

Conference on
ISSUES IN ECONOMIC THEORY & POLICY
2nd November, 2015

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

10 AM-10.15 AM : Inauguration by Prof. Anuradha Lohia,
Honourable Vice Chancellor, Presidency University, Kolkata

10:15 AM-11:15 AM : **N.K.Majumdar Memorial Lecture:**
The End of Exclusivity: Investing in a Compulsory Commons
Prof. Shannad Basheer,
*Honorary Research Chair Professor of IP Law, Institute of
Law, Nirma University*
Chairperson: Prof. Partha Ray, Professor, Indian Institute of
Management, Kolkata

11:15 AM-11:30 AM:

TEA BREAK

11:30 AM-1 PM:

TECHNICAL SESSION (IA & IB)

IA: Policy Issues

Session Chair: Prof. Dipankar Coondoo, Visiting Professor Institute of Development
Studies Kolkata and Retired Professor, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata

1. Status of Electricity Consumption of West Bengal – A Decomposition Analysis
Gopa Ghosh
Ph.D fellow, Humanities and social sciences, Indian Institute of Engineering Science
and Technology

2. Are aged a burden or an asset? Assessing contribution of elderly workers to household economic status in India

AntaraDhar

Assistant Professor, Goenka College of Commerce & Business Administration, Kolkata and PhD. Research Scholar, University of Calcutta, Department of Economics

3. Vertical Fiscal Imbalances in Indian States

MadhurimaKoley

PhD. Research Scholar, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta

KumarjitMandal

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta

4. Firm Capabilities and Productivity Spill-overs from FDI: Evidence from Indian Manufacturing Firms

SanghitaMondal

Completed Ph.D from CITD/SIS/Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

IB: Human Development

Session Chair: Prof.AchinChakrabarty, Director, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata

1. Inequalities in the utilization of maternal healthcare services among the women of different caste groups and its determinants: a special focus on scheduled tribes

RimonSaha

PhD Scholar, Centre for Development Studies Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

ArijitaDutta

Faculty, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta

2. Primary Education: Issues relating to Gender Parity in Rural Dominating Districts of West Bengal.

GitanjaliDutt

Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University/

AmitKundu

Faculty, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University

- Returns to Education in India: Are backward communities caught in a self-fulfilling equilibrium trap?

Manpreet Singh

Student, IIT Kharagpur

- Efficiency of Primary Schools in West Bengal- Measurement and Determinants

ShashiBhusan Mishra

M.Phil Research Scholar, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta

ArijitaDutta

Faculty, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta

1.00 PM-1:45 PM:

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1:45 PM-3.30 PM:

TECHNICAL SESSION (IIA & IIB)

IIA: Economic Theory and Applications

Session Chair: Prof. Asis Banerjee, Visiting Professor Institute of Development

Studies Kolkata and Retired Professor Professor, Economics Department, Calcutta

University

- A theoretical analysis of product versioning in the context of commercial piracy

PaulomiBasu

Research Scholar, Jadavpur University

Tanmoyee Banerjee

Faculty, Jadavpur University

2. On Autonomous Devolution from the Union Government and Provision of Local Public Goods
MoumitaChel
Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
Vivekananda Mukherjee
Faculty, Jadavpur University
3. Impact of short and long term adult migration on youth's occupational choice in India
SwetaLahiri
Ph.D. scholar, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata
4. The gap between construction and usage of toilets:An under-identified problem
GitanjaliHajra
PhD Scholar of Economics, University of Calcutta.
ArijitaDutta
Associate Professor of Economics, University of Calcutta.
5. Gender Segregation: Looking at the Indian Labour Market
SoumyajitChakrabort
Guest Lecturer in Economics at Ranaghat College, University of Kalyani.

IIB: Challenges in Development

Session Chair: Prof. Sarmila Banerjee, Rajiv Gandhi Professor in Development and Sustainability, Economics Department, Calcutta University

1. Dam(n)ed by overconfidence?
Asymmetric beliefs, Moral Hazard, and Environmental Risk
RikChakraborti Jason F. Shogren
Department of Economics and Finance, University of Wyoming.
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Department of Economics and Finance, University of Wyoming.

2. How Transport Costs and Pollution Taxes affect Location Decisions of a Firm? A Theoretical Approach
Gaurav Bhattacharya
Centre for International Trade and Development, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
3. Rethinking Public Distribution System in India: A Class focused Analysis
Soumik Sarkar
Ph. D. Research Scholar, Dept. of Economics, Calcutta University
4. Status Seeking Behavior and the Life Cycle Hypothesis
Ranajoy Chaudhury,
Independent Researcher

3.30 PM-3:45 PM:

TEA BREAK

3.45 PM-5:15 PM:

TECHNICAL SESSION (IIIA & IIIB)

IIIA: Risk, Volatility and Global Crisis

Session Chair: Prof. Basabi Bhattacharya, Professor, Economics Department, Jadavpur University

1. Exchange rate exposure and its determinants on stock returns at firm level around crisis periods: A study of India from 2000 to 2013
Soumya Saha
Assistant Professor, PG Dept of Commerce, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata
2. Risk management for a commercial lending portfolio using time series forecasting and small datasets
Tanmoy Ganguli
Assistant Manager, Financial Services Analytics, Genpact, Kolkata.

3. Exchange Rate Return Co-movements and Volatility Spill-over: The Case of Emerging Market Economies
Suman Das
Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
Saikat Sinha Roy
Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
4. Global Economic Crisis and Margins of Trade—An Exploration
Pritam Chatterjee
Guest Lecturer, Sarojini Naidu College for Women

IIIB: Finance and Derivatives

Session Chair: Prof. Amitava Sarkar, Director, Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management

1. The Determinants of Chinese Bank Capital: A panel data study
Dipsubhra Chakraborty
Doctoral Scholar, IIMC
Partha Ray
Faculty, Economics Group, IIMC
2. Performance Evaluation of Indian Mutual Funds using Data Envelopment Analysis
Joyjit Dhar
Faculty, Department of Economics, Krishnagar Government College, Krishnagar, Nadia, West Bengal
Kumarjit Mandal
Faculty, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta.
3. Samuelson Hypothesis and the Soybean Market in India
Suranjana Joarder
Ph.D Scholar, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta

4. Financial contagion and volatility spill-over: An exploration into Indian commodity derivative market

RudraProsad Roy

Mphil Scholar, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

SaikatSinha Roy

Faculty, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

5:15 PM-6:00 PM:

CLOSING SESSION

Closing lecture

Econometrics in the era of big data

Prof. PulakGhosh

Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore

Chairperson: Prof. DebasisSengupta, ProfessorApplied

Statistics Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata

Vote of thanks

Head, Economics Department