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A Ministry of Finance, Government of India Initiative
R-1, Baishnabghata Patuli Township, Kolkata – 700 094,

Eighth Annual International Conference on Public Finance and Public Policy
7th to 9th January 2019

7th January 2019

10:30am to 10:45am: Registration / Inauguration / Tea

Morning Session **Chairperson: Sugata Marjit, RBI Professor of Industrial Economics**

10:45am to 12:00pm: **Optimal Opacity in International Negotiations (Invited Speaker)**
Marcel Thum, *Ifo Institute, Dresden*

12:00pm to 12:15pm: Tea Break

12:15pm to 1:00pm: **Revisiting the Issue of Bribery on Firm Performance in India: A Political Economy Perspective**
Ritika Jain, *Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum*

1:00pm to 1:45pm: **Public Institutions in a Developing Country: Do Behavioral Biases Affect Perceptions about Efficacy**
Somdeep Chatterjee, *Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow*

1:45pm to 2:45pm: Lunch

Afternoon Session **Chairperson: Saibal Kar, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta**

2:45pm to 3:30pm: **Conspicuous Consumption and Status Effect: An Empirical Study on India**
Sattwik Santra, *CTRFPF*

3:30pm to 4:45pm: **Policy Analysis with a ‘Structural-Reduced Form’ Middle Ground Approach: An application to Earnings and Agricultural-Nonagricultural Occupational Choices in India (Invited Speaker)**
Tirthatanmoy Das, *Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore*



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8th January 2019

Morning Session

Chairperson: Jyotsna Jalan, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta

10:45am to 11:30am:

Distribution Neutral Fiscal Policy with Distorting Taxes and Transfers
Sugata Marjit, CSSSC

11:30am to 11:45am:

Tea Break

11:45am to 1:00pm:

Indian Corporate Network & Companies Act 2013: Shrinking Concentration of Corporate Elites with Persistent Low Mobility. (Invited Speaker)

Anindya S. Chakrabarti, *Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad*

1:00pm to 1:45pm:

Economic Performance and Electoral Volatility: Testing the Economic Voting Hypothesis on Indian States: 1957-2013

Bharatee B Das, *Xavier University, Bhubaneswar*
J Stephen Ferris, *Carleton University, Ottawa*

1:45pm to 2:45pm:

Lunch

Afternoon Session

Chairperson: Tushar Kanti Nandi, CTRFPF

2:45pm to 3:30pm:

Pollution Abatement, Trade and Production Organization: Theory and Local Evidence

Saibal Kar, CSSSC

3:30pm to 4:15pm:

Poverty and Gender Inequality: Household Responses to India's Trade Reforms

Ashmita Gupta, *Wageningen University, Netherlands*
Janneke Pieters, *Wageningen University, Netherlands*



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Morning Session

**Chairperson: Pranab Kumar Das, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences,
Calcutta**

10:45am to 12:00pm:

**Taxation and Supplier Networks: Evidence from Value-Added
Taxes in India (Invited Speaker)**

Lucie Gadenne, *University of Warwick, United Kingdom*

12:00pm to 12:15pm:

Tea Break

12:15pm to 1:00pm:

Political Economy of Corruption in ‘Red Tape’

Poulomi Bhattacharya, *Jadavpur University, Calcutta*

Vivekananda Mukherjee, *Jadavpur University, Calcutta*

1:00pm to 1:45pm:

Other Regarding Principal and Moral Hazard with Multiple Agents

Swapnendu Banerjee, *Jadavpur University, Calcutta*

1:45pm to 2:45pm:

Lunch