

Conference on the Political Economy of Contemporary India

(Sponsored by IGIDR, King's College London, and ICSSR)

January 9-10, 2017

Venue: Seanza Conference Room, IGIDR, Mumbai

Important information for participants: [Click here](#)

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Conference Schedule

Day 1: January 9, 2017

8.30-9.00A.M. Registration

9:00-9-15 A.M. Inaugural address by S. Mahendra Dev, Director, IGIDR, Mumbai.

9:15-9:30 A.M. Discussion of the previous edition of the conference which resulted in the edited volume *Political Economy of Contemporary India*

9.30-10:15A.M. Key Note address by Pranab Bardhan (University of California, Berkeley)

Chair: S. Mahendra Dev (IGIDR)

10:15-10.30 A.M. Tea break

10.30 A.M.-12.10 P.M. Session I: Macroeconomic Issues, Employment, and Skill Development I

Chair: Christophe Jaffrelot (Sciences Po, Paris and King's College London)

1. Louise Tillin (King's College London): "Subnational Welfare Capitalism: Regime Clusters and Social Policy in India"

Discussant: Rina Agarwala (John Hopkins University)

2. R Nagaraj (IGIDR): "Employment Boom in Construction: A Tentative Explanation"

Discussant: Ravi Srivastava (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

12.10-12.20 P.M. Tea Break

12.20-2.00 P.M. Session II: Macroeconomic Issues, Employment, and Skill Development II

Chair: TBA

3. Sunil Mitra Kumar (King's College London): Title TBA

Discussant: Sripad Motiram (University of Massachusetts, Boston and IGIDR)

4. Jahnvi Phalke (King's College London): Title TBA

Discussant: R. Nagaraj (IGIDR)

2:00-3:00 P.M. Lunch Break

3.00-5.30 P.M. Session II: Caste and Employment I

Chair: TBA

5. Ashwini Deshpande (Delhi School of Economics): TBA

Discussant: Amrita Dhillon (King's College London)

6. Kalaiyarasan A. (Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi): "Mapping the Discourse from Domination to Deprivation: A Case Study of Jats"

Discussant: Christophe Jaffrelot (Sciences Po, Paris and King's College London)

7. Amrita Dhillon (King's College London): "Social identity and productivity: Evidence from India's garment industry and a quasi-lab-field experiment"

Discussant: Ashwini Deshpande (Delhi School of Economics)

7.30 P.M. Director's Dinner

Day 2: January 10, 2017

9.30–10.15 A.M. Keynote Address by C. Ram Manohar Reddy (Public Editor, Scroll.in)

Chair: M.H. Suryanarayana (IGIDR)

10-15-10-30 A.M. Tea Break

10.30 A.M.-12.10P.M. Session I: Caste and employment II

Chair: Loraine Kennedy (EHESS, Paris)

8. Christophe Jafferlot (Sciences Po, Paris and King's College London): "Quota for Patels?"

The neo-middle class syndrome and the return of caste politics in Gujarat"

Discussant: Satish Deshpande (Delhi University)

9. Aseem Prakash (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad): TBA

Discussant: Satish Deshpande (Delhi University)

12.10-12.20P.M. Tea Break

12.20-2:00 P.M. Session II: Urban issues and urban governance I

Chair: TBA

10. Sripad Motiram (IGIDR, Mumbai, and University of Massachusetts, Boston): How Do Class, Caste and Space Interact in Indian Cities? Some Perspectives from Hyderabad and Mumbai

Discussant: Adam Auerbach (American University)

11. Loraine Kennedy (EHESS, Paris): "The Politics of Making Greater Hyderabad Metropolitan Scale-Building and Local Government Capacity"

Discussant Vamsi Vakulabharanam (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)

2.00-3.00 P.M. Lunch Break

3.00-5.30 P.M. Topic 3: Urban issues and urban governance II

Chair: TBA

12. Yue Zhang (University of Illinois at Chicago): "Building a Slum-Free Mumbai? Inequality, Informality, and Governance in Urban India"

Discussant: Tariq Tatchil (Vanderbilt University)

13. Adam Auerbach (American University, Washington): "Who do Slum Leaders Serve? Experimental Evidence from Urban India"

Discussant: Yue Zheng (University of Illinois, Chicago)

14. Tariq Tatchil (Vanderbilt University): "'Do Rural Migrants Divide Ethnically in the City? Ethnographic and Experimental Evidence from India"

Discussant: Loraine Kennedy (EHESS, Paris)

5.30-5.45P.M. Vote of Thanks