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# ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

**December 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

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Day 1: Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Inaugural Session: 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM (IST)

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**WELCOME ADDRESS**

**C. Raj Kumar**, Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University

**OPENING REMARKS**

**R. Sudarshan**, Dean, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy

Session 1:  
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM (IST)

**Covid-19 and Indian Economy**

Join us on  
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<https://bit.ly/3F9i8zG>

- **Ritika Jain**, Centre for Development Studies and Rajnish Kumar, Independent Scholar  
*Effect of COVID-19 lockdown on the profitability of firms in India.*
- **Nisha Vernekar**, Vidhi Centre for legal Policy; Karan Singhal, Indian Institute of Management-Ahmedabad and Aditya Narayan Rai, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy  
*Parental Engagement in Early Childhood Education during COVID-19: Learning from structured Tech and Teacher support programs in Urban Maharashtra.*
- **Sushobhan Mahata** and Sarbajit Chaudhuri, University of Calcutta  
*Covid-19 lockdown, family migration and unemployment in a gendered society: A micro-theoretic Analysis.*

**MODERATOR:** **Subhasish Ray**, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

12:30 PM – 01:00 PM: Lunch Break

01:00 PM – 02:00 PM (IST)

**Distinguished Speaker Address**

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**Bezwada Wilson**, Safai Karamchari Andolan

**SESSION CHAIR:** **R. Sudarshan**, Dean, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

Session 2:  
02:15 PM – 04:15 PM (IST)

**Topics in Macroeconomics**

Join us on  
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<https://bit.ly/3dPQH20>

- **Rajarshi Mitra**, Tokyo International University; Md. Thasinul Abedin, University of Chittagong and Kanon Kumar Sen, Bangladesh University of Professionals  
*Ageing Population and FDI Flows in South Korea.*
- **Sailesh Tanna**, Chengchun Li, and Baseerit Nissah, Coventry University.  
*The effects of institutions on the FDI-growth nexus: what matters most?.*
- **Anshul Kumar**, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati  
*Monetary and fiscal policy impact on the Indian sovereign bond market: A VAR approach.*
- **Ronald Miranda Lescano**, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; Leonel Muinelo-Gallo, Instituto de Economía, Universidad de la República, Uruguay and Oriol Roca-Sagalés, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona  
*Human development and decentralization: The importance of public health expenditure.*

**MODERATOR:** **Nikhil Damodaran**, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

Session 3:  
02:15 PM – 04:15 PM (IST)

## Gender and Labour

Join us on  
**zoom**  
<https://bit.ly/322hLIS>

- **Sankalp Sharma**, Development Data Lab; Sowmya Dhanaraj, Madras School of Economics and Vidya Mahambare, Great Lakes, Gurgaon  
*Profiling Female Exclusion from Labour Markets: A Latent Class Approach.*
- **Tista Mukherjee**, Ishita Mukhopadhyay and Sukanta Bhattacharya, University of Calcutta  
*Confined and Constrained: Identifying the Effects of Patrilocality on Women's Status in India.*
- **Tanu Gupta**, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research  
*Women's Inheritance Rights and Time Use: Evidence from Hindu Succession Act in India.*
- **Deepa, E.**, Independent Researcher  
*Human Public Policy: 'Dually Informalized' Work as Women's Work 'Choice.*

**MODERATOR:** Anjana Thampi, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University

Session 4:  
04:30 PM – 05:30 PM (IST)

## Topics in International Trade Theory

Join us on  
**zoom**  
<https://bit.ly/3dPQH20>

- **Rohan Kanti Khan**, University of Calcutta and R. N. Nag, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata  
*Crime-Corruption Nexus, Strategic Deterrence and Capital Account Liberalization: A trade-theoretic analysis.*
- **Monica Sharma**, University of Delhi  
*Examining India's Trade Strategy with IORA.*

**MODERATOR:** Manas Pathak, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

Session 5:  
04:30 PM – 05:30 PM (IST)

## Financial Inclusion

Join us on  
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<https://bit.ly/322hLIS>

- **Kumar Ashutosh**, IFMR Graduate School of Business, Krea University; Sampath Kumar, State Government of Meghalaya; Abhinav Dubey, CDFI-IFMR, Vijaya Chebolu-Subramanian and Jyoti Prasad Mukhopadhyay, IFMR Graduate School of Business, Krea University  
*An Impact Evaluation Study of the Self-Help Group Program in the State of Meghalaya.*
- **Shreya Lahiri** and **Shreya Biswas**, Birala Institute of Technology and Science- Pilani, Hyderabad.  
*Does financial literacy improve financial behavior in emerging economies? – Evidence from India.*

**MODERATOR:** Naveen Thomas, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

05:30 PM – 06:00 PM (IST): Tea/Coffee Break

06:00 PM – 07:00 PM (IST)

## Distinguished Speaker Address

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**Bhramar Mukherjee**, University of Michigan  
*"Building a pandemic resilient future"*

**SESSION CHAIR:** R. Sudarshan, Dean, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

Session 6:  
07:00 PM – 09:00 PM (IST)

## Quantum-like Modelling in Social Sciences

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- **Thomas Hancock**, Leeds University  
*QLM and Transportation choice making.*
- **Monireh Houshmand**, Imam Reza International University, Iran  
*Quantum propensity in economics*
- **Sudip Patra**, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University  
*Quantum Games: implications for policy making.*
- **Emmanuel Haven**, Memorial University, Canada  
*Quantum social science revolution.*

**MODERATOR:** Sudip Patra, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

Session 7:  
07:00 PM – 09:00 PM (IST)

## Economic Growth

Join us on  
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<https://bit.ly/322hLIS>

- **Amartya Paul** and Srikanta Kundu, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum  
*State Heterogeneity, Redistributive Policy and Pro-Poor Growth: Evidence from India with a special reference to Education*
- **Rishabh Sinha**, The World Bank  
*Talent Allocation and Post-Reform Growth in Central America.*
- **Mainak Bhattacharjee**, Jadavpur University and **Sharmi Sen**, University of Calcutta  
*Quality of Bank Credit and Its Implications for Sustainable Growth: A Macro-Theoretic Introspection with reference to BRICS Nations.*
- **Saswata Guha Thakurata**, University of Kalyani, WB and **Swathysree S. S.**, Indian Institute of Management-Calcutta  
*Understanding India's Economic Growth Conundrum: An Exploration into the Dynamics of Capital Accumulation since 1980.*

**MODERATOR:** Debajit Jha, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

## Day 2: Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (IST)

### Distinguished Speaker Address

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<https://bit.ly/3q0B4KD>

**E. Somanathan**, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi

*Electric stoves as a solution for household air pollution: Evidence from rural India.*

**SESSION CHAIR:** R. Sudarshan, Dean, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

Session 8:  
12:00 PM – 01:30 PM (IST)

### Topics in Microeconomic Theory – I

Join us on  
**zoom**  
<https://bit.ly/3yvVU8S>

- **Harshil Kaur**, University of Delhi and Rajendra P. Kundu, Jawaharlal Nehru University  
*Efficient Simple Liability Assignment Rules: A Complete Characterization.*
- **Srijita Ghosh**, Ashoka University  
*Disclosure in presence of Negative Externality.*

**MODERATOR:** Dhritiman Gupta, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

Session 9:  
12:00 PM – 01:30 PM (IST)

### Environment

Join us on  
**zoom**  
<https://bit.ly/3pXSCan>

- **Mohammad Ikhalaque**, Jawaharlal Nehru University  
*Comparative Analysis of Advances in Renewable Energy by UK and Germany.*
- **Khushboo Sharma**, Vivekananda Global University  
*Shifting paradigms in regulation of natural resource extraction with special focus on Rajasthan.*
- **Basheer K. K.** and G Sridevi, University of Hyderabad  
*Effects of Adaptation to Climate Change on Technical Efficiency of Paddy Farmers in Panamaram.*

**MODERATOR:** Sonchita Debnath, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM: Lunch

Session 10:  
02:00 PM – 04:00 PM (IST)

### Poverty and Inequality

Join us on  
**zoom**  
<https://bit.ly/3yvVU8S>

- **Ishan Anand**, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University  
*Caste-based and Racial Wealth Inequality in India and the United States.*
- **Aparajay K.**, Madras Institute of development Studies and Debabrata Pal, Jawaharlal Nehru University  
*A Norm Sensitive Multidimensional Measurement of Deprivation: The Human Rights and the Hierarchy of Needs Perspective.*
- **Debolina Biswas**, University of Calcutta  
*Urbanization and Rising Class Inequality: Evidences from West Bengal.*
- **Priyabrata Sahoo**, Banaras Hindu University; Kirti R. Paltasingh, SMVD University, and Jajati K. Parida, Punjab University  
*Why poverty change is faster among few states in India? An Analysis of Change in Poverty during 2000s'.*

**MODERATOR:** Namesh Killemsetty, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

Session 11:  
02:00 PM – 04:00 PM (IST)

## Public Health

Join us on  
**zoom**  
<https://bit.ly/3pXSCan>

- **Cristina Vilaplana Prieto**, University of Murcia, Spain and **Joan Costa-Font**, London School of Economics, London  
*Downsizing after a Health Shock at Old Age in Europe.*
- **Namita Mathur**, University of Delhi  
*A Mapping of Health Sector Initiatives, Outcomes and Financing in India Since the 2000s'.*
- **Anupam Tyagi**, Alliance University, Bengaluru  
*Desired-BMI and its gender gap in the United States for age, income, education, race/ethnicity and BMI categories.*

**MODERATOR:** **Indranil Mukhopadhyay**, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

Session 12:  
04:15 PM – 05:45 PM (IST)

## Topics in Microeconomic Theory – II

Join us on  
**zoom**  
<https://bit.ly/3yvVU8S>

- **Rounak Sil**, KPMG Global Services; **Tirtha Chatterjee** and **Ritika Jain**, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum  
*Altruistic Preference and Crime Perception.*
- **Sanchayan Banerjee**, London School of Economics-UK  
*Choice Architecture 2.0 with Nudge plus: Embedding reflection in behavioural cues to promote low-carbon diets.*
- **Shreya Malhotra**, Jawaharlal Nehru University  
*Does the Option to Sign Prenuptial Agreements affect Domestic Violence?*

**MODERATOR:** **Vatsalya Srivastava**, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

Session 13:  
04:15 PM – 05:45 PM (IST)

## Economics of Education

Join us on  
**zoom**  
<https://bit.ly/3pXSCan>

- **Tirtha Chatterjee** and **Thiagu Ranganathan**, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum  
*Sought after Jobs & caste in India: Did Reservation in Education bring a change?*
- **Anuneeta Mitra**, Independent Researcher and **Nivedita Sarkar**, Ambedkar University Delhi  
*What determines Private Supplementary Tutoring in Higher Education: Evidence from India.*
- **Susanto. K. Beero**, Jawaharlal Nehru University  
*Public Expenditure on Elementary Education: Performance and Impacts.*

**MODERATOR:** **Komal Sahai**, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

05:45 PM – 06:15 PM: Tea/Coffee Break

Session 14:  
06:15 PM – 08:45 PM (IST)

## Complexity Economics

Join us on  
**zoom**  
<https://bit.ly/3yvVU8S>

- **Victor Beker**, University of Belgrano and University of Buenos Aires  
*Complex systems and out-of-equilibrium analysis in Economics.*
- **Milindo Chakraborty**, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University  
*Policy and Market Failures: How can complexity economics help?*
- **Wolfram Elsner**, University of Bremen  
*Complexity Ideas and the History of Economic Thought.*
- **Cheshtha Grover** and **Naresh Singh**, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University  
*A Systems Thinking Approach to Navigate Interlinkages to Achieve SDGs in India.*
- **Gowri Harinath**, Monash University and **Manoj B. Buraga**, Pondicherry University  
*Personal Data Protection and the Data Protection Law- A Transformational Model to Digital Era.*

**MODERATOR:** Naresh Singh, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

Session 15:  
06:15 PM – 08:45 PM (IST)

## Labour

Join us on  
**zoom**  
<https://bit.ly/3pXSCan>

- **Shantanu De Roy**, TERI School of Advanced Studies and **Mampi Bose**, National Health Systems, Resource Centre, GOI  
*Impact of Pandemic Induced Lockdown on Gender-based Income Inequality in the Labour Market in India: An Analysis of the PLFS Database.*
- **Ying H. Chao**, Stony Brook University  
*A Quantitative Analysis of Relaxing UI Eligibility requirements: Evidence from the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.*
- **Shalina Susan Mathew**, Indian Institute of Management, Tiruchirappalli  
*Working, Yet Not Working: A Review of the Data Architecture on Labour Underutilisation in India.*

**MODERATOR:** Avanimdra Nath Thakur, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University

08:45 PM – 09:00 PM (IST): Vote of thanks