THE NCAER LAND POLICY INITIATIVE

INDIA LAND FORUM 2020

Data-driven Research & Evidence for Land Policy in India

November 24-27, 2020

On Zoom every day between 1700 & 2000 IST & at equivalent times in other time zones

PROGRAMME

Day 1: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 (All times are IST)

5:00-5:20 pm  Welcome and Introduction
                Shekhar Shah, Director General, NCAER
                Shilpa Kumar, Partner, Omidyar Network, India

5:20-6:00 pm  Keynote Remarks
                T. Haque, Distinguished Faculty Member, Council for Social Development

Session 1: Modernizing India’s Land Records

Chair: Ramesh Abhishek, Former Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India

Discussant: Sanjay Kumar, Revenue Secretary, Government of Goa

6:00-6:20 pm  Characterizing Land- and Property-related Litigation at the Delhi High Court
                Devendra Damle and Karan Gulati, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy

6:20-6:40 pm  International Lessons for Improving Cadastre-based Land Records
                NCAER LPI Team* [Team members are listed at the end]
                Presentation by Kajal Gupta

6:40-7:30 pm  Discussion and Q & A

7:30 pm       Closing Day 1

Day 2: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 (All times are IST)

Session 2: Evaluating Title Records and Property Valuation Systems in India

Chair: B K Agarwal, Secretary, Lokpal of India, Government of India

Discussant: Venkatesh Panchapagesan, Associate Professor, IIM Bangalore

5:00-5:30 pm  Evaluating the Record of Rights of Indian States as Title Registers
                NCAER LPI Team*
                Presentation by Vijay Singh Bangari
5:30-6:00 pm  **Evaluating the Practice of Property Transfer Taxation in India**  
NCAER LPI Team*
Presentation by Aswani Kumar Munnangi

6:00-6:30 pm  **Discussion and Q & A**

**Session 3: Panel Discussion**

6:30-8:00 pm  **Making Land Leasing Work for Transforming Indian Agriculture**

**Moderator:** Pranab R Choudhury, Vice President, NRMC Centre for Land Governance  
**Panelists:** Mercedes Stickler, Agriculture Economist, World Bank
Mika Torhonen, Lead Land Administration Specialist, World Bank
T. Haque, Council for Social Development
Saurabh Garg, Principal Secretary, Government of Odisha
Shipra Deo, Director, Women Land Rights, Landesa India

8:00 pm  **Closing Day 2**

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**Day 3: Thursday, November 26, 2020 (All times are IST)**

**Session 4: India’s Land Records Data shows Women are far behind**

**Chair:** Aparna Das, Senior Advisor, GIZ, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit  
**Discussant:** Bhargavi Zaveri, Senior Researcher, Finance Research Group

5:20-5:40 pm  **Empirical Evidence of Gender Bias in Indian Data on Record of Rights**  
NCAER LPI Team*
Presentation by Charu Jain

5:40-6:00 pm  **Women’s Land Rights in India: An SDG Analysis**  
Pranab R Choudhury, NRMC Centre for Land Governance
Shipra Deo, Landesa

6:00-6:30 pm  **Discussion and Q & A**

**Session 5: Land as Collateral for Access to Credit in India**

**Chair:** Amitabh Kundu, Distinguished Fellow, Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries  
**Discussant:** Namita Wahi, Fellow, Centre for Policy Research

6:30-7:00 pm  **Does the Quality of Land Records affect the Indian Household’s Access to Credit?**  
Susan Thomas and Diya Uday, Finance Research Group

7:00-7:30 pm  **Land Title versus Land Tenure for the Urban Poor in India: Are We Missing the Woods for the Trees?**  
Aparna Das, GIZ
Anindita Mukherjee, Centre for Policy Research

7:30-8:00 pm  **Discussion and Q & A**

8:00 pm  **Closing Day 3**
Day 4: Friday, November 27, 2020 (All times are IST)

**Session 6: Urban Housing and Land**

**Chair:** Ram Singh, Professor, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi

**Discussant:** Shreya Deb, Director, Omidyar Network, India [Video]

5:00- 5:20 pm  **Do Home Stay Digital Platforms in Indian Cities Impact Housing?**  [Abstract]

   *The Case of Airbnb*

   Kala Seetharam Sridhar, Institute for Social and Economic Change  [Presentation]

5:20- 5:40 pm  **Understanding the Market for Residential Plots that Violate Spatial Planning Frameworks**  [Abstract]

   Jayashree Kurup, Magicbricks  [Presentation]

5:40- 6:00 pm  **Discussion and Q & A**

**Session 7: Panel Discussion**

6:00- 7:30 pm  **Experiences with Innovative Technology, including Drones, for Cadastral Mapping and Titling Programs**  [Video]

   *Moderator: Malcolm Childress, Executive Director, Global Land Alliance*

   *Panelists:*

   Alok Prem Nagar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India

   Denys Nizalov, Advisor, Department of Economics and Marketing, De Montfort University, UK

   Denis Bashlyk, former Chair, State GeoCadastre of Ukraine  [Presentation]

   S. Chockalingam, Settlement Commissioner, Government of Maharashtra  [Presentation]

7:30- 8:00 pm  **Conference closing address**

   K P Krishnan, IEPF Chair, NCAER

8:00 pm  **Conference close out & thanks**

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Click [here](#) for biographies of the participants

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