



6th IGC-ISI INDIA DEVELOPMENT POLICY CONFERENCE

21-22 July, 2015
New Delhi

Pre-Conference Event: Monday, 20 July 2015

Venue: Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre

Time	Theme
6 – 8 pm	<u>I4I Conversation Series</u> Karthik Muralidharan (University of California, San Diego) speaks with Arvind Subramanian (Ministry of Finance)
8 pm	Dinner



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Day I: Tuesday, 21st July, 2015

Venue: Inspire, Le Meridien

Time	Theme/ Presentations
9 – 9.45 am	Registration
9.45 -10 am	Welcome remarks – Dilip Mookherjee (IGC India Central; Boston University)
10 am – 12 pm	<p><u>Session 1: Firms and Industry</u></p> <p><i>Chair: B.N. Goldar</i> (Institute of Economic Growth)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does firm ownership structure matter? Evidence from sugar mills in India - Sandip Sukhtankar (Dartmouth College)• Productivity and competition in India's brick industry - Daniel Keniston (Yale University) <p><i>Discussant: Mohan Chutani</i> (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion)</p>
12 – 1.30 pm	Lunch

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1.30 – 3.30 pm	<p><u>Session 2: Human Development: Education and Health – I</u></p> <p><i>Chair: Sudhanshu Bhushan</i> (National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving maternal health with incentives to mothers vs. health workers: Evidence From India – Sisir Debnath (Indian School of Business) • How do better-ranked colleges help meet India’s skill shortages? - Subha Mani (Fordham University), Utteyo Dasgupta (Wagner College) <p><i>Discussant: Pawan Kumar Agarwal</i> (Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship) Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi Centre)</p>
3.30 – 4 pm	Coffee and networking break
4 – 6 pm	<p><u>Session 3: Human Development: Education and Health – II</u></p> <p><i>Chair: Ravi Srivastava</i> (Jawaharlal Nehru University)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christianity and child health in India - Nidhiya Menon (Brandies University) • Double for nothing? Experimental evidence on the impact of an unconditional teacher salary increase on student performance - Karthik Muralidharan (University of California, San Diego) <p><i>Discussant: Amarjeet Sinha</i> (Ministry of Rural Development) Rathin Roy (National Institute for Public Finance and Policy)</p>
7 pm	Dinner

Day II: Wednesday, 22nd July, 2015

Time	Theme/ Presentations
10 am – 12 pm	<p><u>Session 4 : Finance</u></p> <p><i>Chair: R Gopalan</i> (Public Enterprises Selection Board)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demat trading and market liquidity: Evidence from the NSE in India – Madhav Aney (Singapore Management University), Sanjay Banerjee (Nottingham University) • Informal Insurance under group lending with individual liability: Evidence from India - Abhirup Sarkar (ISI Kolkata), Souvik Datta (IIM Bangalore) <p><i>Discussant: Ila Patnaik</i> (Ministry of Finance)</p>
12 – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 – 3.30 pm	<p><u>Session 5: Energy and environment</u></p> <p><i>Chair: Nitin Desai</i> (The Energy and Resources Institute)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural electrification with off-grid community microgrids: An impact evaluation in Uttar Pradesh - Johannes Urpelainen (Columbia University) • Should resource saving technologies be subsidized? Evidence from the diffusion of drip irrigation in Gujarat - Ram Fishman (George Washington University) <p><i>Discussant: Anandajit Goswami</i>(The Energy and Resources Institute)</p>
3.30 – 4 pm	Coffee and networking break

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4 – 6 pm	<p data-bbox="562 320 864 352"><u>Session 6: State Capacity</u></p> <p data-bbox="658 392 1200 424"><i>Chair: Sindhushree Khullar (NITI Aayog) (TBC)</i></p> <ul data-bbox="611 467 2040 608" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="611 467 2040 531">• Role of ICT technologies in combating malnutrition: Increasing transparency in India's mid-day meal programme – Sheetal Sekhri (University of Virginia) <li data-bbox="611 539 2040 608">• Emissions trading as an environmental innovation in India: Measuring the policy impact on emissions and abatement costs – Anant Sudarshan (Energy Policy Institute at Chicago, University of Chicago) <p data-bbox="658 627 1424 659"><i>Discussant: Santhosh Mathew (Ministry of Rural Development)</i></p>
6 pm	Vote of Thanks – Pronab Sen (IGC India Central; National Statistical Commission)