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Programme In Brief

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Venue:

Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC)
Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT

WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2025

1530 -1800 hrs

: TEA AND REGISTRATION

1800-1900 hrs

: **AJIT GHOSE MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Chair : Jayati Ghosh

Professor, Department of Economics
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Lecture by : Ashwani Saith

Emeritus Dean, School of Liberal Studies, BML Munjal
University; Hon. Professor, IHD and Professor Emeritus,
International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus
University Rotterdam, Netherlands and Former
Professor, London School of Economics and Politics

*Topic: Agrarian, Labour and Social Questions in Structural
Transitions: Comparative Perspectives*

1900

: DINNER

DAY 1
THURSDAY 9 JANUARY 2025

0730- 0900 : BREAKFAST, TEA AND REGISTRATION

0900-1030 : **INAUGURAL SESSION**

: **Felicitations**

Welcome : **Professor D. Rajasekhar**

Remarks

Director, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru

Introductory : **Professor Alakh N. Sharma**

Remarks

Director, Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi and Editor, Indian Journal of Labour Economics

: **Professor S. Madheswaran**

Organising Secretary, 65th ISLE Conference; RBI Chair Professor and Head, Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, ISEC, Bengaluru

Addresses : **Professor Lakhwinder Singh**

President, 65th ISLE Conference; Visiting Professor at the Institute for Human Development, New Delhi and Former Professor, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab

: **Professor Dhananjay Singh**

Member-Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Government of India and Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University , New Delhi

: **Professor Deepak Nayyar**

President, ISLE; Professor Emeritus, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi

: **Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, IAS**

Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka

Inaugural Address : **Sri Santhosh S. Lad**

by the Chief Guest

Hon'ble Labour Minister

Government of Karnataka

Vote of Thanks : Dr. G. Manjunath

Organising Secretary, 65th ISLE Conference
Additional Labour Commissioner, Government of
Karnataka

1030 - 1100 : TEA

1100 - 1150 : PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Chair : Ritu Dewan

64th ISLE Conference President;
Former Professor and Director,
Department of Economics,
University of Mumbai

Address by the 65th ISLE : Lakhwinder Singh
Conference President

Visiting Professor, IHD, New Delhi and
Former Professor,
Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab

**: Topic : *Innovations, Structural Transformation and
Employment Across Space and Time***

**1150-1345 : PLENARY SESSION 1:
PRESENTATION OF KEYNOTE PAPERS**

Chair : Lakhwinder Singh

President, 65th ISLE Conference;
Visiting Professor, IHD, New Delhi and
Former Professor, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab

***Theme 1: Landscape of Self-Employment: Assessing
Structures, Status and Work Quality***

: Farzana Afridi

Professor of Economics, Indian Statistical Institute (Delhi)
and Research Fellow, IZA (Bonn)

***Topic: The Landscape of Self-employment in India:
Trends, Constraints and Policy Prescriptions***

***Theme 2: Dynamics of Changing Industrial Relations,
Evolving Employment Dynamics and Work
Patterns***

Greg Bamber

Professor, Department of Management, and Monash Data Futures Institute and Co-Director, International Consortium for Research in Employment and Work, Monash Business School, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

Topic: *Artificial Intelligence and the Futures of Work and Management: International Perspectives*

Theme 3: Service Sector Employment: Structure, Trends and Implications

Gaurav Nayyar

Economic Adviser in the Development Economics Vice Presidency, The World Bank, Washington DC

Topic: *The (Forgotten) Promise of Services-Led Growth*

1345-1445

: LUNCH

1445-1645

: PARALLEL PANELS AND TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Technical Sessions on the Themes of the Conference

: Technical Session 1.1

Landscape of Self-Employment: Assessing Structures, Status and Work Quality

: Technical Session 1.2

Landscape of Self-Employment: Assessing Structures, Status and Work Quality

: Technical Session 1.3

Landscape of Self-Employment: Assessing Structures, Status and Work Quality

: Technical Session 2.1

Dynamics of Changing Industrial Relations, Evolving Employment Dynamics and Work Patterns

: Technical Session 2.2

Dynamics of Changing Industrial Relations, Evolving Employment Dynamics and Work Patterns

: Technical Session 3.1

Service Sector Employment: Structure, Trends and Implications

Parallel Panels

: Panel 1

Rethinking Capitalist Development': Enduring Relevance and New Insights

(Organisers: The International Institute of Information Technology - Hyderabad (IIIT-H) and Indian Institute of Management (IIM)-Calcutta)

: Panel 2

Patterns of Employment and Labour Relations in the Rural Economy and Vulnerabilities of Women Workforces

(Organisers: Indian Association for Women's Studies (IAWS) and Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE))

1645-1715

: TEA

1715-1815

: **PLENARY SESSION 2:
V.V. GIRI MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Chair : Sachin Chaturvedi

Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi

Lecture by : Indermit Gill

Chief Economist and Senior Vice President
The World Bank, Washington DC

: **Topic: '*Viksit Bharat*' and the Middle-Income Trap**

1815-1900

: **CULTURAL PROGRAMME**

1930

: **CONFERENCE RECEPTION DINNER**

Venue: White Palace Hotel and Convention, Mysore Road, Bangalore

DAY 2
FRIDAY **10** JANUARY 2025

0730-0900 : BREAKFAST & TEA

0800- 0900 : ISLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

0900 -1100 : PARALLEL PANELS AND TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Technical Sessions on the Themes of the Conference

: **Technical Session 1.4**

Landscape of Self-Employment: Assessing Structures, Status and Work Quality

: **Technical Session 1.5**

Landscape of Self-Employment: Assessing Structures, Status and Work Quality

: **Technical Session 1.6**

Landscape of Self-Employment: Assessing Structures, Status and Work Quality

: **Technical Session 2.3**

Dynamics of Changing Industrial Relations, Evolving Employment Dynamics and Work Patterns

: **Technical Session 2.4**

Dynamics of Changing Industrial Relations, Evolving Employment Dynamics and Work Patterns

: **Technical Session 3.2**

Service Sector Employment: Structure, Trends and Implications

Parallel Panels

: **Panel 3**

Migration, Gender and Shifting Worker Vulnerabilities
(Organisers: Work Fair and Free Foundation and Aajeevika Bureau)

: **Panel 4**

Labour Dynamics in the Garment Industry: Unionisation, Regional Challenges, and Workers' Voices
(Organiser: Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST))

1100-1130 : TEA

1130 – 1230 : **PLENARY SESSION 3:
V.B. SINGH MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Chair : **Ram Singh**

Professor and Director, Delhi School of Economics
University of Delhi

Lecture by : **Kaushik Basu**

Professor of Economics, Cornell University, USA, and
former Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, World
Bank, Washington DC and Former Chief Economic Advisor,
Government of India

**Topic: *A Short History of Economics and What Might the
Future Hold?***

1230-1330 : LUNCH

1330-1530 : **PARALLEL PANELS AND TECHNICAL SESSIONS**

Technical Sessions on the Themes of the Conference

: Technical Session 1.7

Landscape of Self-Employment: Assessing Structures,
Status and Work Quality

: Technical Session 1.8

Landscape of Self-Employment: Assessing Structures,
Status and Work Quality

: Technical Session 1.9

Landscape of Self-Employment: Assessing Structures,
Status and Work Quality

: Technical Session 2.5

Dynamics of Changing Industrial Relations, Evolving
Employment Dynamics and Work Patterns

: Technical Session 2.6

Dynamics of Changing Industrial Relations, Evolving
Employment Dynamics and Work Patterns

: Technical Session 3.3

Service Sector Employment: Structure, Trends and Implications

Parallel Panels

: Panel 5

Self-Employment and Women's Entrepreneurship in India: Gaps in Quality and Inclusivity

(Organisers: Institute for What Works to Advance Gender Equality (IWWAGE) and Institute for Human Development (IHD))

: Panel 6

Dynamics of Emerging Labour Markets and Changing Industrial Relations: Perspectives from South Asia

(Organisers: South Asian Network on Economic Modelling (SANEM), Bangladesh and Institute for Human Development (IHD))

: Panel 7

Innovation System for Transforming Indian Economy

(Organiser: Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi)

1530-1600

: TEA

1600-1700

: PLENARY SESSION 4:

SHEILA BHALLA MEMORIAL LECTURE

Chair : Sudipto Mundle

Chairman, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

Lecture by : Ajit Ranade

Economists; Former Chief Economist, Aditya Birla Group and Former Vice-Chancellor, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune

Topic: Fair Compensation: Labour Capital Tussle Prospects

1700-1900

: PARALLEL PANELS AND TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Technical Sessions on the Themes of the Conference

: Technical Session 1.10

Landscape of Self-Employment: Assessing Structures, Status and Work Quality

: Technical Session 1.11

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: Technical Session 1.12

Landscape of Self-Employment: Assessing Structures, Status and Work Quality

: Technical Session 2.7

Dynamics of Changing Industrial Relations, Evolving Employment Dynamics and Work Patterns

: Technical Session 2.8

Dynamics of Changing Industrial Relations, Evolving Employment Dynamics and Work Patterns

: Technical Session 3.5: Service Sector Employment: Structure, Trends and Implications

: Technical Session 3.6: Service Sector Employment: Structure, Trends and Implications

Parallel Panels

: Panel 8

Dynamics of Karnataka's Development and Employment Paradigm

(Organiser: RBI Chair, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru)

Parallel Roundtable

: Roundtable

The Rise of Gig Economy and Future of Work: A Dialogue with Stakeholders

(Organiser: Department of Labour, Government of Karnataka)

1900-2000

: ISLE GENERAL BODY MEETING

1930

: DINNER

DAY 3

SATURDAY **11** JANUARY 2025

0730-0900 : BREAKFAST & TEA

0900-1100 : **PARALLEL PANELS, TECHNICAL SESSIONS AND WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

Technical Sessions on the Themes of the Conference

- : **Technical Session 1.13**
Landscape of Self-Employment: Assessing Structures, Status and Work Quality
- : **Technical Session 1.14**
Landscape of Self-Employment: Assessing Structures, Status and Work Quality
- : **Technical Session 2.9**
Dynamics of Changing Industrial Relations, Evolving Employment Dynamics and Work Patterns
- : **Technical Session 2.10**
Dynamics of Changing Industrial Relations, Evolving Employment Dynamics and Work Patterns
- : **Technical Session 2.11**
Dynamics of Changing Industrial Relations, Evolving Employment Dynamics and Work Patterns

Parallel Panels

- : **Panel 9**
Entrepreneurial Ecosystems: Shaping the Future of Business
(Organiser: Jain University, Bangalore)
- : **Panel 10**
Advancing Gender Equality in Work: India's Progress, Challenges and the Road Ahead
(Organiser: Feminist Policy Collective)

Workshop Sessions

- : Workshop Session 1
- : Workshop Session 2

1100-1120 : TEA

1120-1315 : PLENARY PANEL

Employment Challenge in India

(Organiser: Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi)

Chair : Deepak Nayyar

Emeritus Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University and
Former Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi

Panelists : Rama Bijapurkar

Business advisor, Author and Professor of Management
Practice, IIM Ahmedabad

: Siva Ramakrishan Ganpati

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer
Gokaldas Export Ltd

: Rana Hasan

Regional Lead Economist, South Asia Economic Research
and Development Impact Department, Asian Development
Bank

: Radhicka Kapoor

Senior Employment Specialist, Decent Work Technical Team
- South Asia, International Labour Organisation, New Delhi

: Ravi Srivastava

Professor and Director, Centre for Employment Studies,
Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

1315- 1430 : VALEDICTORY SESSION

Chair : Shri B.V.R. Subrahmanyam (TBC)

Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog

Remarks : Dr. Radhicka Kapoor

Senior Employment Specialist, ILO, South Asia
(Representing Director, ILO Country Office, India)

Valedictory : Professor Imraan Valodia

Address

Pro Vice-Chancellor and Director, Southern Centre for
Inequality Studies (SCIS), University of Witwatersrand,
Johannesburg, South Africa

**Topic: *Climate Change, Structural Transformation and
Employment in the Global South***

1430 onwards : LUNCH AND DEPARTURE OF DELEGATES

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