



Ahmedabad
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5th ANNUAL ECONOMICS CONFERENCE

5-6 January 2024

Amrut Mody School of Management

“Current issues in Economic Theory and Policy”

FRIDAY, 5 January
2024

Registration: 08: 30 am onwards, Outside Room 004, SAS Building

09:00 AM- 09:30 AM

Welcome Address by Professor Pankaj Chandra,
Vice Chancellor, Ahmedabad University

Inaugural Ceremony

Venue: University Auditorium, GICT Building

09:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Keynote Session by Professor Ujjayant Chakravorty, Department of
Economics, Tufts University, USA

Lecture Title: Targeted Subsidies for Water Conservation in
Smallholder Agriculture

Venue: University Auditorium, GICT Building

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Tea Break

Venue: University Auditorium Area, GICT Building



10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Breakout Session-1A
Behavioural Economics

Chair: Moumita Roy, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 331, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Siddarth Venkatesh	Department of Economics, Ashoka University	Beliefs in echo chambers: Identification and characterization	Olivia Sarkar
Abhishek Gorski	Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai	Inflation Expectations and Keeping up with the Joneses	Siddarth Venkatesh
Olivia Sarkar	Department of Economics, University of Calcutta	The true preference for improved marketed sanitary products among young married adults: Evidence from list experiment in rural India	Abhishek Gorski

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Breakout Session-1B
Financial Economics - I

Chair: Tanya Jain, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 406, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Anshul Kumar	IIT Guwahati	Term Structure Dynamics in India: A DSGE Analysis	Abhishek Seth
Abhishek Seth	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee	Bankruptcy reforms and firms' access to credit	Anshul Kumar



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Breakout Session-1C

Public Finance

Chair: Sonal Yadav, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 004, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Soumyajit Bhunia	Department of Economics, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	From Bullets to Bread: Navigating the Government's Outlay in Defense and Civilian Goods in South Asia	Megha Susan Philip
Yogeshwar Bharat	Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning (CAFRAL), Mumbai	Food And Fuel Price Pass-Through to Core Inflation – Evidence from Indian States	Soumyajit Bhunia
Megha Susan Philip	Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore	Benefit incidence analysis of Public Spending on Education in Kerala- a secondary data analysis	Yogeshwar Bharat

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Breakout Session-1D

Economics of Information and Networks

Chair: Aranya Chakraborty, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 400, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Yashika Chugh	Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research	Social Networks and Financial Market Participation: Empirical Evidence from India	Hiteshchandra Tripathi
Hiteshchandra Tripathi	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	Intergenerational information design	Yashika Chugh



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Breakout Session-1E

Economics of Discrimination

Chair: Abhinandan Sinha, Ahmedabad
University

Venue: Room 101, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Deepti Bhatia	Department of Economics, University of Konstanz, Germany	Caste and Unequal Access to Education: An Experimental Study	Karan Babbar
Nazneen Alam	University of Calcutta	Social Heterogeneity and Economic Mobility	Deepti Bhatia
Karan Babbar	O.P. Jindal Global University	Men Too: Predators in Public Transport do not Discriminate	Nazneen Alam

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM

Tea Break

Venue: Outside Room 113, First Floor, SAS Building

12:15 PM - 01:15 PM

Keynote Session by Professor C. Rangarajan,
Distinguished University Professor, Ahmedabad University

Lecture Title: Indian Economic Journey: Past and Future

Venue: University Auditorium, GICT Building

01:15 PM - 02:30 PM

Lunch Break

Venue: Gulmohar, University Centre



02:30 PM – 03:45 PM

Breakout Session-2A

Agricultural and Resource Economics - I

Chair: Supratim Das Gupta, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 331, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Simrn Raval	Ahmedabad University	Assessment of GHG emission of Wheat Production in Madhya Pradesh: A Cool Farm Tool Perspective	Adesh Acharya
Shobhit Kulshreshtha	Department of Econometrics and Operations Research, Tilburg University	Access to Information and Agricultural Mechanization– A Spatial Analysis	Simrn Raval
Adesh Acharya	Symbiosis School of Economics (SSE), Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune	Price behaviour of Chickpea in major markets of Maharashtra	Shobhit Kulshreshtha

02:30 PM – 03:45 PM

Breakout Session-2B

Economics of Growth

Chair: Rahul Rao, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 406, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Chakshu Jain	Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi	Can Malthusian trap be avoided: the role of Inequality and Technological Progress	Rajarshi Chowdhury
Rajarshi Chowdhury	Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata	Do Special Economic Zones reduce household inequality in India? A Spatial Econometric Analysis	Chakshu Jain



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Breakout Session-2C

Health Economics - I

Chair: Samarth Gupta, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 400, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Abhishek Dureja	Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research	Birth order effects in maternal health-seeking behavior: Evidence from India	Nisha Mishra
Nitya Chutani	Center for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Analysing Fiscal Space for Health in Indian Federal Framework: State-Level Stimulation and Substitution Effects	Abhishek Dureja
Nisha Mishra	Department of Economic Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	Conditional cash incentives, community health workers and continuum of maternal healthcare: Evidence from India	Nitya Chutani

02:30 PM – 03:45 PM

Breakout Session-2D

Industrial Organization - I

Chair: Rahul Singh, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 101, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Isha Gupta	Ramanujan College (University of Delhi) and Centre for Economic Studies & Planning (CESP), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)	Land Allocation, Distribution and Structural Change in a Developing Economy: A Kaldorian Approach	Bhanu Pratap Singh
Bhanu Pratap Singh	Banaras Hindu University	Financial constraints, investment climate, and firm productivity of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in India	Isha Gupta



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03:45 PM - 04:00 PM

Tea Break

Venue: Outside Room 113, First Floor, SAS Building

04:00 PM – 05:40 PM

Breakout Session-3A

Labour Economics

Chair: Jeemol Unni, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 113, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Kopal Mathur	University of Queensland/IIT Delhi	Talent Allocation in India: Breaking Down the Barriers	Rabichandra Singh Elangbam
Sandeep Yadav	Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research	The Role of Labour Regulation in Firms' Human Capital Investments: Evidence from Developing World	Kopal Mathur
Deepali Gupta	Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research	Effects of Backward GVC Participation on Labor Market: Micro-Level Evidence from India	Sandeep Yadav
Rabichandra Singh Elangbam	Navrachna University, Vadodara	Assessing Unemployment Trends in the North-Eastern Region of India: A Panel Study Based on Periodic Labour Force Survey Data (2017-22)	Deepali Gupta



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Breakout Session-3B

Economics of Gender - I

Chair: Sonal Yadav, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 331, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Shraddha Yadav	Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research	Labor Market Dynamics in India: Gendered Transitions Amid Negative Economic Shock	Kumar Ashutosh
Ritu Kumari Jaiswal	Department of Economic Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	Long-Run Impact of Armed Conflict and Rape on Women: Evidence from Bangladesh	Shraddha Yadav
Jitendra Singh	Department of Economics, Ashoka University	The Demand-Side Story: Structural Change and the Decline in Female Labour Force Participation in India	Ritu Kumari Jaiswal
Kumar Ashutosh	IFMR Graduate School of Business, KREA University	Street Safety: Fuel to Girls' Secondary Schooling in India	Jitendra Singh

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Breakout Session-3C

Money and Banking - I

Chair: Tanya Jain, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 406, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Joyal P Joseph	Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation (GIFT), Kerala	How Monetary Policy Impact Output and Inflation? Evidence from India	Ishita Singhal
Aariya Sen	Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode	Navigating through the Unknown: The Uncertainty Channel of Monetary Policy Transmission	Joyal P Joseph



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Rahul Kumar	Business Environment Area, Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow	Monetary Policy and Household Inequality in India: Empirical Evidence from Survey Data	Aariya Sen
Ishita Singhal	Jamila Milia Islamia University	Monetary Policy Shocks and its Impact on the Economy	Rahul Kumar

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Breakout Session-3D

Economics Gender - II

Chair: Aranya Chakraborty, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 400, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Bharti Nandwani	Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research	Rural roads infrastructure and women empowerment in India	Swati Sharma
Swati Sharma	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	Debunking myths associated with affirmative action: using evidence from institute(s) of eminence, India	Bharti Nandwani



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Breakout Session-3E

Macroeconomics - I

Chair: Rahul Rao, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 101, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Swayamshree Barik	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee	Failure on both counts: Fiscal rules vs. market discipline	Rigved Pimpalkar
Kriti Khanna	Plaksha University	Credit Contract Enforcement and Income Disparities across Indian States: A Heterogeneous Agents Framework with Formal and Informal Firms	Swayamshree Barik
Annapurna Jandhyala	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Uninsured idiosyncratic risk, aggregate saving, and constrained efficiency with costly self-control	Kriti Khanna
Rigved Pimpalkar	Maxim Research	The Dynamics of Unemployment and Key Macroeconomic Variables: Understanding the Causal Relationship Between Unemployment, the Dollar Index, Core CPI, Natural Gas Prices and Crude Oil Prices	Annapurna Jandhyala



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Breakout Session-3F

Microeconomic Theory

Chair: Abhinandan Sinha, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 004, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Sanyyam Khurana	TERI School of Advanced Studies	Symmetric auctions with resale	Devwrat Dube
Shashidharan Sharma	Center for International Trade and Development, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Corruption in First Price Auctions: Effect of Malice and Spite	Sanyyam Khurana
Devwrat Dube	Department of Economic Sciences, IISER Bhopal	Queuing Problems with Dynamic Costs	Shashidharan Sharma

05:00 PM - 05:55 PM

Tea Break

Venue: Outside Room 113, First Floor, SAS Building

05:55 PM - 06:55 PM

Keynote Session by Professor Rohini Somanathan
Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi

Lecture Title: Nudging norms through conditional transfers

Venue: University Auditorium, GICT Building

07:00 PM

Gala Dinner

Venue: Gulmohar, University Centre



**SATURDAY, 6 January
2024**

Registration: 08: 30 am onwards, Outside Room 004, SAS Building

09:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Keynote Session by Professor Ashima Goyal
IGIDR, Mumbai and Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Member, RBI
Lecture Title: Monetary policy and communication: The ‘higher for longer’ episode

Venue: University Auditorium, GICT Building

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Tea Break

Venue: University Auditorium Area, GICT Building

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Breakout Session-4A
Health Economics - II
Chair: Jeemol Unni, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 004, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Shatabdi Ghosh	Centre for Health and Mental Health School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences	Pathways to Recovery: Documenting the Evolution of Alcohol De-Addiction Groups in Chattisgarh	Vijay Kumar
Vijay Kumar	Centre for Studies in Economic and Planning, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	Maternity Healthcare Access among Indian Women: Evidence from NFHS-5	Shatabdi Ghosh



10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Breakout Session-4B

Environment and Energy Economics - I

Chair: Gaurav Bhattacharya, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 331, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Saikat Sarkar	Department of Economics & Politics, Visva Bharati University	Does the environmental Kuznets curve (EKC) hold across sectors? Evidence from developing and emerging economies	Akansh Khandelwal
Akansh Khandelwal	Indian Institute of Management Indore	Global Environmental Justice Movements for Biodiversity Conversation: An Empirical Review	Saikat Sarkar

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Breakout Session-4C

Applied Microeconomics

Chair: Aranya Chakraborty, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 101, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Disha Gupta	Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research	Pricing Farm Electricity, Water Use and Efficiency: The Case of Paddy Cultivation in Punjab	Anushree Khatri
Muddasir Ahmad Akhoun	Centre for Management in Agriculture, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad	Policy Evaluation in the Absence of Survey Data: Customised border designs with satellite data	Disha Gupta
Anushree Khatri	Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Uttar Pradesh	Effect of State's Language Policy on Learning Outcomes of Linguistic Minorities: Evidence from Indian Districts	Muddasir Ahmad Akhoun



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Tea Break

Venue: Outside Room 113, First Floor, SAS Building

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Keynote Session by Professor Arnab Basu

Professor, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University, USA

Lecture Title: Cooking Fuel Choice and Child Mortality in India

Venue: University Auditorium, GICT Building

12:45 PM - 02:00 PM

Lunch Break

Venue: Gulmohar, University Centre

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Industry Panel on “Emerging Trends in Monetary Policy”

Chair: Prof. Jayanth Varma

Professor of Finance and Accounting, IIM Ahmedabad

Venue: University Auditorium, GICT Building

<i>Panelists</i>	<i>Affiliations</i>
C. Rangarajan	Distinguished University Professor, Ahmedabad University
Ashima Goyal	IGIDR, Mumbai and Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Member, RBI
Tirthankar Patnaik	Chief Economist, National Stock Exchange (NSE)

03:00 PM - 03:15 PM

Tea Break

Venue: Outside Room 113, First Floor, SAS Building



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Breakout Session-5A

Money and Banking - II

Chair: Tirthankar Patnaik, NSE

Venue: Room 004, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Subhadeep Halder	Economics and Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi	Asset-side Implications of Banks' Funding Costs	Shiv Ratan Tiwari
Suruchi Shrimali	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	Analysing the Role of Central Bank's Communication and Asset Markets in the Flow of Information	Subhadeep Halder
Shiv Ratan Tiwari	Department of Economic Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	Regulations and Riskiness in the Indian Banking Sector	Suruchi Shrimali

03:15 PM – 04:30 PM

Breakout Session-5B

Environment, Energy, and Trade

Chair: Supratim Das Gupta, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 400, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Raavi Aggarwal	Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi	Input substitution for sustainable industrialisation: Evidence from India	Devasmita Jena
Devasmita Jena	Madras School of Economics	Deflecting Economic Sanctions: Do Trade and Political Alliances Matter?	Raavi Aggarwal



03:15 PM – 04:30 PM

Breakout Session-5C

Economics of Education- I

Chair: Gaurav Bhattacharya, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 406, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Narbadeshwar Mishra	IFMR Graduate School of Business, Krea University	Does the supply of Safe Drinking Water impact school children's educational and learning outcomes? Some Empirical Evidence	Kaibalyapati Mishra
Maharnab Naha	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Bhopal (IISER Bhopal)	Impact of Breaking the Language Barrier on School Education - Evidence from a Natural Experiment in West Bengal	Narbadeshwar Mishra
Kaibalyapati Mishra	Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore	Economics of School Choice: A Hybrid Analysis of Factors	Maharnab Naha

03:15 PM – 04:30 PM

Breakout Session-5D

Industrial Organization - II

Chair: Samarth Gupta, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 101, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Ipsita Das	Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research	Impact of Merger and Acquisition on Bank Efficiency: An Indian Experience	Anuvinda
Nitin Shahi	Indian Institute of Management, Indore	Competitive Impact of Vertical Partial Ownership Structures	Ipsita Das
Anuvinda	Department of Economic Sciences, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal	Nexus between Total Factor Productivity and Backsourcing Decision: Empirical Evidence from the Manufacturing Sector of India	Nitin Shahi



04:30 PM - 04:45 PM

Tea Break

Venue: Outside Room 113, First Floor, SAS Building

04:45 PM - 05:45 PM

Industry Panel on “Fintech for funding Indian MSMEs”

Chair: Prof. Tirthankar Patnaik

Chief Economist, National Stock Exchange (NSE)

Venue: University Auditorium, GICT Building

<i>Panelists</i>	<i>Affiliations</i>
Harsh Pokharna	Founder, CEO, Ok Credit
Kailash Varodia	Chief Operating & Financial Officer, RXIL
Neeraj Kulshrestha	MD & CEO, National Stock Exchange (NSE) IX, Clearing Corporation

05:50 PM – 07:05 PM

Breakout Session-6A

Economics of Education - II

Chair: Jeemol Unni, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 400, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Sae Hatwalne	Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics	Disability and Primary School Enrollment: Socio-economic Determinants	Apoorva Gupta
Utkarsh Choudhary	IFMR-GSB, Krea University	The Digital Divide and Learning Loss in India During COVID: The Role of Home Internet Access	Sae Hatwalne
Apoorva Gupta	Hansraj College, DU	Exploring the Linkages between Education and Financial Autonomy of the Women Working in Urban Informal Sector in India	Utkarsh Choudhary



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Breakout Session-6B

Health Economics - III

Chair: Sonal Yadav, Ahmedabad University

Venue: Room 406, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Shabnam	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	Too far to walk: Transportation Barrier, Maternal and Child Healthcare Utilisation and Outcomes in India	Vijay Kumar
Bhawna Taneja	Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Impact of Conditional Cash Transfers on Continuum of Care for Maternal and Child Health: An Analysis of a Recent National Maternity Benefit Scheme	Shabnam
Vijay Kumar	Centre for Studies in Economic and Planning, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	Spatial and Temporal Distribution of Public Health Facilities in Gujarat a Recent National Maternity Benefit Scheme	Bhawna Taneja

05:50 PM – 07:05 PM

Breakout Session-6C

Financial Economics - II

Chair: Neeraj Kulshrestha, NSE

Venue: Room 004, SAS Building

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Harsh Vardhan Gupta	BITS Pilani Hyderabad Campus, Jawahar Nagar, Shameerpet, Telegana	Media Sentiment and IPO Underpricing in Indian Markets	Jayati Chatterjee
Jayati Chatterjee	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras	MSMEs, technology adoption, and access to finance	Harsh Vardhan Gupta



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Closing comments by Professor Parag Patel, Associate Dean, Amrut Mody
School of Management, Ahmedabad University

Announcement of Best Paper Prize

Vote of Thanks

Venue: University Auditorium, GICT Building