



MONSOON SCHOOL ON INEQUALITY

FROM JULY 12 - JULY 14 2026 AT CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

2026

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 July 12, 2026 - July 14, 2026

 Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

EVENT BROCHURE

ABOUT THE EVENT



The Monsoon School on Inequality, set to be one of the highlight events of the Inequality Working Group (IWG) for 2026, is an initiative designed to address socio-economic and educational disparities in India through a series of engaging and insightful activities. The event aims to provide a platform for young scholars, particularly undergraduates, masters, and PhD students, to engage with and understand the complexities of economic inequality from various academic perspectives and real-world applications. Participants will gain a multifaceted understanding of economic inequality, exploring this pressing issue through diverse lenses, including education, gender, caste, socio-cultural dynamics, and policy changes. This is a unique opportunity to interact with leading scholars and policy experts, gain practical skills, and contribute to an ongoing dialogue about creating more equitable economic structures.

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE



DAY 1 JULY 12, 2026 (SUNDAY)

9:00 AM Registration

9:30 AM **Welcome Address & School Introduction**
(Joan Robinson Hall)

Nandu Sasidharan¹ & Veeramani C²
Co-ordinator YSI -INET¹ Professor and Director, CDS²

10:00 AM Mentor-mentee interaction - I
(Baker Hall)

11:30 PM Tea Break

11:45 AM Mentor-mentee interaction - II
(Baker Hall)

1:00 PM Lunch

2:00 PM **Invited Lecture - I** (Joan Robinson Hall)
Title: Long-Term Effects of Childhood Exposure to
Communal Violence on the Economic and Mental
Well-Being of Minorities
Soham Sahoo
(Indian Institute of Management, Banaglore.)

Chair:

Ritika Jain

Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

3:15 PM Tea Break

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DAY 1 JULY 12, 2026 (SUNDAY)

3:30 PM

Book Discussion - I (Joan Robinson Hall)

Seeking Allah's Hierarchy: Caste, Labour and Islam in India.

P.C. Saidalavi

(Author; Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR)

Discussants:

Thiagu Ranganathan

Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

Mohamed Shemil

Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

5:00 PM

Break

5:15 PM

Panel Discussion - I (Joan Robinson Hall)

Fiscal Constraints to Welfare Policy

Panelists:

Sowmya Dhanraj

Good Business Lab, Bengaluru

Aswathy Rachel Varughese

Gulati Institute of Finance & Taxation, Thiruvananthapuram

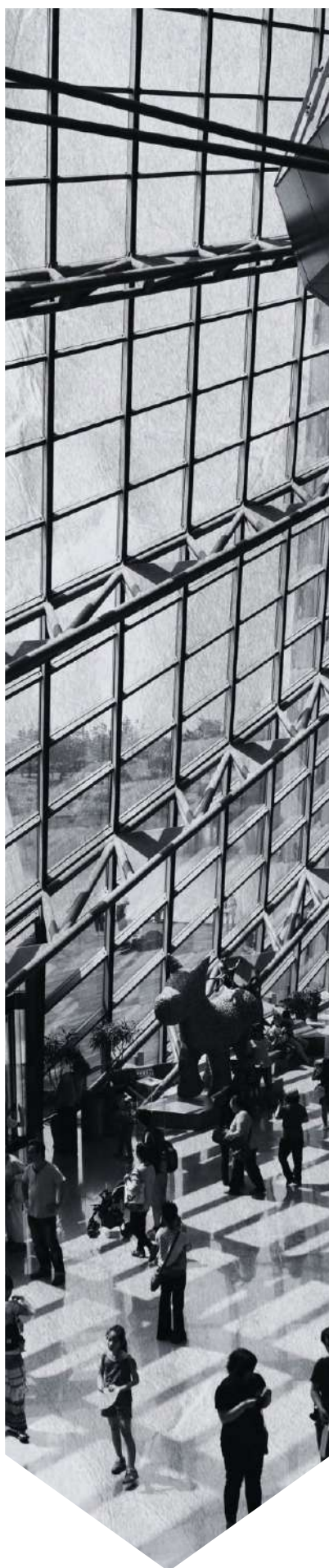
Nandu Sasidharan (Moderator)

Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

8:00 PM

Dinner

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE



DAY 2 JULY 13, 2026 (MONDAY)

9:30 AM

Keynote Session (Joan Robinson Hall)
Informality and Labour Markets in the Age of AI
Kunal Sen
Professor, University of Manchester &
Council Member, Royal Economic Society

Chair:
C Veeramani
Director,
Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

11:00 AM

Tea Break

11:15 AM

Invited Lecture - II (Joan Robinson Hall)
Poverty, Inequality, and Working Hours: Evidence on Veblen Effects from Labour Markets in India
Karthikeya Naraparaju
(Indian Institute of Management, Indore)

Chair:
Amartya Paul
Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

12:30 PM

Lunch

1:30 PM

Research Scholars Presentation I
Session A: Economic Inequality and its measures
Venue: Joan Robinson Hall

Discussants: Amartya Paul & Sanjeev Vasudevan

What Does a Low Consumption Inequality Convey about the Indian Economy
Chaitanya Talreja (Shiv Nadar University, Chennai)

Female Ownership and Access to Credit in Indian Firms
Hasavath Santhosh Naik (Centre for Development Studies)

What Income Misses: Uncovering Hidden Inequality Among India's Poor
Priyanka Gopalakrishnan (University of Leeds)

The Dynamics of Global Consumption and Income Inequality: A Comparative Analysis (1990–2023)
Surya Thampi (IIT Roorkee)

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DAY 2 JULY 13, 2026 (MONDAY)

Session B: Social Mobility and equal opportunities

Venue: TBD

Discussants: **Thiagu Ranganathan & Karthikeya N**

Occupational Mobility and the Place Premium in Kerala-Gulf Migration
Ahsana (Centre for Development Studies)

Coal Mining, capital-labour relations and mafia: a study of Jharia coal fields in Jharkhand
Lovely Kumari (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

The Mobility Paradox: Parental Occupation, Cultural Capital, and Women's Entry into the Public Sector Engineering in Bihar
Pallavi (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

Algorithmic Precarity and Structural Inequality: Platform Capitalism and the Reproduction of Social Inequality among Gig Workers in Delhi
Roshan Pandey (Banaras Hindu University)

3:30 PM

Coffee Break

4:00 PM

Book Discussion - II (Joan Robinson Hall) **Family, Women, And Ill-being: A Critique of the Family in Twenty-First Century Kerala**

J Devika

(Author; Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram)

P.C Saidalavi

(Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR)

Srimanjori Guha

Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

5:15 PM

Break

5:30 PM

Workshop Session on Research Grants & Fellowships (Joan Robinson Hall) **YSI & Economiga**

8:00 PM

Social Dinner

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE



DAY 3 JULY 14, 2026 (TUESDAY)

9:15 AM

Panel Discussion II (Joan Robinson Hall) **Trade Policy and Inequality: Challenges in a Disrupted World**

Sanjeev Vasudevan

Madras School of Economics

Rajit Biswas

Centre for Development Studies

M Parameswaran (Moderator)

Centre for Development Studies

10:30 AM

Tea Break

10:45 AM

Research Scholars Presentation II

Session A: Economic Growth, Structural Transformation, Trade Policy and Inequality

Venue: TBD

Discussants: **Nandu Sasidharan and Sowmya Dhanraj**

Uniform Policy Uneven Effects: GST and Service Income of Financial Firms

Siddharth S (Ahmedabad University)

Constraints to Firm Growth in India: Evidence from World Bank Enterprise Survey

Sidharth A R (Azim Premji University)

The Redistributive Impact of Taxation: Does Composition Matter? Evidence from a cross-country Panel Analysis

Sona Muraleedharan (Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, Thiruvananthapuram)

Moving Up the Value Chain, Leaving Labour Behind? GVC Position and Labour Income Share across Sectors and Economies

Stevalal (Indian Institute of Management-Nagpur)

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Session B: Education, Health, Gender and Inequality

Venue: Joan Robinson Hall

Discussants: **Soham Sahoo and Aswathy Rachel**

Does the Size of State Spending on Health Matter for Social Gaps in Health Outcomes? A Panel Data Analysis

Aboobacker Thachaparamban (Fiscal Policy Institute, Bengaluru)

Educational Inequality across and within Social Groups in Bihar

Rajeev Kumar (IIT Delhi)

The Womb under Heat: Temperature Shocks, Maternal Care, and Birth Weight in India

Sapan Kumar Pradhan (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Gender Pay Gap: A comparison of informal vs. formal sector

Rayees Ahmad Sheikh (Indian Institute of Management-Indore)

1:00 PM

Lunch Break

2:00 PM

Valedictory Session (Joan Robinson Hall)

Chair

C Veeramani

Director,

Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

Valedictory Address

Roji M John

Hon. Minister of Higher Education, Govt of Kerala

Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks

Nandu Sasidharan¹ & Alan Seemon²

Co-ordinator YSI -INET¹ Director, Economiga Foundation²

3:30 PM

High Tea



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