

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT POLICY IN GLOBALISING INDIA
Trivandrum: 3-5 April, 2008
(Venue: CDS Auditorium)
Tentative Programme Schedule

3 rd April, 2008	
09:00 - 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 11:00	Inauguration: <u>Welcome Address</u> K. Narayanan Nair, Director, CDS <u>Key Note Address</u> Dimitri B. Papadimitriou, President, Levy Economics Institute, New York and <i>EFE*</i> member <u>Inaugural Address</u> B. N. Yugandhar, Member, Planning Commission, GOI <u>Introduction by Participants</u>
11:00 – 11:30	Tea/Coffee
11:30 – 13:00	<i>Theme: The International Experience of ELR/EGS/EPWP with Special Reference to IBSA Countries</i> Towards an Employer of Last Resort Programme for South Africa <i>Presenter:</i> Maikel R. Lieuw-Kie-Song, Labour Intensive Specialist, Department of Public Works, South Africa and <i>EFE*</i> member The case for Employment of Last Resort policy for Brazil <i>Presenter:</i> Jose Carlos de Assis, Assessor da Presidência do BNDES, Brazilian Development Bank, Brazil and <i>EFE*</i> member Financing Job Guarantee Schemes by Oil Revenue; The case of Iran <i>Presenter:</i> Zahra Karimi, Assistant Professor University of Mazandaran, Iran and <i>EFE*</i> member <i>Chairperson:</i> V. Ramachandran, Member, Administrative Reforms Commission, Government of India
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14:00 – 15.30	<i>NREGA: Macro Perspective</i> <i>Presenter:</i> Santosh Mehrotra, Senior Consultant and Adviser, Rural Development Planning Commission and <i>EFE*</i> member Employment Policy, Growth And Emerging Opportunities: The Case Of NREGA <i>Presenter:</i> P. S Vijay Shankar

Relevance of Unorthodox Economic Theory in Public Policy: A case study of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

Presenter: Kaustav, CESP, JNU, New Delhi

Discussant: Ravi S. Srivastava, Member National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector, Government of India

Chairperson: C. Rammonohar Reddy, Editor, Economic and Political Weekly

15:30 – 15:45

Tea/ Coffee

15.45-17:15

NREGA: Spatial Dimension

Do those who need employment get it? A Study of NREGA in Kottathara Panchayat in Wayanad, Kerala

Presenter: D Narayana, CDS, Trivandrum

Employment to the Tribal Communities under NREGS:

A Case from Wayanad, Kerala

Presenter: Jos Chathukulam, K Gireesan, Centre for Rural Management, Kerala

NREGA in Abu Road, Rajasthan

Presenter: Rina Bhattacharya, Ratna Sudarshan, ISST, New Delhi

Discussant: C Rammonohar Reddy, Editor Economic and Political Weekly

Chair Person: Indira Hirway, Director, CFDA

17.30-18:30

Special Address on Employment Issues in the Unorganised Sector of the Economy

By Arjun Sengupta, Chairman National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector, Government of India

4th April, 2008

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Special Addresses by Professor Amit Bhaduri, Honorary Fellow CDS and *EFE** member

10:00- 11.15

Theme: The International Experience of ELR/EGS/EPWP with Special Reference to IBSA Countries

NREGA: A Component of Full Employment Strategy in India

Presenter: Indira Hirway, CFDA, India and *EFE** member

Macro-micro Impacts of scaling up South Africa's EPWP

Presenter: Rania Antonopoulos, Levy Economics Institute, New York and *EFE** member

Chairperson: Santosh Mehrotra, Senior Consultant and Adviser, Planning Commission

11.00 – 11.15 Tea/ Coffee

11.15-13.15 **NREGA: Spatial Dimension**

What Determines the Success of ‘100 Days Work’ at Panchayat Level?
A Study of Birbhum District in West Bengal
Presenter: Subrata Mukherjee, Saswata Ghosh, IDSK, West Bengal.

NREGA and its Impact on State Level Employment Generation: A Case
Study of West Bengal
Presenter: Parthapratim Pal, Prabir Dutta, IIM, Kolkata

NREGA: People’s Participation and Grama Panchayat Planning: Some
Lessons from West Bengal
Presenter: Neela Mukherjee, Amitava Mukherjee

NREGA: A Study of West Bengal
Presenter: Debtra K. Roy, Lecturer, Srikrishna College, West Bengal

Discussant: D Narayana, Professor, CDS Trivandrum
Chairperson: Amit Bhaduri, Honorary Fellow, CDS, Trivandrum

13:15-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 **Public Policy & NREGA: State Level Experience**

A Critical Analysis of the Effectiveness of Employment Policy in Assam
Presenter: Chandrima Goswami

Of Dignity and Sustenance: A Socio Legal Analysis of NREGA as
Furtherance of Right to Food
Presenter: Siddharth, The West Bengal National University of Juridical
Sciences, West Bengal

National Rural Employment Act-Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy:
Experience of Uttar Pradesh
Presenter: Yogesh B. Arya, Arundhati Dhuru, Giri Institute of Development,
Lucknow

Discussant: K. P Kannan, Member, National Commission for Enterprises in
the Unorganised Sector, Government of India
Chairperson: Ravi S. Srivastava, National Commission for Enterprises in the
Unorganised Sector, Government of India

15:30 – 15:45 Tea/ Coffee

15:45-17.45 **NREGA: Exclusion and Implementation Issues**
National Rural Employment Guarantee Act- A Field View
Presenter: A C K Nambiar, Hyderabad

NREGA-An Overview in State of Uttar Pradesh

Presenter: Pratima Yadav, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi

Jammu & Kashmir's Tryst with NREGA: Some Critical Issues

Presenter: Vipul Jain, Nakul Bhasin

NREGA & Rural Employment in Punjab: An Evaluative Study of Hoshiarpur District

Presenter: Ranjit Singh Ghuman, Parminder Kaur Dua, Department of Economics, Punjab University, Patiala.

Discussant: Indira Hirway, Director, CFDA

Chairperson: D Narayana, CDS, Trivandrum

5th April, 2008

09.15- 11.15

Macroeconomic Policy, Growth and Employment

Immigration Vs Outsourcing in a Partial Equilibrium Framework: A Developing Country Perspective

Presenter: Simontini Das, Ajitava Roychaudhuri, Saikat Sinha Roy, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, West Bengal

Rural Non-Farm Sector Employment Growth in India: Distress Driven or Growth Driven?

Presenter: Vinoj Abraham, CDS, Trivandrum

The Economic Transition and Employment Generation in Indian Economy: Role of Market, Policy and Institutions

Presenter: Pulak Mishra, Baghirath Behra, IIT, Kharagpur, West Bengal

Discussant: K Pushpangadan, Professor CDS, Trivandrum

Chairperson: K K Subramaniam Honorary Professor, CDS

11.15 – 11.30

Tea/ Coffee

11.30-13.00

Theme: Growth and Employment in Globalizing India: An Assessment

Emerging Contract Labour in India's Organized Manufacturing Sector: Trends, Pattern and Implications

Presenter: Neethi P, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum

Output and Employment Growth in Registered Manufacturing Industries in India: Testing Kaldor's Hypothesis

Presenter: Panchanan Das, Taki Government College, West Bengal

Industrial Workers and their Movement: A case Study on Prospective Role in Bargain, Governance and Change

Presenter: Sarmistha Sen, Samsundar College, West Bengal

Discussant: M. Parameswaran, Lecturer, CDS, Trivandrum
Chairperson: K. P Kannan, Member, National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector, Government of India

13:00-13.45 Lunches

13.45-15.45 **Employment, Wages & Gender Issues**

Changes in The Employment Pattern Among Urban Women Workers in India: Some Results Based on the NSSO Employment-Unemployment Estimates

Presenter: Sona Mitra, CESP, JNU, New Delhi

Gender Discrimination in Quality of Employment in Unorganised Manufacturing Sector of India in the Post Reform Period

Presenter: Anupama Uppal

Economic Reforms in India: Where Incremental Workers are heading

Presenter: Sandeep Kumar, Consultant, Economic Advisory Council To The Prime Minister

Discussant: Vinoj Abhraham, Lecturer, CDS, Trivandrum

Chairperson: Indira Hirway, Director, CFDA

15.30-16.00 Tea/ Coffee

16:00- 17.00 *Wrap Up:* Pinaki Chakraborty, CDS, Trivandrum and *EFE** member

Round Table Discussion:

Moderator: Amit Bhaduri, Honorary Fellow, CDS

Dimitri B. Papadimitriou, President, Levy Economics Institute, New York

Jose Carlos de Assis, Assessor da Presidência do BNDES, Brazil

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