



Conference on
Public Policy - An Indian Perspective
Department of Economic Sciences, IIT Kanpur
August 4th and 5th, 2023
Outreach Auditorium, IIT Kanpur

Day 1: August 4, Friday

9.00 AM – 09.45 AM: Inauguration, Welcome address and Opening remarks

09.45 AM – 10.15 AM: Coffee/Tea Break

Session 1 (Chair: Sounak Thakur, IIT Kanpur)

10.15 AM – 11.30 PM: Keynote talk by Maitreesh Ghatak (London School of Economics)
“Public Service Delivery and Free Riding: Theory and Experimental Evidence from India”

11.30 PM – 12.15 PM: “Socio-Economic Identity and Intra-Household Distribution of Consumption in India: A Structural Approach” by Sutirtha Bandopadhyay (IIM, Indore)

12.15 PM – 01.00 PM: “Son Preference, Maternal Health, and Women’s Survival: A Cross-Cultural Analysis” by Neha Agarwal (University of Otago)

01:00 – 02:15 PM: Lunch at Outreach Lawns

Session 2 (Chair: Raghvi Garg, IIT Kanpur)

02.15 PM – 03.15 PM: Plenary talk by Chetan Ghate (Director, IEG; Faculty, ISI, Delhi)
“Redistributive Policy Shocks and Monetary Policy with Heterogeneous Agents”

03.15 PM – 04.00 PM: “Social Networks, Gender Norms and Women's Labor Supply: Experimental Evidence Using a Job Search Platform” by Nikita Sangwan (ISI, Delhi)

04.00 PM – 04.30 PM: Coffee/Tea Break

04.30 PM – 05.30 PM: Invited talk by S. Chandrasekhar (IGIDR)
“Regional Disparities in Household Earnings: Insights from India's Periodic Labor Force Survey”

07.30 PM onwards: Conference Dinner at Type II Community Centre

Day 2: August 5, Saturday

Session 3 (Chair: Srinivas Arigapudi, IIT Kanpur)

9.00 AM – 10.00 AM: Plenary talk by Sourav Bhattacharya (IIM, Calcutta)

“Political Economy of Identity Formation: Theory and Evidence from India”

10.00 AM – 10.45 AM: “Importance of English as a Second Language: Learnings from a Language Experiment in India” by Gitanjali Sen (Shiv Nadar University)

10.45 AM – 11.15 AM: Coffee/Tea Break

11.15 AM – 12.45 PM: Panel Discussion on “Public Finance of the Future”

Panelists:

Alok Tandon (Former Mines Secretary, UP and Chairman, JERC)

Alok Tewari (Private Secretary to the Minister for Defence, Government of India)

Moderator: **Ajay Kumar** (Former Defence Secretary- Government of India, and Distinguished Visiting Faculty at IIT Kanpur)

12.45 PM – 02.00 PM: Lunch at Outreach Lawns

Session 4 (Chair: Neelanjan Datta, IIT Kanpur)

02.00 PM – 02.45 PM: Policy Talk by Rajeev Sadanandan (Health System Transformation Platform)

02.45 PM – 03.30 PM: Coffee/Tea Break

03.30 PM – 04.45 PM: Panel Discussion on “Digital Governance and changing contours of Public Policy”

Panelists:

Abhishek Singh (CEO, Digital India Corporation)

Sharad Sharma (Former Head, Yahoo Research and co-founder of Spirit)

Neel Ratan (Former Managing Partner, PWC India)

Moderator: **R. S. Sharma** (Former Chief Secretary of Jharkhand; Former TRAI Chairman and Distinguished Visiting Faculty at IIT Kanpur)

04.45 PM – 05.00 PM: Vote of Thanks
