SESSION PLAN
Ninth Conversations on Research (CoRe): IGIDR Ph.D. Colloquium, 2026
November 18, 2026 – November 20, 2026
Venue for All Lectures and Sessions: CONFERENCE HALL

Thursday 19th November 2026

Session 1 (09.00 - 11.00) Development Economics
Discussants – Dr. Swati Sharma* and Dr. Chandrasekhar**

Paper 1: *Leveraging Citizen-Led Formal Information Requests to Improve Midday Meal Provision: Experimental Evidence from Rural India**
Presenter: Jayashree Dilip Bhusare - Institute of Rural Management, Anand

Paper 2: *Alcohol Prohibition and Female Nutritional Outcomes: Evidence from Rural Bihar***
Presenter: Bandana Mondal - University of Kalyani

Session 2 (11.15 – 12.35) Behavioral Economics
Discussant – Dr. Moumita Roy

Paper 1: *When Access to AI Is Unequal: Experimental Evidence on Productivity, Confidence, and Affect*
Presenter: Kirti Ranjan - Jawharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Paper 2: *Local Economic Shocks and Time Preferences: Evidence from the Great Recession*
Presenter: Sana Rajar - Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay

Session 3 (13.15 – 15.15) International Trade/Law and Economics
Discussant – Dr. Rahul Singh

Paper 1: *Gains from Technology Transfer in a Model with Vertical and Horizontal Specialisation*
Presenter: Ranjabati Chakraborti - Jadavpur University

Paper 2: *Does Entry Route Matter? Career Pathways, Human Capital, and Judicial Decisions*
Presenter: Urvi Dhar - Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad

Paper 3: *Trade Participants and CO2 Emissions*
Presenter: Manish - Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

Session 4 (15.20 – 17.20) Macroeconomics
Discussants – Dr. Sargam Gupta* and Dr. Rajeswari Sengupta**

Paper 1: *Building Business Ecosystems: A Theory of Endogenous Networks, Capital Accumulation and Productivity Growth**
Presenter: Tanya Jain - Delhi School of Economics

Paper 2: *Government Debt and Long-Run Optimal Factor Taxation**
Presenter: Chakshu Jain - Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi

Paper 3: *Bank Ownership and the Dynamics of Monetary Policy Transmission: Firm-Level Evidence from India***
Presenter: Anant Singh - Delhi School of Economics

Session 5 (17.25 – 18.45) Climate Change
Discussant – Dr. Anshuman Tiwari

Paper 1: *Does Crop Diversification Mitigate Climate Change Impacts on Crop Yields? Empirical Evidence from India*
Presenter: Simanta Ghosh - O.P. Jindal Global University

Paper 2: *Carbon Borders and Boardroom Networks: Climate Risk Diffusion in Emerging Market*
Presenter: Danish Ahmad - Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee

Friday 20th November 2026

Session 6 (09.00 - 10.20) Mechanism Design
Discussant – Dr. Soumendu Sarkar

Paper 1: *Public-Good Contribution Enhancing Mechanisms*
Presenter: Shreyan Mullick - Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata and North-East Centre

Paper 2: Stable *Matching with Choice Correspondences: Beyond Path Independence*
Presenter: Varun Bansal - Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi

Session 7 (10.30 - 11.10) Industrial Organization
Discussant – Dr. Shubhro Sarkar

Paper 1: *Privacy Promises as Cheap Talk and the Economics of Platform Data Monetisation*
Presenter: Dyuti Bhattacharya - Delhi School of Economics

Session 8 (14.00 - 15.20) Labor Economics
Discussant – Dr. Vidhya Soundararajan

Paper 1: *Optimal for Whom? Threshold Bonuses, Private Optimality, and Social Costs in the Indian Food Delivery Platform Market*
Presenter: Anibesh Singh - Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali

Paper 2: *Labour Market Deregulation, Contractualisation, and Plant Performance: Evidence from India's Firing-Cost Reforms*
Presenter: Saakshi Duseja - Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta

Session 9 (15.30 - 16.50) Applied Econometrics
Discussant – Dr. Bharti Nandwani

Paper 1: *Plague, Planning, and Persistence: Residential Segregation and Education in India*
Presenter: Khadija Aslam - Delhi School of Economics

Paper 2: *Promise kept, votes cast? Evidence from India's rural sanitation program*
Presenter: TC Shinali - University of Calcutta

Session 10 (17.00 - 18.20) Quantitative Methods
Discussant – Dr. Sriram Shankar

Paper 1: *Mitigating Endogeneity in Causal Models with Unobserved Treatment and Contaminated Instrumental Variable: A Shared Latent Factor Approach*
Presenter: Shubham Das - Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay

Paper 2: *Policy-Normalized Data Envelopment Analysis under Regime Switching: A Hamilton–Jacobi–Bellman Framework*
Presenter: Abhishek Meel – Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal