

## IGC-ISI India Development Policy Conference

December 20-21, 2010

Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Delhi Centre  
New Delhi, India

### Conference Agenda

Monday, December 20, 2010

#### Welcoming Remarks

9:00 a.m. — 9:15 a.m.

- **Dilip Mookherjee**, Lead Academic, IGC India Central Program

#### Session 1: Education

9:15 a.m. — 11:45 a.m.

*Chair:* **Surendrakumar Bagde**, Director, Ministry of Finance, Government of India

Speakers:

- **Farzana Afridi**, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
- **Prithwiraj Choudhury**, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
- **Robert Jensen**, University of California, Los Angeles
- **Devesh Kapur**, Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania
- **Karthik Muralidharan**, University of California, San Diego

#### Coffee/Tea Break

11:45 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

#### Session 2: Financial Structure and Corporate Finance

12:00 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.

*Chair:* **Greg Fischer**, London School of Economics

Speakers:

- **Viral Acharya**, New York University Stern School of Business
- **Rajesh Chakrabarti**, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad
- **Sankar De**, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad

## Buffet Lunch — ISI Lawn

1:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

## Special Lecture

2:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

### Environmental Quality and Economic Growth in India: Opportunities for Research and Policy Improvements

- **Michael Greenstone**, MIT

## Keynote Address

3:00 p.m. — 3:45 p.m.

- **Jairam Ramesh**, Minister of State, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India

## Coffee/Tea Break

3:45 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

## Session 3: Urbanization and Infrastructure

4:00 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.

*Chair:* **Navin Kumar**, Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India (TBC)

Speakers:

- **Govinda Rao**, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy
- **Rohini Somanathan**, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi and Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
- **Ramprasad Sengupta**, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- **Maximo Torero**, International Food Policy Research Institute

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## Session 4: Macroeconomic and Financial Sector Policies

9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

*Chair:* **K.P. Krishnan**, Secretary, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Government of India

Speakers:

- **Suman Bery**, International Growth Centre
- **Chetan Ghate**, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi Centre
- **Chang-Tai Hsieh**, University of Chicago Booth School of Business
- **Amartya Lahiri**, University of British Columbia

## Coffee/Tea Break

11:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

## Session 5: Health

11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

*Chair:* **S. Selvakumar**, Director, National Rural Health Mission, Government of Karnataka

Speakers:

- **Sonia Bhalotra**, University of Bristol
- **Rema Hanna**, Harvard Kennedy School
- **Kaivan Munshi**, Brown University

## Lunch

1:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

## Special Lecture

2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

**Early Childhood Development in Colombia: An intervention pilot and baseline results**  
*by Orazio Attanasio, Emla Fitzsimmons, Sally Grantham-McGregor, Costas Meghir and Marta Rubio Codina*

- **Costas Meghir**, Institute for Fiscal Studies - ESRC Research Centre

## Coffee/Tea Break

3:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

## Policy Panel

4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

*Chair.* **Robin Burgess**, London School of Economics

- **Montek Singh Ahluwalia**, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India
- **Kaushik Basu**, Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Government of India
- **Pronab Sen**, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation
- **Raghuram Rajan**, University of Chicago Booth School of Business

## Adjournment

6:00 p.m.

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