

***SARNET Regional Workshop on***  
**“MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF EMPLOYMENT & INCLUSIVE  
GROWTH IN SOUTH ASIA”**

**24-25 OCTOBER 2015**

**Venue:**  
**ICSSR Conference Hall, JNU Institutional Area,  
Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, New Delhi**

***Organised by:***

**Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi**

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# Programme

SATURDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2015

- 0830-0900** : **TEA AND REGISTRATION**
- 0900-0930** : **OPENING SESSION:**  
*“Welcome and Opening Remarks”*  
**Alakh N. Sharma**, Director, IHD and SARNET Director  
**Anindya Chatterjee**, Director, Asia Regional Office, IDRC  
**Nagesh Kumar**, Head, UNESCAP South and South-West Asia office  
**Sher Verick** Deputy Director, ILO Country Office, Delhi
- 0930-1110** : **SESSION I: ECONOMIC GROWTH, DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND CHANGING STRUCTURE AND PATTERN OF LABOUR MARKETS IN SOUTH ASIA**
- Chair : **Rushidan Islam Rahman**, Research Director, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Dhaka
- Presentations : *“Demographic and Labour Market Trends in South Asia”*  
**J. Krishnamurty**, Sandip Sarkar & Balwant Mehta, IHD, New Delhi
- : *Migration in South Asia: Trends and Policy Concerns*  
**Ravi Srivastava**, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
- Discussants : **Selim Raihan**, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Amitabh Kundu**, Visiting Professor, IHD
- 1110-1130** : **Tea**
- 1130-1300** : **SESSION II: INFORMALITY AND STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION’**
- Chair : **Jayati Ghosh**, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Presentations : *“Growth, Employment and Uncertain Path of Structural Transformation”*  
**Rizwanul Islam**, Visiting Professor, IHD and Former Senior Advisor, ILO, Geneva
- Informality: Why is the “Standard Employment Relationship” Non-standard in South Asia*  
**T. S. Papola**, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development; & **Dev Nathan**, IHD

- Discussants : **Ajit Ghose**, Visiting Professor, IHD
- Dilli Raj Khanal**, Founder Chairman, Institute of Policy Research and Development (IRPAD), Kathmandu
- 1300-1345** : **Lunch**
- 1345-1510** : **SESSION III: LABOUR MARKET INEQUALITIES AND EXCLUSIONS**
- Chair : **Aliya H Khan**, Professor of Economics and Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Quaid-i-Azam Univ, Islamabad
- Presentations : ***Level of Income and Earnings and Inequality in South Asia***  
**Sandip Sarkar & Balwant Mehta**, IHD
- Gender Relations and Labour Markets***  
Dev Nathan, IHD; Preet Rustagi, IHD & Shukti Dasgupta, ILO Bangkok
- Discussants** : **B.N. Goldar**, Professor, Institute of Economic Growth
- Bishnu Dev Pant**, Team Leader and Executive Director  
Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS)  
Kathmandu, Nepal
- Ratna M. Sudarshan**, National University Educational  
Planning and Administration, New Delhi
- 1510-1530** : **Tea**
- 1530-1700** : **SESSION IV: MACRO-ECONOMIC POLICIES AND LABOUR MARKET REGULATIONS**
- Chair : **Dr. Iyanatul Islam**, Chief of the Employment and Labour  
Market Policies Branch, ILO, Geneva
- Presentation : ***Macro Economic Policies***  
**Muhammed Muqtada**, Former Senior Employment  
Policy Specialist, International Labour Organisation, Geneva
- Labour Market Regulations***  
**Sher Verick**, Deputy Director, International Labour  
Organisation, Delhi
- Discussants : **Sunanda Sen**, Former Professor, JNU
- Manoj Panda**, Director, Institute for Economic Growth, New  
Delhi

**S.K. Sasikumar**, Senior Fellow, VV Giri National Labour Institute, Noida

**1700-1900**

: **SESSION V: EDUCATION AND SKILLS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION**

Chair

: **Ashwani Saith**, Professor Emeritus, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands

Presentations

: ***Education and Skills***

Tanuka Endow, IHD and Paul Comyn, ILO

***Social Protection***

Dev Nathan, Akhilesh, et. al, IHD

Discussants

: **Jean Dreze**, Visiting Professor, Ranchi University

**J.B.G. Tilak**, National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi

**Prakash K Shrestha**, Director, Nepal Rashtra Bank  
Kathmandu, Nepal

**Ganga Tilakratne**, Senior Researcher, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Colombo

**1900**

: **Dinner**

**25 OCTOBER 2015**

**0900-1000**

: **SESSION VI: TRADE, REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH**

Chair

: **Nagesh Kumar**, Head, UNESCAP South and South-West Asia office

Presentation

: ***Trade and Inclusive Growth : Implications for Employment and Regional Integration in South Asia***

Selim Raihan, University of Dhaka and SANEM

Discussants

: **Posh Raj Pandey**, Executive Director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu

**Bishwajeet Dhar**, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

**1000-1100**

: **SESSION VII: SARNET DATA BANK**

Chair

: **Gerry Rodgers**, Visiting Professor, IHD

Presentation

: **Sandip Sarkar, Balwant Mehta and Akhilesh K. Sharma**, IHD

**1100-1115**

: **Tea**

- 1115-1300** : **SESSION VIII: SUMMING UP AND CONCLUDING PANEL  
PANEL DISCUSSION: “Key Findings and Future Priorities for  
Research and Policy”**
- Chair : **Saman Kelegama**, Executive Director, Institute of Policy  
Studies, Colombo
- Highlights of the Main  
Deliberations of the Workshop** : **Alakh N. Sharma**, IHD  
**Sher Verick**, Deputy Director, ILO
- Panelists** : **Gerry Rodgers**, Visiting Professor, IHD  
**Rizwanul Islam**, Visiting Professor & Former Senior Advisor  
International Labour Organisation, Geneva  
**Iyanatul Islam**, Chief of the Employment and Labour Market  
Policies Branch, International Labour Organisation, Geneva  
**Aliya Khan**, Professor of Economics & Dean, Faculty of Social  
Sciences, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad  
**Pushpa Raj Rajkarnikar**, Chairman, Institute for Policy  
Research and Development and Former Member of National  
Planning Commission and Former Deputy Governor Nepal  
Rastra Bank  
**Maitreyi B Das**, Lead Social Development Specialist and  
Team Leader for Social Inclusion in the Social, Urban, Rural  
and Resilience Global Practice, World Bank, Washington, D.C
- 1330-1345** : **Lunch**
- 1345-1530** : **SESSION IX: CHALLENGES OF EMPLOYMENT IN INDIA  
(BASED ON DRAFT INDIA EMPLOYMENT REPORT 2016)**
- Chair : **TCA Anant**, Chief Statistician and Secretary, Ministry of  
Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of  
India
- Presentation : **Ajit Ghose**, Visiting Professor, IHD
- Discussants** : **KV Ramaswamy**, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development  
Research, Mumbai  
**Arup Mitra**, Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi
- 1530-1545** : **Tea**
- 1545-1715** : **SESSION X: MANUFACTURING-LED GROWTH IN INDIA:  
ISSUES AND PERSPECTIVES (BASED ON DRAFT INDIA  
EMPLOYMENT REPORT 2016)**
- Chair : **Ajay Shankar**, Former Secretary, Department of Industrial  
Department and Policy, Govt. of India (TBC)

- Presentation : **Ajit Ghose**, Visiting Professor, IHD
- Discussants** : **Rajiv Kumar**, Senior Fellow, Center for Policy Research, New Delhi (TBC)
- Rajat Kathuria**, Director & CE, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi (TBC)
- 1715-1730** : **Closing Session**
- 1730** : **Tea and Refreshments**