

## 5<sup>th</sup> IGC-ISI INDIA DEVELOPMENT POLICY CONFERENCE

Date: 17-18 July, 2014  
Venue: Le Meridien, New Delhi

**Pre-Conference Event: Wednesday, 16 July 2014**

**Venue: Sovereign II, Le Meridien**

Time	Theme
6 – 8 pm	<p><i>'Ideas for India' presents</i> <b><u>Emerging Challenges: Economic and Social</u></b> <i>Panelists : Abhijit Banerjee</i> (Massachusetts Institute of Technology; J-PAL) <b>Mukul Kesavan</b> (Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi)</p> <p><i>Moderator: Ashok Kotwal</i> (Ideas for India; University of British Columbia)</p>
8 pm	Dinner

Day I: Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2014

Venue: Inspire, Le Meridien

Time	Theme/ Presentations
9 – 9.45 am	Registration
9.45 – 10 am	<p><b>Welcome remarks – Pronab Sen</b> (IGC India Central; National Statistical Commission)  <b>Jonathan Leape</b> (IGC Hub; London School of Economics)</p>
10 am – 12 pm	<p><b><u>Session 1: Environment, Energy, Urbanisation &amp; Infrastructure – I</u></b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> <b>Sultan Hafeez Rahman</b> (IGC Bangladesh; BRAC University, Dhaka)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connecting rural India: The geography of infrastructure provision - <b>Jacob Shapiro</b> (Princeton University)</li> <li>• Pollution externalities and health: A study of Indian rivers - <b>Samuel Stolper</b> (Harvard Kennedy School)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussant:</i> <b>Arunish Chawla</b> (Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India)</p>
12 – 1.30 pm	Lunch

Time	Theme/ Presentations
1.30 – 3.30 pm	<p><b><u>Session 2: Environment, Energy, Urbanisation &amp; Infrastructure – II</u></b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> <b>Pronab Sen</b> (IGC India Central; National Statistical Commission)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How urban is India? – <b>Arindam Jana</b> (Indian Institute of Human Settlements)</li> <li>• Leakage in fuel subsidy: Evidence from Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG policy in India – <b>Prabhat Barnwal</b> (Columbia University)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussant:</i> <b>Anil Jain</b> (Planning Commission of India)</p>
3.30 – 4 pm	<p><b>Coffee and networking break</b></p>
4 – 6 pm	<p><b><u>Session 3: Governance</u></b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> <b>Sindhushree Khullar</b> (Planning Commission of India)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building state capacity: Evidence from biometric smartcards in India- <b>Karthik Muralidharan</b> (University of California, San Diego), <b>Sandip Sukhtankar</b> (Dartmouth College)</li> <li>• Politician identity and religious violence in India – <b>Lakshmi Iyer</b> (Harvard Business School)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussant:</i> <b>Santosh Mathew</b> (Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India) <b>Jayant Sinha</b> (Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha)</p>
7 pm	<p><b>Conference dinner</b></p>

Day II: Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2014

Time	Theme/ Presentations
9 – 11 am	<p><b><u>Session 4 : Macroeconomics and Finance</u></b></p> <p><i>Chair: Subir Gokarn</i> (Brookings India)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign fund flows and stock returns: Evidence from India - <b>Kiran Kumar</b> (Indian Institute of Management, Indore)</li> <li>• Understanding foreign currency borrowing by firms - <b>Nirvikar Singh</b> (University of California, Santa Cruz)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussant: K. P. Krishnan</i> (Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India)</p>
11 – 11.30 am	<p><b>Coffee and networking break</b></p>
11.30 am - 1.30 pm	<p><b><u>Session 5 : Human Development - Health, Education &amp; Labour Markets – I</u></b></p> <p><i>Chair: J. B. G. Tilak</i> (National University of Education Planning and Administration)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intergenerational transmission of gender attitudes: Evidence from India- <b>Seema Jayachandran</b> (Northwestern University)</li> <li>• Assessing teacher quality in India - <b>Mehtabul Azam</b> (Oklahoma State University), <b>Geeta Kingdon</b> (University of London)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussant: Ratna Sudarshan</i> (National University of Education Planning and Administration)</p>

Time	Theme/ Presentations
1.30 – 3 pm	Lunch
3 – 5 pm	<p data-bbox="562 432 1458 464"><b><u>Session 6: Human Development - Health, Education &amp; Labour Markets – II</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="663 504 1205 536"><i>Chair: Lakshmi Iyer</i> (Harvard Business School)</p> <ul data-bbox="611 576 1995 727" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="611 576 1995 647">• Switching to sanitation in South Asia: Qualitative evidence on health technology adoption - <b>Diane Coffey</b> (r.i.c.e.; Princeton University)</li> <li data-bbox="611 663 1995 727">• The mixture as before: Student responses to the changing content of school meals in India - <b>Rohini Somanathan</b> (Delhi School of Economics) and <b>Bidisha Barooah</b> (Delhi School of Economics)</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="663 767 1137 799"><i>Discussant: Sunil Jain</i> (Financial Express)</p>
5 pm	Vote of Thanks – <b>Dilip Mookherjee</b> (IGC India Central; Boston University)