

## XVI International Conference on Public Policy & Management

23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021 (Monday)

**9:00-10:30**  
**Welcome note:** Prof. Arnab Mukherji, Centre for Public Policy, IIMB  
**Opening remarks:** Prof. Rishiksha T. Krishnan, Director, IIMB  
**Inaugural Speech:** Prof. Mahesh Rangarajan, Vice Chancellor, KREA University  
**You Tube Link:** <https://youtu.be/A6OekmjIteE>

**10:30-11:00** **BREAK**

		Parallel Sessions 1	Parallel Sessions 2
11:00-12.45		Co-operatives and Collectives Special Track in Honour of Dr. Verghese Kurien	Law, Politics and Policy
	Chair	Dr. Annapurna Neti, Azim Premji University, Bangalore	Dr. Anil B Suraj, IIMB Lead Discussant: M.V. Shiju, Sai University Discussants: R. Rajesh Babu, IIM Calcutta and M.P. Ram Mohan, IIM A
	Presentations	Roles and Viability of Farmer Producer Collectives in India (Dr. Shiva Muthuprakash K M and Archana Chandola, VikasAnvesh Foundation)	The Rise of Political Consultancy in India (Dr. Ajit Phadnis and Akansh Khandelwal, IIM I)
		Beyond Leading: Understanding Leadership in Community-Based Organizations (Bikalp Chamola, IIM A and Dr. Shyam Singh, IRMA, Gujarat)	Policy, Politics and Poor Practices: Analysing the Linkages between Multiple Narratives and Policy Actors in Haryana (Leelashree Godara, Punjab University)
		Factors Influencing Sustainability in Collectives: Some Propositions (Sanjiv J. Phansalkar and Archana Chandola, VikasAnvesh Foundation, Pune and Bikalp Chamola, IIM A)	
		Factors influencing sustainability of Village Organizations of Self-Help Groups (Sanjiv J. Phansalkar, Suresh Sharma, Dr. Nirmalya Chowdhury, VikasAnvesh Foundation)	Dead Letters: A Microanalysis of the State of the Laws (Dr. Srinibas Barik, R.D. Women's University)
		Critical understanding of building sustainability in Community Based Organizations (Archana Chandola and Vaishnavi Pawar, VikasAnvesh Foundation)	
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14:00-15:30	<b>Session</b>	<b>Special Track: Environment-Social-Governance (ESG): Policy, Trends &amp; Disclosure</b>	<b>Special Track: Lessons learnt from the impact of the pandemic on Economy, Employment &amp; Expenditure: Exploring Common Threads</b>
	<b>Chair</b>	Dr. Arpit Shah, IIMB	Dr. Jyotsna Jha, CBPS <u>Discussant:</u> Prof. Narendra Pani, NIAS, Bangalore
	<b>Presentations</b>	Institutional Framework of ESG Disclosures: A Comparative Analysis of Developed and Developing Countries (Dr. Monica Singhanian, FMS, Delhi)	Macro-economic impact of the pandemic on the economy of Chhattisgarh (Madhusudhan BV & Achala Yaraseeme, CBPS)
		The Role of Foreign Ownership in the performance relevance of Environmental and Social Disclosures (Dr. Neha Saini, NSUT, Delhi)	Exploring the profile and lives of migratory labour in post-pandemic Bangalore (Archana Purohit & Sowmya J., CBPS)
		ESG and Corporate Financial Performance: A Meta-Analysis (Preeti Roy, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi)	Public expenditure on children in India: pre and post COVID19 patterns (Sushmitha MV, Shiboni Sundar & Madhusudhan BV, CBPS)
		Three Decades of Measuring ESG: A Scientometric Analysis (Dr. Dimple Gupta, University of Delhi)	Incomes, Informality and Instability: Examining Poverty in Indian Household after Covid-19 (Nishanth Kumar and Anupama Kumar, Dvara Research, Chennai)

**16:00 to 17:00**

**NABARD's Initiatives for Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPO)**  
To be moderated by R. Anand (GM), Chandan Chatterjee (DGM) and M R N Murthy (DGM)  
You Tube Link: <https://youtu.be/eXhEHRR2ELQ>

**Special Lecture (19:00-20:30)**

**P.T.R Thiagarajan (Honorable Minister of Finance, Government of Tamil Nadu)**  
To be moderated by Professor MS Sriram, Chairperson, Centre for Public Policy  
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24<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (Tuesday)

9:00-10:30	Session	Gender Mainstreaming: Analysing Work, Travel & Healthcare Policies	Policy 1 (Financial Policy & Economic Evaluation)
	Chair	Dr. Soham Sahoo, IIMB	Dr. Chetan Subramanian, IIMB
	Presentations	Women Riders- In Light of Pink Ticket Policy, A Case of Delhi ( <i>Shuktika Sabharwal &amp; Dr. Rutul Joshi, CEPT University, Ahmedabad</i> )	Global Financial Cycle and its determinants: A VECM Approach ( <i>Shikha Malhotra and Dr. Chaya Bagrecha, Jain University, Bangalore</i> )
		Factors Affecting Gender Parity- Insights, Issues and Interventions ( <i>Pramiti Rawat and Hritik Gera, Nirma University, Ahmedabad</i> )	Social Relations and R&D Networks in Oligopoly ( <i>Anurag Kakkar and Debabrata Pal, JNU, Delhi</i> )
10:30-11:00		Which mothers do we really 'care' for? Incorporating an equity analysis framework in the evaluation of public health programmes: The case of the Janani Suraksha Yojana in Odisha, India ( <i>Rohit Shah and Dr. Sarthak Gaurav, IIT Bombay</i> )	Fiscal Decentralisation & Healthcare in India ( <i>Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Dr. Maneeta Jain and Dr. Mampi Bosi, NHSRC</i> )
	BREAK		
	Session	Co-operatives and Collectives Special Track in Honour of Dr. Verghese Kurien	Financial Inclusion: Policies, Innovation & Challenges
	Chair	Dr. Rajalaxmi Kamath, IIMB	Dr. Jyotsna Jha, CBPS
11:00-12:45	Presentations	Is the AMUL model possible in pulses? The case of Hasnabad Farmer Service Producer Company Limited ( <i>Dr. Ajit Kanitkar and Dr. C Shambu Prasad, IRMA, Gujarat</i> )	Evaluation of Financial Inclusion in villages of India: Precursor to Digital Gaon ( <i>Nishi Malhotra, IIM Kozhikode and Dr. Pankaj Baag, IIM Kozhikode</i> )
		Dynamics of Incubating a Multi-community, Multi-commodity, Multi-location, FPO: The Case of Krishidhan Producer Company in Gujarat ( <i>Astad Pastakia, Devlopment Consultant and Sachin Oza, DSC Foundation, Ahmedabad</i> )	Does the pension programme help in achieving health outcomes and related capabilities among widows? A case of Ganga Swarupa Aarthik Sahay Yojana in Gujarat ( <i>Dr. Amrita Ghatak, Dr. Itishree Pattnaik and Dr. Jharna Pathak, GIDR, Ahmedabad</i> )

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<p><b>11:00-12:45</b></p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p>	<p>Krishi Bagwani Swawlambi Sahakari Samiti Limited (KBSSSL): adaptive management and convergence in an all-women tribal collective (<i>Gautam Prateek, XUB, Pranamesh Kar, WASSAN, And Debanjan Ghatak, PRADAN</i>)</p> <p>Poultry as a Livelihood Opportunity – Two Case Studies – Kesla and Suguna (<i>Dr. Sankar Datta, RGICS, Delhi</i>)</p> <p>Beyond Promotion: Need for Effective Incubation of Producer Companies (<i>Dr. Richa Govil and Dr. Annapurna Neti, Azim Premji University, Bangalore</i>)</p>	<p>Smoothing Consumption in Times of Sickness: Household Recourse Mechanisms (<i>Abhishek Dureja, IGIDR, Mumbai</i>)</p> <p>Cash Transfers for Social Equality- Experience in India (<i>Dr. Dipjyoti Konwar and Dr. Vinita Bhargava, Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi</i>)</p> <p>Impact of PMJDY on Financial Behaviour of its Beneficiaries: An Empirical Study in Madurai District of Tamil Nadu. (<i>Dr S Rameshkumar, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur</i>)</p>
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<p><b>14:00-15:30</b></p> <p><b>Session</b></p> <p><b>Chair</b></p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p>	<p><b>Production Systems, Technology &amp; Sustainability in Agribusiness</b></p> <p>Dr. Sukhpal Singh, IIMA</p> <p>Managing for sustainability: the role of stakeholders in a producer organisation promoting ecologically sound agriculture (<i>Abhishek Saxena, IRMA, Gujarat</i>)</p> <p>Locating the Missing Thread in the Making of the Agriculture Export Policy in India (<i>Dr. Malini L Tantri, ISEC, Bangalore</i>)</p> <p>Developing the policy landscape for inclusively responsible agriculture: Exploring the management of sustainable transitions (<i>Deborah Dutta and Dr. C Shambu Prasad, IRMA, Gujarat</i>)</p> <p>Indiscriminate breeding in cattle: an alarm for Indian Milk Market (<i>Dr. S Rajeshwaran and Dr. Amrita Dhiman, DMI, Patna</i>)</p> <p>Consultation or Consultants? The Changing Nature of State Capacity in Agriculture (<i>Dr. C Shambu Prasad, IRMA, Gujarat</i>)</p>	<p><b>Infrastructure and Inclusion</b></p> <p>Dr. Arpit Shah, IIMB</p> <p>Inequalities in connectivity of Indian Railway zones with semi-high speed and express trains (<i>Dr. Shailesh Chandra and Mamta Kumari, California State University Long Beach</i>)</p> <p>Corporate Social Responsibility and Firm Financial Performance: A Moderating Effect of Economic Policy Uncertainty (<i>Dr. Jadhav Chakradhar, CESS, Hyderabad and Ritika Gupta, DCRUST, Haryana</i>)</p> <p>Taming the beast versus nurturing the beast: Rethinking Entrepreneurship Policy (<i>Manjunath A N, Dr. Kumar K and Vinay Reddy Venumuddala, IIM B</i>)</p> <p>A Critique of the Initiative for Public Private Partnership in Passenger Train Operations (<i>Dr. G Raghuram, IIM B, Rachna Gangwar, Adani Institute of Infrastructure Management and Charu Rastogi, IIM B</i>)</p> <p>Assessing the Status and Delivery of Urban Civic Services: A Study of two Indian Cities (<i>Ramakrishna Nallathiga and Dr. Kala S Sridhar, ISEC, Bangalore</i>)</p>

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25 <sup>th</sup> August, Wednesday			
9:00-10:30	Session	<b>Inclusion 1: Sexuality and Identity in Shifting Institutional Contexts</b>	<b>Inclusion 2: Diversity, Equality &amp; Social Sustainability</b>
	Chair	Dr. Navdeep Mathur, IIMA	Dr. Deepak Malghan, IIMB
	Presentations	Social Support and Acceptance promotes Mental health and Well-being: Exploring the Coming out Experiences of LGBTQIA+ Community (Rohan Bhalla, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi; Karan Babbar, IIM Ahmedabad)	Shaping of teacher identity in low-fee private schools: A case of three schools in Hyderabad (Nilesh Gourkhede, TISS, Mumbai)
		Understanding the complex relationships between Homophobic Bullying and Depression: A moderated mediation approach (Karan Babbar and Shreya Sharma, IIM Ahmedabad)	Castes, Perceived Discrimination and Human Capital Formation in India (Isha Gupta, University of Padova, Italy)
		A Riddled Restitution? - the Indian journey from the recognition of the Third gender towards LGBTQ (Nikhil Kumar Gupta, MSU, Baroda)	Daughter vs. Daughter-in-law: Kinship Roles and Women's Time Use in India (Tanu Gupta, IGIDR, Mumbai)
10:30-11:00	BREAK		
11:00-12:45	Session	<b>Special Track: Human Development and Inclusion in India</b>	<b>Policy 2: Exploring the nuances of Politics, Institutions &amp; Governance</b>
	Chair	Dr. Hema Swaminathan, IIMB	Dr. Vasanthi Srinivasan, IIMB
	Presentations	On the margins for basic needs: COVID-19 and Exclusion in context of sanitisation and plausibility of public policy (Dr. Tulika Tripathi, CUG, Gandhinagar, and Reem Ashraf, NCAER)	To regulate or liberate? Analysing the impact of Foreign Contributions Regulation (Amendments) Act, 2020 on the performance of NGOs (Abisha Aseervatham, LIBA; Dr. Madhava Priya D., LIBA; Varghese Theckanath, Montfort Social Institute.)
		Dwelling in Possibilities: A case for applying capability approach to housing policies (Debarati Bhattacharaya, CEPT University, Ahmedabad)	

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11:00-12:45	Presentations	Mass-Education, Migration and ‘Virtuous Growth’: Concerns for Inclusive Development in Kerala, India (Dr. K Jafar, MIDS, Chennai)	Managing a research NGO in India: Walking on a tight rope with a sword hanging on your head! (Dr. Jyotsna Jha, CBPS, Bangalore)
		Is India making gender inclusive progress in human development? (Dr. Hippu Salk Kristle Nathan, IRMA, Gujarat, and Dr. Srijit Mishra, IGIDR, Mumbai)	Ecotourism Policies, the challenges and opportunities of the Forest Department in India (Freeda Maria Swarna M, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, and Shaheed Khan, Director, Dharthi NGO, Bangalore)
		Living Conditions for Migrants: Evidence from the Slums in Delhi (Namita Mathur, Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi)	Examining Policy Problematisations of Disaster in Indian Disaster Management Policies (Kaniska Singh and Manav Khair, IIT Bombay)
12:45-14:00	LUNCH BREAK		
14:30-16:00	<p>Valedictory Address by Prof. Jean Dreze Visiting Professor at Ranchi University and Honorary Professor at the Delhi School of Economics. To be moderated by Professor Hema Swaminathan, IIM Bangalore You Tube Link: <a href="https://youtu.be/Ucw_EI629XU">https://youtu.be/Ucw_EI629XU</a></p>		

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### Speaker Profiles

**Dr. Mahesh Rangarajan:** Dr. Rangarajan has a Master of Arts and a DPhil, both from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. His wide experience in academia includes faculty positions as Professor of Modern Indian History at the University of Delhi and Professor of History and Environmental Studies at Ashoka University, where he previously served as the Dean of Academic Affairs. He has also taught at Cornell University, Indian Institute of Science and National Centre for Biological Sciences. His first book ‘Fencing the Forest’ was published in 1996 and the most recent ‘Nature and Nation’, in 2018. His co-edited works include ‘India’s Environmental History’, and ‘At Nature’s Edge’. Having started his career as a journalist, he has also served in roles outside academia, including as the Director of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi.

**Dr. P.T.R Thiagarajan:** Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan is the MLA for Madurai Central Constituency in the 15th & 16th Legislative Assemblies of Tamil Nadu. He currently serves as the Minister for Finance & Human Resources Management in the Tamil Nadu Government. In June 2017 he was appointed as the (founding) Secretary of the newly formed IT Wing of the DMK. In that capacity he has undertaken the build-out of the party’s technology platforms and a cadre of over 1,50,000 Office Bearers across the State. He is also a designated spokesperson for the party, generally focusing on Economic, Budget & State/Central Finances, and Policy matters. Dr. Rajan previously worked as an International Investment Banker for many years, in several trading, market sales, and management roles at Lehman Brothers (largely in New York), and Standard Chartered Bank (mostly based in Singapore) – where he last served as Senior Managing Director, Financial Markets, overseeing the sales of several fixed-income products globally. Prior to banking, his career spanned Academia, Agriculture, Consulting, Manufacturing, and Research. Dr. Rajan earned a B. Tech (Hons.) in Chemical Engineering from NIT, Trichy, MS (Operations Research) and Ph. D. (Human Factors Engineering / Engineering Psychology) from the State University of New York, and an MBA (Finance) from the MIT Sloan School of Management.

**Dr. Jean Dreze:** Dr. Jean Drèze studied Mathematical Economics at the University of Essex and did his Ph.D. at the Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi. He has taught at the London School of Economics and the Delhi School of Economics, and is currently Visiting Professor at Ranchi University as well as Honorary Professor at the Delhi School of Economics. He has made wide-ranging contributions to development economics and public policy, with special reference to India. His research interests include rural development, social inequality, elementary education, child nutrition, health care and food security. Jean Drèze is co-author (with Amartya Sen) of Hunger and Public Action (Oxford University Press, 1989) and An Uncertain Glory: India and Its Contradictions (Penguin, 2013)", and also one of the co-authors of the Public Report on Basic Education in India, also known as “PROBE Report”. His latest book is Sense and Solidarity: “Jholawala Economics for Everyone.”

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