordinal Approach”

Session 8(c): Environment II (Seminar Room 2)**Chair: Klaus F. Zimmermann**

P P Krishnapriya (Delhi School of Economics): “Effects of Information on Energy Related Choices: Experimental Evidence from Rural Uttar Pradesh and Kerala”

Prabhat Barnwal (Michigan State University), **Lex van Geen** (Columbia University), **Jan von der Goltz** (World Bank) & **Chander Kumar Singh** (TERI University): “Cost-sharing in Environmental Health Products: Evidence from Arsenic Testing of Drinking-water Wells in Bihar, India”

Shyamal Chowdhury (University of Sydney), **Annabelle Krause** (IZA, Bonn) & **Klaus F. Zimmermann** (Princeton University and UNU-MERIT): “Arsenic Contamination of Drinking Water and Mental Health”

Session 8(d): Behavioural Economics (Auditorium)**Chair: Brit Grosskopf**

Yashodha (University of Gothenburg): “Bargaining and Contract Choice: Evidence from Informal Groundwater Contracts in India”

Daichi Shimamoto (Waseda University), **Yasuyuki Todo** (Waseda University), **Yu Ri Kim** (The University of Tokyo) & **Petr Matous** (The University of Sydney): “Identifying and Decomposing Peer Effects in Decision-Making Using a Randomized Controlled Trial”

Brit Grosskopf (University of Exeter) & **Graeme Pearce** (University of Exeter): “Do you Mind me Paying Less? Measuring Other-Regarding Preferences in the Market for Taxis”

Parallel Sessions 8 (continued...)**21 December, Wednesday 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM****Session 8(e): Stability and Coalition Formation (Classroom 11)****Chair: Rakesh Chaturvedi**

Shashwat Khare (Maastricht University) & **Souvik Roy** (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata): “Stability in Matching with Groups having Non Responsive Preferences”

Saish Nevrekar (Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research): “A Theory of Endogenous Coalition Formation in Group Contests”

Rakesh Chaturvedi (Indian Institute of Management, Udaipur): “Stable Property Rights”

Session 8(f): Topics in Macroeconomics (Classroom 13)**Chair: N. Kundan Kishor**

Ashima Goyal (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research) & **Abhishek Kumar** (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research): “A DSGE Model-Based Analysis of the Indian Slowdown”

Bhavesh Garg (Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad) & **Prabheesh K.P.** (Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad): “Intertemporal Optimization Approach to the Current Account in India”

Omid Ardakani (Armstrong State University) & **N. Kundan Kishor** (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee): “Examining the Success of the Central Banks in Inflation Targeting Countries: The Dynamics of the Inflation Gap and Institutional Characteristics”

Session 8(g): Political Economy: Theory (Classroom 14)**Chair: Sanjay Jain**

Manaswini Bhalla (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore), **Kalyan Chatterjee** (Pennsylvania State University) & **Souvik Dutta** (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore): “Revolution or Gradualism: Optimal Strategy of a Leader”

Zivanemoyo Chinzara (The World Bank Group) & **Radhika Lahiri** (Queensland University of Technology): “Institutional Development, Technology Adoption and Redistribution: A Political Economy Perspective”

Sanjay Jain (University of Oxford) & **Sumon Majumdar** (Queen's University): “The Political Economy of Policy Reform: Redistributive Promises and Transfers to Special Interests”