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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00-9:00: Registration

9:00-9:30: Opening Remarks by IARIW and ICRIER Officials including Barbara Fraumeni (Past IARIW President)

9:30-10:30: Keynote Address on “Challenges in Measuring Poverty and Inequality” by Martin Rama (Chief Economist for South Asia, World Bank)

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:45: Session 1: Plenary: Inequality I

- “Indian Inequality Dynamics, 1922-2015,” Lucas Chancel (Paris School of Economics, France) and Thomas Piketty (Paris School of Economics and EHESS, France).
- “Income Generation and Inequality in India’s Agricultural Sector: The Consequences of Land Fragmentation,” S Chandrasekhar (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India), Sanjoy Chakravorty (Temple University, United States), and Karthikeye Naraparaju (IIM Indore, India).
- “Explaining Cross-State Earnings Inequality Differentials in India: A RIF Decomposition Approach,” Carlos Gradin (United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research, Finland).
- “Forms of Informal Employment and Wage Inequality in India: a Review of Trends,” Rosa Abraham (Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India).

12:45-13:45 Lunch

13:45-15:45 Session 2: Parallel Sessions**Session 2A: Inequality II**

- “Income Inequality and Polarization in India: The Role of Caste,” Anjana Thampi (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India) and Ishan Anand (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India).
 - “Structural Transformation of Employment and Income Inequality in the High Growth Regime: A Study with Micro Level Data in India,” Panchanan Das (University of Calcutta, India).
 - “Does Access to Credit Reduce Inequality? Evidence from Bangladesh,” M. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (University of Dhaka, Bangladesh).
 - “Decomposition of Gender Income Gap in Rural Informal Micro-enterprises: An Unconditional Quantile Approach in the Handloom Industry,” Bhabesh Hazarika (National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi, India).
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Session 2B: Labour Market

- “Mismatch between Skills and Jobs in Indian Labour Market During the Post-Reform Era: Estimates with Unit Level Data,” Anindita Sengupta (Hooghly Women's College, University of Burdwan, India).
 - “Precarious Work and Less Well Paid? Wage Differential between Regular and Temporary Contract Workers in India,” Rahul Sapkal (Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai, India).
 - “Entangled Basic Capabilities and Social Cohesion in India: Measuring Exclusions, Impoverishments and Distances,” Sandhya S. Iyer (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India) and Paramjeet Chawla (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India).
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15:45-16:00 Break**16:00-18:00 Session 3: Parallel Sessions****Session 3A: Health and Food I**

- “Household Food Insecurity and Maternal and Child Undernutrition: The Case of Maharashtra, India,” Chandana Maitra (School of Economics, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia), Vani Sethi (United Nations Children Fund India Country Office, New Delhi, India), Sayeed Unisa (Indian Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai, India), S. Chandrasekhar (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India), Saba Mebrahtu (United Nations Children Fund India Country Office, New Delhi, India), Victor M. Aguayo (United Nations Children Fund Regional Office of South Asia, Kathmandu, Nepal), and Sriram Shankar (Research School of Economics & ANU Centre for Social Research and Methods, The Australian National University).
 - “Understanding the Dynamics of Household Vulnerability to Food Insecurity: Evidence from Rural India,” Mousmi Das (National Council of Applied Economic Research, India).
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Session 3B: Education

- “Gender Differences in Mathematics: Evidence from Rural India,” Karan Singhal (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India) and Upasak Das (Centre for Development Studies, Trivndrum, India).
- “The Intergenerational Elasticity of Income in the United States is Rising in Tandem with Rising Income Inequality and Increased Returns to Schooling,” Moshe Justman (Ben Gurion University, Israel) and Hadas Millo (Ben Gurion University, Israel).
- “Human Capital and Higher Education: Rate of Returns across Disciplines,” Jannet Farida Jacob (Centre for Development Studies, India).
- “The Role of Age and Gender in Education Expansion: Within - and Between-group Specific Trends in Education (In)equality,” Petra Sauer (Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria).

18:30- Conference Dinner

Speaker: Dr. Arvind Subramanian (Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India)-TBC

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24**8:30-9:30 Session 4: Plenary****Migration**

- “Social and Economic Constraints of Migration: Evidence from India,” Seema Sangita (TERI University, India).
- “The Silent South Asian Domestic Workforce of India: Case Study of Bangladeshi Migrant Workers from the Prism lenses of Rights based Approaches,” Natasha Israt Kabir (Jahangirnagar University and BRIDGE Foundation, Bangladesh).

9:30-10:30 Session 5: Plenary**Poverty**

- “Last Days of Poverty Alleviation in Sri Lanka: the Challenges and Lessons,” Sirimal Ashoka Abeyratne (University of Colombo, Sri Lanka).
- “Analyzing Poverty and Inequality Dynamics among North -Eastern States of India: Evidence from NSSO,” Balakrushna Padhi (Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSRD), Jawaharlal Nehru University, India) and Mohammad Kashif Khan (School of Economics University of Hyderabad, India)

10:30-10:45 Break**10:45-13:15 Session 6: Plenary: Income and Growth**

- “Structural Transformation and its Environmental Consequences in India and China: An Analysis within an Augmented Input Output Framework,” Tushar Das (National Council of Education, Bengal, India).

- “SNA 2008 Recommendations on Central Bank Output – Unresolved Issues for Emerging Markets and Developing Economies,” Pradip Bhuyan (Reserve Bank of India).
- “Capital Formation and Industrial Production in South Asian Countries,” Jitendra Kumar Sinha (Retired from Directorate of Economics & Statistics, India).
- “Estimation of Balanced GDP via Reconciliation in SUT-Indian Experience,” A.C. Kulshreshtha (Central Statistics Office, India).
- “City Systems in South Asian Urbanization and Growth,” Surajit Deb (Aryabhata College, University of Delhi, India).

13:15-14:15 Lunch

14:15-15:45 Session 6: Parallel Sessions

Session 6A: Health and Food II

- “Long-Term South Asia/Frontier Income and Health Gaps,” Chander Kant (Seton Hall University, United States).
- “Distribution of Disease Burden and Epidemiological Transition in Indian States: 1995–2014,” Nitya Saxena (IIM Indore, India), Deepak Sethia (IIM Indore, India), Karthikeye Naraparaju (IIM Indore, India).
- “Nexus between Calorie Inequalities and Health among Major Indian States,” Amarjit Singh Sethi (Punjab School of Economics, Guru Nanak Dev University, India) and Ritu Pandhi (Shanti Devi Arya Mahilla College, Dinanagar, India).

Session 6B: Trade

- “Is Indian Trade Policy Pro-Poor?” Beyza Ural Marchand (University of Alberta, Canada).
- “Trade Liberalization and Productivity of Indian Manufacturing Firms,” Bishwanath Goldwar (Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, India) and Isha Chawla (Lakshmibai College, University of Delhi, India).
- “Employment Supported by India’s Exports: Estimates for 112 Sectors, 1999-2000 to 2012-13,” Veeramani C. (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, India).

15:45-16:00 Break

16:00-18:00 Session 7: Closing Panel

Challenges Facing National Statistical Offices in South Asia

Rukhsana Yasmin (Secretary Statistic Division, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics)
 M.D.D.D. Deepawansa (Statistician, Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka)
 Kabir Uddin Ahmed (Joint Director, Industry and Labour Wing, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics)

19:00 Farewell Dinner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00-17:00 Excursion to Agra