

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 9:30–11:15 am	Rethinking Social Safety Nets in a Changing Society [Paper] 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, 16 th 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

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 Subrahmanyam**, 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 Subrahmanyam**, CEO, NITI Aayog

Panelists:

(1) **Somik Lall**, Senior Advisor, The World Bank

(2) **Ufuk Akcigit**, Professor, University of Chicago

(3) **Ashish Dewan**, 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; **Prakarsh 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



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