

Conference on
PUBLIC POLICY: AN INDIAN PERSPECTIVE

August 7-8, 2026

Organized by
Department of Economic Sciences
IIT Kanpur

Day 1: Friday, August 7

Venue: ESB - 2 Building, 3rd Floor, Conference Room (435)

Time	Session Details
09:00–09:30	Registration
09:30–09:45	Inauguration, Welcome Address & Opening Remarks
09:45–11:00	Keynote talk: Sonalde Desai (University of Maryland College Park) <i>“A Tale of Two Middle Classes.”</i>
11:00–11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
11:30–12:30	Soham Sahoo (IIM Bangalore) <i>“First-Generation Status as a Criterion for Affirmative Action: Education and Labour Market Effects of a Tuition Waiver in India.”</i>
12:30–13:30	Vidya Vemireddy (IIM Ahmedabad) <i>“Positioning Rural India in Global Value Chains: New Directions for Research and Policy.”</i>
13:30–15:00	Lunch
15:00–16:00	Souvik Banerjee (IIT Bombay) <i>“Air Pollution and Diabetes: Causal Evidence from Atmospheric Dispersion in India.”</i>
16:00–17:00	Plenary talk: Ritwik Banerjee (IIM Bangalore) <i>“Norms and Narratives: Cross-Gender Misperceptions about Women’s Work in India.”</i>

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17:00–17:30	Coffee/Tea Break
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19:00–22:00	Dinner at VH2 Dining Hall
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Day 2: Saturday, August 8

Venue: ESB - 2 Building, 3rd Floor, Conference Room (435)

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10:00–11:00	Plenary talk: Nirupama Kulkarni (CAFRAL)
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“The End of Easy Deposits: What Competition Means for Banks and Credit.”

11:00–11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
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11:30–12:30	Kumar Alok (IIT Kanpur)
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“From Making Policy to Learning from Policy: The Missing(?) Stage in India’s Policy Cycle.”

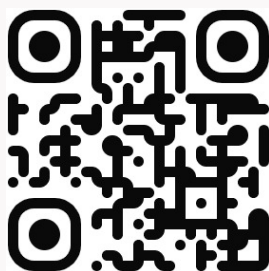
12:30–13:30	Tirthankar Patnaik (NSE of India)
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“Role of Equity in Household Wealth in India.”

13:30–13:45	Vote of Thanks
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13:45–	Lunch
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