

**Society for Economic Research in India (SERI)
Third Annual Conference at Ashoka University
July 28 and 29, 2017**

Conference Program

Day 1: July 28, 2017 (Friday)

- 08.30 - 09.30: Breakfast
- 09.30 - 09.50: Registration
- 09.50 - 10.00: Welcome Remarks by Bhaskar Dutta
- 10.00 - 11.00: Talk 1
Speaker: Deepal Basak (Indian School of Business)
Title of paper: “Diffusing Coordination Risk” (joint with Zhen Zhou)
- 11.00 - 12.00: Talk 2
Speaker: Sabyasachi Das (Ashoka University and Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi)
Title of paper: “Efficiency Consequences of Affirmative Action in Politics: Theory and Evidence from India” (joint with Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay and Rajas Saroy)
- 12.00 - 13.30: Lunch
SERI Core Committee Meeting (Lunch Meeting)
- 13.30 - 14.30: Talk 3
Speaker: Bipasha Maity (Ashoka University and Osaka University)
Title of paper: “The Legacy of Female Landlords in India” (joint with Siwan Anderson)
- 14.30 - 15.30: Talk 4
Speaker: Tarun Jain (Indian School of Business)
Title of Paper: “Can School-Based Gender Sensitization Programs Mitigate the Gender Gap? Evidence from India” (joint with Seema Jayachandran and Diva Dhar)
- 15.30 - 16.00: Coffee Break
- 16:00 - 17:00: Talk 5
Speaker: Nirupama Kulkarni (CAFRAL)
Title of paper: “Misallocation due to Inefficient Exits—Evidence from India”
- 17.00 - 18.00: Talk 6
Speaker: Arghya Bhattacharya (Ashoka University and UC Irvine)
Title of paper: “The Black Market for Currencies: Theory and Evidence”
- 18.10 - 20.10: Conference Dinner

Day 2: July 29, 2017 (Saturday)

- 9.00 - 10.00: Breakfast
- 10.00 - 11.00: Talk 7
Speaker: Mridu Prabal Goswami (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research)
Title of Paper: “Unhappy Sets and Lexicographic Preferences” (joint with Manipushpak Mitra and Debapriya Sen)
- 11.00 - 12.00: Talk 8
Speaker: Ritwik Banerjee (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore)
Title of Paper: “The Spillover Effects of Affirmative Action on Competitiveness and Unethical Behavior” (joint with Nabanita Datta Gupta and Marie Claire Villeval)
- 12.00 - 13.00: Lunch
- 13.00 - 14.00: Talk 9
Speaker: Anirban Kar (Delhi School of Economics)
Title of paper: “Local Institutional Structure and Clientelistic Access to Employment” (joint with Anindya Bhattacharya and Alita Nandi)
- 14.00 - 15.00: Talk 10
Speaker: Vidhya Soundararajan (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore)
Title of Paper: “Uncovering the Role of Political Activists in Clientelistic Settings: Evidence from an Indian Public Works Program” (joint with Nancy H. Chau and Yanyan Liu)
- 15.00 - 15.05: Vote of Thanks
- 15.05 - 15.30: Tea and Coffee
- 15.30 onwards: Participants depart for Delhi/Airport

Program Committee

Abhinash Borah (Ashoka), Sujoy Chakravarty (JNU), Sudha Narayanan (IGIDR)