



## 2<sup>nd</sup> IGC ANNUAL SOUTH ASIA GROWTH CONFERENCE

Date: 18-19 July 2013  
Venue: Qutab Hotel, New Delhi

### Pre-Conference Event: Wednesday, 17 July 2013

Time	Theme
	<i>'Ideas for India' presents</i> <b><u>A Conversation on Indian Development</u></b>
6 – 8 pm	<b>Raghuram Rajan</b> (Ministry of Finance) <b>Abhijit Banerjee</b> (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) <i>Moderator: Ashok Kotwal</i> (University of British Columbia)

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Day I: Thursday, 18 July 2013

Time	Theme/ Presentations
8.45 – 9.15 am	Registration
9.15 – 9.30 am	Welcome remarks  Pronab Sen (IGC India Central)
	<b>Session 1: Schooling</b>  <i>Chair: Amarjeet Singh</i> (Ministry of Human Resource Development)
9.30 – 12.30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cycling to school: Increasing high school enrolment for girls in Bihar – <b>Nishith Prakash</b> (University of Connecticut)</li><li>• The aggregate effect of school choice in Andhra Pradesh – <b>Karthik Muralidharan</b> (University of California, San Diego)</li><li>• Do the extra hours of tuition pay off? An evaluation of CDIP education support program in Bangladesh – <b>Atonu Rabbani</b> (University of Dhaka)</li></ul> <i>Policy perspective: Chandra Mohan</i> (Planning Commission)
12.30 – 2 pm	Lunch



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	<p><b><u>Session 2: Public sector &amp; Programme design</u></b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> <b>M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan</b> (Government of Bangladesh)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cash versus kind: Understanding the preferences of cash transfer programme beneficiaries in Bihar - <b>Maitreesh Ghatak</b> (IGC Bihar; London School of Economics)</li><li>• Incorporating public good availability into the measurement of poverty - <b>Rohini Somanathan</b> (IGC Bihar; Delhi School of Economics)</li><li>• Increasing efficiency of public procurement in Punjab – <b>Adnan Khan</b> (IGC; London School of Economics)</li></ul> <p><i>Policy perspective:</i> <b>Rajesh Bhushan</b> (Ministry of Rural Development)</p>
2 – 5 pm	
5 – 5.30 pm	<b>Coffee and networking break</b>
5.30 – 5.45 pm	<p><b><u>Presentation on 'Ideas for India'</u></b></p> <p><b>Ashok Kotwal</b> (University of British Columbia)</p>



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	<p><b><u>Policy Panel: Trade Integration in South Asia</u></b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Tony Venables</i> (IGC; University of Oxford)</p>
5.45 – 7.05 pm	<p>Cost of international disintegration: Evidence from the Indo-Pakistan border – <b>Robin Burgess</b> (IGC; London School of Economics)</p> <p><i>Panelists: Nagesh Kumar</i> (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific), <b>Anup Pujari</b> (Department of Commerce, Government of India), <b>T.N. Srinivasan</b> (Yale)</p>
7.30 pm	Conference dinner

**Day II: Friday, 19 July 2013**

Time	Theme/ presentations
	<p><b><u>Session 3: Macroeconomics &amp; Finance</u></b></p> <p><i>Chair: Dipak Dasgupta</i> (Ministry of Finance)</p>
9 – 11 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informal risk sharing, index insurance, and risk-taking by farmers in India – <b>Mushfiq Mobarak</b> (Yale University)</li> <li>• Financial segmentation: A constraint to growth – <b>Pronab Sen</b> (IGC India Central)</li> </ul> <p><i>Policy perspective: Arvinder S. Sachdeva</i> (Ministry of Finance)</p>

Time	Theme/ presentations
11 – 11.30 am	Coffee and networking break
<b><u>Session 4: Firms &amp; Investment</u></b>	
Chair: <b>Ghulam Hussain</b> (National Bureau of Revenue, Bangladesh)	
11.30 am - 1.30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Foreign investors under stress: Evidence at the Indian firm level - <b>Nirvikar Singh</b> (University of California, Santa Cruz)</li><li>The investment technology of foreign and domestic institutional investors in an emerging market – <b>Ila Patnaik</b> (NIPFP)</li></ul> <p><i>Policy perspective: Anupam Khanna</i> (NASSCOM)</p>
1.30 – 2.30 pm	Lunch
<b><u>Session 5: Health</u></b>	
Chair: <b>Rakesh Sarwal</b> (Planning Commission)	
2.30 – 4.30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Arsenic testing of tubewell water in Bihar for a fee - <b>Chander Kumar Singh</b> (TERI), <b>Prabhat Barnwal</b> (Columbia University)</li><li>Seasonal effects of water quality on infant and child health in India – <b>Nidhiya Menon</b> (Brandeis University)</li></ul> <p><i>Policy perspective: Sheela Prasad</i> (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare)</p>



Time	Theme/ presentations
4.30 – 5 pm	Coffee and networking break
	<b><u>Session 6: Governance</u></b>
	<i>Chair: Arun Maira</i> (Planning Commission)
5 – 7 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Does development aid undermine political accountability? Voter and politician responses to a randomised intervention in Bangladesh - <b>Mushfiq Mobarak</b> (IGC Bangladesh; Yale School of Management)</li><li>• Tax farming redux: Experimental evidence on incentive pay for tax collectors – <b>Adnan Khan</b> (IGC; London School of Economics)</li></ul>
	<i>Policy perspective: Amitabh Behar</i> (National Foundation for India)
7 pm	<b><u>Vote of thanks</u></b>
	<b>Dilip Mookherjee</b> (IGC India Central; Boston University)