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CONFERENCE**

***“Contemporary Challenges and
Opportunities in Modern
Economies”***

Amrut Mody School of Management

6-7 January 2025

Venue: *Central Campus, Ahmedabad University, Commerce Six
Roads, Ahmedabad - 380009*

- **DAY 1**

Monday, January 6, 2025

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

Inaugural Ceremony

Time:- 09:00 am- 09:45 am

Venue:- University Auditorium, GICT Building

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

Message From Professor C. Rangarajan, Distinguished University Professor, Ahmedabad University

Keynote Session Time:- 09:45 am- 10:45 am Venue:-University Auditorium, GICT Building	
<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Lecture Title</i>
Professor Dilip Abreu Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, New York University, USA	Bargaining and Cooperation in Dynamic Games

Tea Break:- 10:45 am – 11:15 am

Venue:- University Auditorium Area, GICT Building

Breakout Session-1A

Time:- 11:15 am- 12:30 pm (Economics of Education - I)

Venue:- Room 004, SAS Building

Chair: Sonal Yadav, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Athira Vinod	National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)	Affirmative action and private education expenditure by disadvantaged groups: evidence from India	Pragati

Parul Gupta	Shiv Nadar IoE	Learning Outcomes in Rural India: The Role of Private Tutoring	Athira Vinod
Pragati	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh	Intergenerational effects of affirmative actions in higher education: Evidence from India	Parul Gupta

Breakout Session-1B

Time: 11:15 am- 12:30 pm (Macroeconomics)

Venue:- Room 102, SAS Building

Chair: Abhitesh Ranjan, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Nidhi Agrawal	Nirma University	Hedge Ratio and Hedging Effectiveness in Indian Currency Futures Markets	Fouzia Mujeeb
Munshir C	Jamia Millia Islamia Central University	Understanding the Inflationary Impact of Fiscal Deficits: Does Financial Development Matter in SAARC Economies?	Nidhi Agrawal
Fouzia Mujeeb	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	Integrating Food Inflation, Gross Output, and State-Specific Expenditures in India: A Convergence Analysis	Munshir C

Breakout Session-1C

Time:- 11:15 am- 12:30 pm (Economics of Gender - I)

Venue:- Room 103, SAS Building

Chair: Jeemol Unni, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Nikee Silayach	Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur	From Outrage to Outcome: Assessing the Effects of Post-Nirbhaya Legal	Sutirtha Bandyopadhyay

		Reforms on Reported Crimes Against Women in India	
Kirti Saharawat	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur	Gender Inequality as a Predictor of Hunger: Evidence from Cross-Country Analysis	Nikee Silayach
Sutirtha Bandyopadhyay	Indian Institute of Management, Indore	Soil Endowments and Intra-Household Distribution of Consumption in India: A Structural Approach	Kirti Saharawat

Breakout Session-1D

Time:- 11:15 am- 12:30 pm (Health Economics - I)

Venue:- Room 116, SAS Building

Chair: Gaurav Bhattacharya, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Kirti Tater	Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence	Weaving Well-being: The Changing Landscape of Female Job Opportunities and Child Survival in Bangladesh	Anantha Krishnan S
Anantha Krishnan S	Gujarat University	Trends and Risk Factors in Noncommunicable Diseases: A Comprehensive Review of India's Health Landscape	Kirti Tater

Breakout Session-1E**Time:- 11:15 am- 12:30 pm (Development Economics-I)****Venue:-** Room 117, SAS Building

Chair: Sabyasachi Das, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Abhishek Tripathy	IIM Ahmedabad	Assessing the impact of Financial Extension services on Intrahousehold resource allocation: Evidence from Rural India	Anshika Mathur
Deeksha	Indian Institute Of Technology Kanpur	Alcohol Prohibition, Home Environment, and Learning: Evidence from India	Abhishek Tripathy
Anshika Mathur	Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence	The Granny Penalty: Navigating the Challenges of Informal Childcare	Deeksha

Lunch Break: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**Venue:- Gulmohar, University Centre****Breakout Session-2A****Time:- 02:00 pm – 03:15 pm (Political Economy - I)****Venue:-** Room 102, SAS Building

Chair: Sabyasachi Das, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Utkarsh Choudhary	IFMR GSB, Krea University	Political Mobilization and Election Outcomes: Evidence from Bharat Jodo Yatra	Sakshi Satija
Abhishek Shaw	IIM Ahmedabad	Economic Costs of Political Restrictions: Effects of a political lockdown in Jammu & Kashmir	Utkarsh Choudhary

Sakshi Satija	Ashoka University	Electoral Cycles and Consumption in India	Abhishek Shaw
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Breakout Session-2B

Time:- 02:00 pm – 03:15 pm (Environmental Economics - I)

Venue:- Room 004, SAS Building

Chair: Aranya Chakraborty, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Ananya Goyal	Queen Mary University of London	Competition and Preventive Investments in Climate Insurance	Digvijay Singh Negi
Shreya Mishra	Indian Institute of Management Lucknow	Leveraging Upward Inter-generational Spillovers for Sustainable Living: Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial in India	Ananya Goyal
Digvijay Singh Negi	Ashoka University	State-Mediated Trade, Distortions, and Air Pollution	Shreya Mishra

Breakout Session-2C

Time:- 02:00 pm – 03:15 pm (Economics of Religion and Diversity)

Venue:- Room 116, SAS Building

Chair: Sugat Chaturvedi, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Saarthak Anand	Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi	Diversity and Development at a Finer Geographic Scale: A Study of	Kartikeya Batra

		Indian Districts	
Khadija Aslam	Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi	Does Religion Affect Borrowing: Evidence from India	Saarthak Anand
Kartikeya Batra	The Centre for Effective Governance of Indian States	Divine Intervention? Religious Organizations and Public Service Delivery in India	Khadija Aslam

Breakout Session-2D

Time:- 02:00 pm – 03:15 pm (Health Economics - II)

Venue:- Room 117, SAS Building

Chair: Moumita Roy, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Shruthi Mohan Menon	Institute for Social and Economic Change	Undernutrition in India- Assessing the Way Forward	Nayana Bose
Sanidhya Agarwal	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	India's Rural Health: A Tale of Regional Differences	Shruthi Mohan Menon
Nayana Bose	Scripps College	Role of Influencers in Immunization Decisions	Sanidhya Agarwal

Tea Break:- 3:15 pm – 03:30 pm

Venue:- Outside Room 004, SAS Building

Keynote Session	
Time:- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	
Venue:- University Auditorium, GICT Building	
<i>Speaker</i>	Lecture Title
Professor Amrita Dhillon Professor of Economics, Department of Political Economy, King's College, London	Activating Change: The Role of Information and Beliefs in Activism

Tea Break:- 4:30 pm – 4:45 pm
Venue:- Outside University Auditorium, GICT Building

Breakout Session-3A
Time:- 04:45 pm – 06:00 pm (Economics of Gender - II)
Venue:- Room 004, SAS Building
Chair: Jeemol Unni, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Rikhia Bhukta	IIT Kanpur	Signing for Safety: Can mandatory marriage registration reduce domestic violence?	Puneet Arora
Sulagna Bhattacharya	Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta	A Wedding Gift from the Government: On Marriage Subsidies and Fertility Preference in India	Rikhia Bhukta
Puneet Arora	MDI Gurgaon	Gender Bias by Male Leaders in Workplace Performance Evaluations	Sulagna Bhattacharya

Breakout Session-3B**Time:- 04:45 pm – 06:00 pm (Micro Theory)****Venue:-** Room 102, SAS Building**Chair:** Rakesh Chaturvedi, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Ritika Verma	New York University	On the Knife-Edge: VC Contracts with Informed Investor	Raghul S. Venkatesh
Soumik Kumar Saha	Shiv Nadar University	Knowing the Unknown: Experimentation under Delayed Success	Ritika Verma
Raghul S. Venkatesh	IISER Bhopal	An Informational Theory of Alliances	Soumik Kumar Saha

Breakout Session-3C**Time:- 04:45 pm – 06:00 pm (Environmental Economics - II)****Venue:-** Room 103, SAS Building**Chair:** Gaurav Bhattacharya, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Agnij Sur	Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi	Impacts of Community-Based Forest Management on Bird Diversity: Evidence from Nepal's CFUG program	Sarmistha Banerjee
Roshmi Antony	Pondicherry University	Greening the Future: Examining India's Panchamrit Policy Amidst Global Climate Imperatives	Agnij Sur
Sarmistha Banerjee	Jadavpur University	Impact of growth on pollution in the presence of corruption	Roshmi Antony

Breakout Session-3D**Time:- 04:45 pm – 06:00 pm (Financial Economics)****Venue:-** Room 116, SAS Building**Chair:** Rahul Rao, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Sharan Banerjee	Cornell University	Misallocated Capital, Cascading Consequences: From Bank Health to Firm Investment in the Shadow of Forbearance	Manmeet Kaur
Harshit Kumar Sharma	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	Influential Risk Spreaders and Systemic Risk in Indian Financial Networks	Sharan Banerjee
Manmeet Kaur	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	Old and New: How Do Incumbent Financial Institutions Influence Fintech Outcomes in India?	Harshit Kumar Sharma

Breakout Session-3E**Time:- 04:45 pm – 06:00 pm (Industrial Organization)****Venue:-** Room 117, SAS Building**Chair:** Rahul Singh, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Kamalesh Paturkar	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	Small-scale Production dereservation and Product Quality	Renu Bansal
Kartiki Verma	Delhi School of Economics	Measuring the De Facto Strength: An Index for Intellectual Property Rights Protection and Its Dynamic Impact on	Kamalesh Paturkar

		Economic Growth in India (1970 to 2020)	
Renu Bansal	Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi	Capital Inflow, Strategic Subcontracting, and Formal Employment	Kartiki Verma

Networking Break:- 06:00 pm – 07:00 pm
Venue:- Outside Room 004, SAS Building

Gala Dinner:- 07:00 pm onwards
Venue:- Gulmohar, University Centre

- **DAY 2**

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

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

Keynote Session	
Time: 09:00 am- 10:00 am	
Venue:-University Auditorium, GICT Building	
<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Lecture Title</i>
Dr. Dipesh Shah Executive Director (Development), IFSCA	Economics of Global Financial Centres

Tea Break:- 10:00 am – 10:15 am
Venue:- University Auditorium Area, GICT Building

Breakout Session-4A**Time:- 10:15 am- 11:30 am (Conflict Economics)****Venue:-** Room 117, SAS Building

Chair: Gaurav Bhattacharya, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Satyam Kumar Rai	Ashoka University	Information transmission in ethnic conflicts: Cheap talk with multiple senders and receivers	Rohan Gudibande
Anand Kumar	Azim Premji University Bangalore	Effect of conflict and post-conflict reconciliation on education : Evidence from Rwanda	Satyam Kumar Rai
Rohan Gudibande	Krea University	Land Redistribution and Coercive Violence	Anand Kumar

Breakout Session-4B**Time:- 10:15 am- 11:30 am (Economics of Gender - III)****Venue:-** Room 102, SAS Building

Chair: Sugat Chaturvedi, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Shreemoyee	Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad	Unpacking the Persistence of Intimate Partner Violence against Married Women in India: Evidence from 2006, 2016, and 2021 Waves of the National Family Health Survey	Tanu Gupta
Kumar Ashutosh	IFMR GSB, Krea University	Beyond Food Security: Green Revolution and Excess Body Weight Risks	Shreemoyee

		among Women in India	
Tanu Gupta	Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi	Empowering Time: Unveiling the Impact of Women's Inheritance Rights on Time Use in India	Kumar Ashutosh

Breakout Session-4C

Time:- 10:15 am – 11:30 am (Development Economics-II)

Venue:- Room 103, SAS Building

Chair: Sonal Yadav, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Khushboo Aggarwal	Delhi School of Public Policy and Governance, Institution of Eminence, University of Delhi	Understanding the Learning Disparities linked to Tobacco Consumption among Adolescents in India	Narbadeshwar Mishra
Narbadeshwar Mishra	O.P. Jindal Global Institute, Sonapat, Haryana	Banning the Alcohol: Unintended Effects of Alcohol Prohibition on Children's Educational and Learning Outcomes	Khushboo Aggarwal
Deepak Singhania	IIT Gandhinagar	Political Budget Cycles, Political Branding and Bicycles Distribution: Evidence from West Bengal, India	

Breakout Session-4D

Time:- 10:15 am – 11:30 am (Agricultural Economics)

Venue:- Room 004, SAS Building

Chair: Aranya Chakraborty, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Muddasir Ahmad Akhoun	Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad	Cement Industry and Agricultural Productivity in a Developing Country Context	Lalit Contractor

Shweta Gupta	National Council of Applied Economic Research	Are the Effects of Climate Change on Agriculture Underestimated? A Disaggregated Analysis for India	Muddasir Ahmad Akhoon
Lalit Contractor	Ashoka University	The Equilibrium Impact of Agricultural Support Prices and Input Subsidies	Shweta Gupta

Breakout Session-4E

Time:- 10:15 am – 11:30 am (Trade, Finance, and Macroeconomics)

Venue:- Room 116, SAS Building

Chair: Rahul Rao, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Anjali Singh	Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati	What Drives the Location Choice of Foreign Firms?	Ritabrata Bose
Ritabrata Bose	Arizona State University	Impact of Congestion on Aggregate Output	Anjali Singh

Tea Break:- 11:30 am – 11.45 am

Venue:- Outside Room 004, SAS Building

Keynote Session**Time:- 11:45 am – 12:45 pm****Venue:- University Auditorium, GICT Building**

<i>Speaker</i>	Lecture Title
Professor Kalyan Chatterjee Distinguished Professor of Economics and Management Science, Pennsylvania State University	Strategic Disclosure in Research Races

Lunch Break: 12:45 pm – 2:15 pm**Venue:- Gulmohar, University Centre****Breakout Session-5A****Time:- 02:15 pm – 03:30 pm (Health Economics - III)****Venue:- Room 117, SAS Building**

Chair: Sonal Yadav, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Shahid Majeed Dar	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	Dry State and Fertility: Unintended Effects of Alcohol Ban in Bihar	
Sourish Mustafi	Shiv Nadar University	Cognitive Health of Middle-Aged and Older Adults in India: Disparities Across Social Groups	Shahid Majeed Dar

Breakout Session-5B**Time:- 02:15 pm – 03:30 pm (Political Economy - II)****Venue:-** Room 116, SAS Building

Chair: Abhinandan Sinha, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Manhar Manchanda	Indian Institute of Management Calcutta	The Relevant Third: Threat of Coalition and Economic Development	Ravi Ashok Satpute
Soumyarup Saha	Jadavpur University	“Absolute Power Corrupts Absolutely?” A Political Agency Theoretic Approach	Manhar Manchanda
Ravi Ashok Satpute	Indian Institute of Management Calcutta	Group-Specific Public Goods and Political Competition	Soumyarup Saha

Breakout Session-5C**Time:- 02:15 pm – 03:30 pm (Environmental Economics - III)****Venue:-** Room 103, SAS Building

Chair: Supratim Das Gupta, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Keshav Sethi	O.P. Jindal Global University	Convergence in Global CO ₂ Emissions: An Empirical Study of Potential Determinants	Shivani Wadehra
Shivani Wadehra	UPES	Disentangling the chicken or egg problem of household waste sorting and segregated waste collection: A randomized controlled trial in India	Keshav Sethi

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Breakout Session-5D

Time:- 02:15 pm – 03:30 pm (Labour and Institutions)

Venue:- Room 004, SAS Building

Chair: Sugat Chaturvedi, Ahmedabad University

Name(s)	Institution	Paper Title	Discussant
Shubham Ojha	Indian Institute of Management Calcutta	Labor Market Penalty for Single Mothers	Ronit Mukherji
Satyaki Dasgupta	Colorado State University	Exploring Reproduction and Evolution of Artisanal Production Through the Interaction Between Institutions and Artisans in Bengal	Shubham Ojha
Ronit Mukherji	Ashoka University	Automation and Local Labour Markets: Impact of Immigrant Mobility	Satyaki Dasgupta

Tea Break:- 3:30 pm – 03:45 pm

Venue:- Outside Room 004, SAS Building

Panel Discussion on “Global Uncertainties and Implications for India”

Time:- 03:45 pm- 4:45 pm

Venue:- University Auditorium, GICT Building

Moderator:- Jeemol Unni, *Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Ahmedabad University*

<i>Panelists</i>	<i>Affiliations</i>
Errol D'Souza	Professor of Economics, IIM Ahmedabad

Tirthankar Patnaik	Chief Economist, NSE
Rajeswari Sengupta	Associate Professor of Economics, IGIDR

Tea Break:- 4:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Venue:- Outside University Auditorium, GICT Building

<p>Time:- 05:00 pm – 05.30 pm</p> <p>Closing comments by Professor Shobha Das, Dean, Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University</p> <p><i>Announcement of Best Paper Prize</i></p> <p>Vote of Thanks</p> <p>Venue:- University Auditorium, GICT Building</p>
