INDIA POLICY FORUM 2024
July 2-3, 2024
NCAER, T-2 Auditorium,
11, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi 110002

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

9:00 Registration and Coffee/Tea

9:10–9:30 am Inauguration: Dr P K Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India
Welcome Remarks: Nandan Nilekani, Co-Founder and Chairman, Infosys and Chairman, NCAER

Session 1
Chair: Dr. P K Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India
Speaker: Sonalde Desai, Professor, NCAER and University of Maryland
Discussants:
(1) Saurabh Garg, Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
(2) Shanta Devarajan, Professor, Georgetown University

11:15–11:45 am Coffee/Tea

Session 2
11:45–1:15 pm Panel: Digitalisation and Development
Chair: Neeraj Mittal, Secretary, Ministry of Communications
Panelists:
(1) Amiyatosh Purnanandam, Professor, University of Michigan
(2) Gaurav Chiplunkar, Assistant Professor, University of Virginia
(3) Deepak Mishra, Director and Chief Executive, ICRIER

1:15–2:00 pm Lunch

Session 3
2:00–3:30 pm Female Leadership in India: Firm Performance and Culture [Paper]
Chair: Reshma Anand, Regional Director, Ford Foundation
Speakers: Ratna Sahay, Professor, NCAER; Navya Srivastava, Research Associate, NCAER; Mahima Vasishth, Post-Doctoral Scholar, Bocconi University and NCAER
Discussants:
(1) M Damodaran, Chairperson, Excellence Enablers Private Limited and Ex-Chairman, SEBI
(2) Auguste T. Kouame, Country Director for India, The World Bank
(3) Devesh Kapur, Professor, Johns Hopkins University

3:30–4:00 pm Coffee/Tea

Session 4
4:00–5:30 pm Panel: States’ Fiscal Challenges
Moderator: Arvind Panagariya, Chairman, 16th Finance Commission
Panelists:
(1) Poonam Gupta, Director General, NCAER
(2) S Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology
(3) M Govinda Rao, Councilor, Takshashila Institution
5:30–6:00 pm  Coffee/Tea

**Session 5**

6:00–7:30 pm  **The TN Srinivasan Memorial Lecture**  
**Cracks in the System: How Geo-economic Fragmentation is Reshaping the World**

Chair: Nandan Nilekani, Co-Founder and Chairman, Infosys and Chairman, NCAER  
Speaker: Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, Chief Economist, IMF  
Panelists:  
(1) Robert Lawrence, Professor, Harvard Kennedy School  
(2) Martin Raiser, Regional Vice President for South Asia, The World Bank  
(3) Pravin Krishna, Professor, Johns Hopkins University

7:30 pm  Dinner

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**Wednesday, July 3, 2024**

9:00 am  Coffee/Tea

**Session 6**

9:30–11:00 am  **Panel: Employment Challenges in India and Beyond**

Moderator: Manish Sabharwal, Vice Chairman, TeamLease and NCAER  
Panelists:  
(1) BVR Subrahmanyan, CEO, NITI Aayog  
(2) Franziska Ohnsorge, Chief Economist for South Asia, The World Bank  
(3) Lant Pritchett, Director, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford  
(4) Amit Basole, Professor, Azim Premji University

11:00–11:30 am  Coffee/Tea

**Session 7**

11:30–1:00 pm  **Panel: The Middle-Income Trap**

Moderator: BVR Subrahmanyan, CEO, NITI Aayog  
Panelists:  
(1) Somik Lall, Senior Advisor, The World Bank  
(2) Ufuk Akcigit, Professor, University of Chicago  
(3) Ashish Dhawan, Founder, Central Square Foundation  
(4) Karthik Muralidharan, Professor, University of California, San Diego

1:00–1:45 pm  Lunch

**Session 8**

1:45–3:15 pm  **Economic Development of Punjab: Prospects and Policies**  
[Paper]

Chair: V K Singh, Special Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab  
Speakers: Lakhwinder Singh, Visiting Professor, IHD and Punjabi University; Nirvikar Singh, Professor University of California Santa Cruz; Prakash Singh, Chair Professor, Plaksha University  
Discussants:  
(1) Seema Bansal, Vice Chairperson, Punjab Development Commission  
(2) Vini Mahajan, Secretary, Ministry of Jalshakti  
(3) Montek S Ahluwalia, Distinguished Fellow, CSEP

3:15–3:45 pm  Coffee/Tea
Session 9
3:45–4:00 pm  Release of the IPF 2023 Volume
Mr Suman Bery, Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog
Ms Rohini Nilekani, Chairperson, Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies
Martin Raiser, Regional Vice President for South Asia, The World Bank
Poonam Gupta, Director General, NCAER
Pravin Krishna, Professor, Johns Hopkins University
Karthik Muralidharan, Professor, University of California, San Diego

4:00–5:30 pm  India’s Foreign Reserves and Global Risk  [Paper]
Chair: Suman Bery, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog
Speakers: Chetan Ghate, Director, Institute of Economic Growth; Kenneth Kletzer, Professor University of California, Santa Cruz; Mahima Yadav, Research Scholar, Indian Statistical Institute
Discussants:
(1) Poonam Gupta, Director General, NCAER
(2) Barry Eichengreen, Professor, University of California, Berkeley
(3) Ranil Salgado, Senior Resident Representative, IMF

5:30–6:00 pm  Coffee/Tea

Session 10
6:00–7:45 pm  Panel: India's Economic Prospects in a Turbulent World
Moderator: Latha Venkatesh, CNBC and Visiting Faculty NCAER
Speaker: Martin Wolf, Chief Economics Commentator, Financial Times
Panelists:
(1) Barry Eichengreen, Professor, University of California, Berkeley
(2) Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India
(3) Swaminathan Aiyar, Editor Emeritus, The Economic Times
(4) Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, Chief Economist, IMF

7:45 pm  Vote of Thanks

7:50 pm  Dinner

Co-hosts: NCAER, NITI Aayog and The World Bank