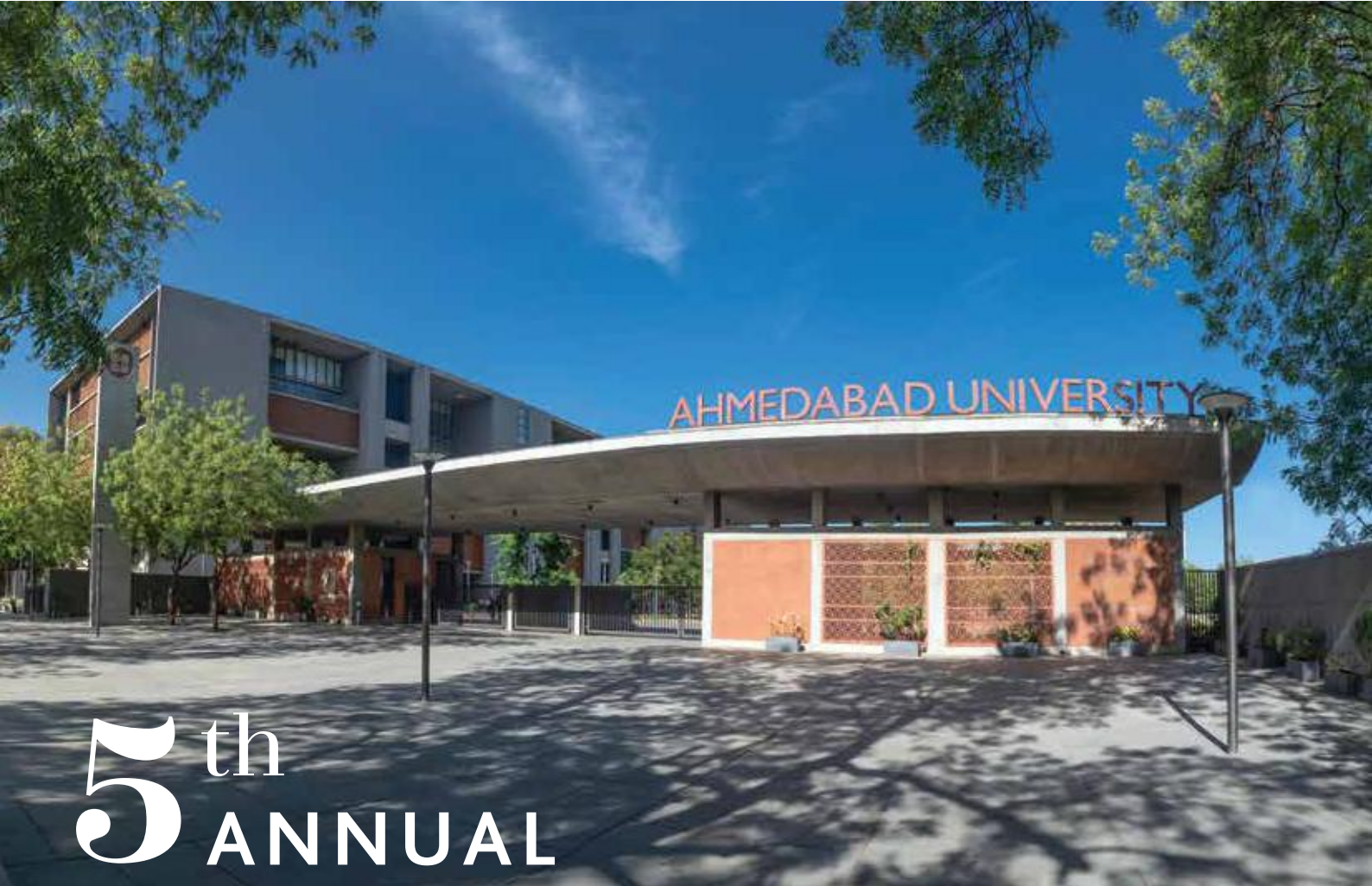




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5th
ANNUAL

ECONOMICS CONFERENCE



The Annual Economics Conference by Amrut Mody School of Management of Ahmedabad University offers a global forum for dissemination of modern research in all areas of Economics and Finance.

January 5 - 6, 2024



Ahmedabad University is a liberal arts driven research university. Located in the vibrant city of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, it attracts students from all over India and even abroad. The university is dedicated to rigorous academic pursuit with a focus on building inquiry as a value through interdisciplinary learning. The Amrut Mody School of Management offers undergraduate, masters, doctoral and executive education programmes in the disciplines of commerce, business administration, management, and heritage management.

The Economics and Public Policy Area of the Amrut Mody School of Management are organising the 5th Annual Economics Conference at Ahmedabad University on January 5-6, 2024. The goal of the Conference is to bring together academicians, practitioners, policy makers, government officials and research scholars in one forum to share their knowledge and disseminate their ideas. Apart from keynote addresses and paper presentations, the conference allows space for industry oriented panel discussions which makes the topics covered more relevant and reachable to a wider audience. The annual economics conference also awards a Best Paper Prize to one of the presented papers.



Ahmedabad University offers a Master of Arts in Economics programme, which builds problem-solving skills in Data Sciences, Analytics and Technology with a research-based approach to education that is at the frontiers of Economics with deep engagement with industry. We also offer Master of Science in Quantitative Finance programme, which builds the mathematical and technological underpinnings of financial markets and economic decision-making within a managerial ecosystem.

All final year undergraduate students interested in pursuing masters in economics and/or quantitative finance are invited to participate in the 5th Annual Economics Conference.

BROAD THEME

CURRENT ISSUES IN ECONOMIC THEORY AND POLICY

The conference would cover research presentations and discussions from across areas related to

- Behavioural Economics
- Financial Economics
- Political Economy
- Public Finance
- Economics of Discrimination
- Economics of Gender
- Agricultural and Resource Economics
- Money and Banking
- Macroeconomics
- Agricultural and Resource Economics
- Economics of Growth
- Health Economics
- Industrial Organization
- Labour Economics
- Economics of Information and Networks
- Environment and Energy Economics
- Microeconomic Theory
- Economics of Education
- Informal Economy

At Ahmedabad University we hold an Annual Economics Conference in which we have been inviting eminent speakers. Please see links to our previous conferences. We had Professors Kaushik Basu and Professor Ariel Rubenstein as our keynote speakers at 4th Annual Economics Conference in January 2023. Beginning in 2019 when the first conference centred on the theme of 50 years of Bank Nationalisation with the august presence of the current Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shaktikanta Das and other ex-governors of RBI, the themes have moved on to cover issues related to challenging economic times and recovery after the global pandemic. The 5th Annual Economics Conference addresses themes of development issues related to gender and labour economics to macro related issues of growth, monetary and financial economics. The conference would have keynote addresses delivered by Professor Arnab Basu (Cornell University, USA), Professor Rohini Somanathan (Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, New Delhi), Professor Ashima Goyal (IGIDR, Mumbai and Member, Monetary Policy Committee, RBI), Professor Ujjayant Chakravorty (Tufts University, USA) and Professor C. Rangarajan (former RBI governor and Distinguished University Professor, Ahmedabad University).

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**ROHINI
SOMANATHAN**

Professor, Department of Economics
Delhi School of Economics
University of Delhi



ASHIMA GOYAL

Emeritus Professor
Indira Gandhi Institute of Development
Research, Mumbai
Member
Monetary Policy Committee, RBI



**UJJAYANT
CHAKRAVORTY**

Professor, Economics
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ARNAB BASU

Professor
Department of Economics
Cornell University, USA



C RANGARAJAN

Distinguished University Professor
Ahmedabad University
Former Governor of RBI
Former Governor of Andhra Pradesh

INDUSTRY PANELISTS



JAYANTH VARMA

Professor of Finance and Accounting
Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad



HARSH POKHARNA

Founder and CEO
Ok Credit



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National Stock Exchange (NSE)



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Day 1 (Friday, January 5, 2024)

8:30 AM

Registration

Location: Room 004, School of Arts and Sciences

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Welcome Address

Pankaj Chandra (Vice Chancellor, Ahmedabad University)

Inaugural Ceremony

Location: University Auditorium, GICT Building

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Keynote Lecture: Targeted Subsidies for Water Conservation in Smallholder Agriculture

Ujjayant Chakravorty (Professor, Tufts University, USA)

Location: University Auditorium, GICT Building

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Tea Break

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Breakout Session-1A: Behavioural Economics

Location: Room 331, School of Arts and Sciences

Breakout Session-1B: Financial Economics - I

Location: Room 406, School of Arts and Sciences

Breakout Session-1C: Public Finance

Location: Room 004, School of Arts and Sciences

Breakout Session-1D: Economics of Information and Networks

Location: Room 400, School of Arts and Sciences

Breakout Session-1E: Economics of Discrimination

Location: Room 101, School of Arts and Sciences

12:00 PM – 12:15PM

Tea Break

Location: Room 113, School of Arts and Sciences



Day 1 (Friday, January 5, 2024)

12:15PM – 1:15PM	Keynote Lecture: Indian Economic Journey: Past and Future C. Rangarajan (Distinguished University Professor, Ahmedabad University; Former Governor of RBI) Location: Auditorium, GICT Building
1:15 PM– 2:30 PM	Lunch Break Location: Gulmohar, University Centre
2:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Breakout Session-2A: Agricultural and Resource Economics-I Location: Room 331, School of Arts and Sciences
	Breakout Session-2B: Economics of Growth Location: Room 406, School of Arts and Sciences
	Breakout Session-2C: Health Economics-I Location: Room 400, School of Arts and Sciences
	Breakout Session-2D: Industrial Organisation-I Location: Room 101, School of Arts and Sciences
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM	Tea Break Location: Room 113, School of Arts and Sciences
4:00 PM - 5:40 PM	Breakout Session-3A: Labour Economics Location: Room 113, School of Arts and Sciences
	Breakout Session-3B: Economics of Gender- I Location: Room 331, School of Arts and Sciences
	Breakout Session-3C: Money and Banking-I Location: Room 406, School of Arts and Sciences
	Breakout Session-3D: Economics of Gender- II Location: Room 400, School of Arts and Sciences
	Breakout Session-3E: Macroeconomics - I Location: Room 101, School of Arts and Sciences
	Breakout Session-3F: Microeconomic Theory Location: Room 004, School of Arts and Sciences

Day 1 (Friday, January 5, 2024)

- 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM **Special Session for Invited Students: Introduction to Machine Learning in Economics**
Sugat Chaturvedi (Assistant Professor, Amrut Mody School of Management)
Location: Room 305, School of Engineering and Applied Science
- 5:40 PM – 5:55 PM **Tea Break**
Location: Room 113, School of Arts and Sciences
- 5:55 PM – 6:55 PM **Keynote Lecture: Nudging norms through conditional transfers**
Rohini Somanathan (Professor, University of Delhi)
Location: University Auditorium, GICT Building
- 7:00 PM **Dinner**
Location: Gulmohar, University Centre

Day 2 (Saturday, January 6, 2024)

- 8:30 AM **Registration**
Location: Room 004, School of Arts and Sciences
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Keynote Lecture: Monetary Policy and Communication: The 'Higher for Longer' Episode**
Professor Ashima Goyal (Emeritus Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai;
Member, Monetary Policy Committee, RBI)
Location: University Auditorium, GICT Building
- 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM **Tea Break**
- 10:15 AM– 11:30 AM **Breakout Session-4A: Health Economics - II**
Location: Room 004, School of Arts and Sciences
- Breakout Session-4B: Environment and Energy Economics-I**
Location: Room 331, School of Arts and Sciences
- Breakout Session-4C: Applied Microeconomics**
Location: Room 101, School of Arts and Sciences

Day 2 (Saturday, January 6, 2024)

- 11:30AM – 11:45 AM **Tea Break**
Location: Room 113, School of Arts and Sciences
- 11:45 AM– 12:45 PM **Keynote Lecture: Cooking Fuel Choice and Child Mortality in India**
Arnab Basu (Professor, Cornell University, USA)
Location: Auditorium, GICT Building
- 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM **Lunch Break**
Location: Gulmohar, University Centre
- 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM **Industry Panel: Emerging Trends in Monetary Policy**
Panelists
Ashima Goyal (Emeritus Professor, IGIDR, Mumbai; Member, Monetary Policy Committee, RBI)
C. Rangarajan (Distinguished University Professor, Ahmedabad University, Former Governor of RBI)
Tirthankar Patnaik (Chief Economist, National Stock Exchange)
- Chair*
Jayanth Varma (Professor, IIM Ahmedabad)
Location: Auditorium, GICT Building
- 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM **Tea Break**
Location: Room 113, School of Arts and Sciences
- 3:15 PM– 4:30 PM **Breakout Session-5A: Money and Banking-II**
Location: Room 004, School of Arts and Sciences
- Breakout Session-5B: Environmental, Energy, and Trade**
Location: Room 400, School of Arts and Sciences
- Breakout Session-5C: Economics of Education-I**
Location: Room 406, School of Arts and Sciences
- Breakout Session-5D: Industrial Organisation-II**
Location: Room 101, School of Arts and Sciences
- 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM **Tea Break**
Location: Room 113, School of Arts and Sciences



Day 2 (Saturday, January 6, 2024)

4:45 PM – 5:45 PM

Industry Panel: Fintech for funding Indian MSMEs

Panelists

Harsh Pokharna (Founder and CEO, Ok Credit)

Kailash Varodia (Chief Operating and Financial Officer, RXIL)

Neeraj Kulshrestha (MD and CEO, National Stock Exchange IX, Clearing Corporation)

Chair

Tirthankar Patnaik (Chief Economist, National Stock Exchange)

Location: Auditorium, GICT Building

5:50 PM – 7:05 PM

Breakout Session-6A: Economics of Education-II

Location: Room 400, School of Arts and Sciences

Breakout Session-6B: Health Economics - III

Location: Room 406, School of Arts and Sciences

Breakout Session-6C: Financial Economics-II

Location: Room 004, School of Arts and Sciences

7:05 PM – 7:30 PM

Vote of Thanks and Announcement of Best Paper Prize

Parag Patel (Senior Associate Dean, Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University)

Location: Auditorium, GICT Building







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