**Conference on Kerala and the World Economy**  
18 – 19 March 2024  
Joan Robinson Hall, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

**PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

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| • Examining the impact of Gulf migration, return and remittances on the labour market in Kerala  
  By Mohd Imran Khan |
| • Effect of IT skills on wage returns of Indian immigrant workers in Gulf countries  
  By Azad P |
| • Connecting opportunities: Impact of mobile phones on migrant workers - Evidence from a field study in Kerala, India  
  By Jayesh MP and Jayan Jose Thomas |
| **Tea Break (11:45 – 12.00 PM)** |
| **Session 2:** Tourism and Plantation (12.00 – 01:30 PM) | **Chair: Prof. Vinoj Abraham, CDS** |
| Papers: | |
| • Decoding Tourism and Development: The Kerala Experience  
  By Nalini Netto |
| • Democratic Decentralisation and Good Governance: A case study of COVID response strategies of Kerala Tourism Development Corporation (KTDC)  
  By Anoo Anthony |
| • Global shocks and commodity crisis in India: A critical assessment of smallholder rubber sector in Kerala  
  By P. K. Viswanathan |
| **Lunch Break (1:30 – 2:30 PM)** |
| **Session 3:** Industry, Innovation and Development (02:30 –04.00 PM) | **Chair: Prof. Beena P. L, CDS** |
| Papers: | |
| • Local and global impact of two biomedical products developed in Kerala: Few observations  
  By Chidambaran Gurunathan Iyer |
| • Revisiting Kerala’s manufacturing sector: New trends in production, labour and trade  
  By Abhinav Surya L T and Sachin Varghese Titty |
| • Globalisation, Special Economic Zones and Development: Are there spatial spillovers in Kerala?  
  By Beena P. L., Rajarshi Chowdhury and Saikat Sinha Roy |
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| 04:30 – 05:30 PM | **Panel Discussion** on *Kerala Economy: Employment, Growth and Sustainability*  
**Chair:** Shri K. M. Chandrasekhar, Former Chairman, CDS  
Panellists:  
- Prof. J. Devika, CDS  
- Prof. K N Harilal, Former Faculty, CDS  
- Dr. A. V. Jose, Honorary Fellow, GIFT  
- Prof. Shanthakumar V, Azim Premji University |

**Day 2: 19th March, 2024**

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| 10:00 – 11:30 AM | **Session 4:**  
**Issues in Public Finance 1**  
**Chair:** Prof. Saikat Sinha Roy, Jadavpur University  
Papers:  
- Kerala model of recentralization?! How the autonomy of municipal governments are eroding in the state  
  By Muhammed Riyas MP  
- Fiscal crisis in Kerala: A political economy perspective  
  By Shamna Thachaparmban  
- Economic reality and media perceptions of Punjab and Kerala  
  By Jayesh MP, Nikhil Sharma and Sumedha Singh |
| 11:30 – 11:45 AM | Tea Break                                                            |
| 11:45 AM – 01:15 PM | **Session 5:**  
**Issues in Public Finance 2**  
**Chair:** Dr. Hrushikes Mallick, CDS  
Papers:  
- Six years of GST in India: Has it improved tax revenue collection?  
  By Jerome Joseph and Kiran Kumar Kakarlapudi  
- Public expenditures and deficits among states in India in the post FRBM period: An analysis with special focus to Kerala's fiscal position  
  By Sumalatha B S and L. Anitha Kumary  
- Fiscal Crisis in Kerala? Beyond off-budget and contingent liabilities  
  By Justine George and Nandu Sasidharan |
| 01:15 – 02:30 PM | Lunch Break                                                          |
| 02.30 – 04.00 PM | **Special Lecture**  
**Chair:** Shri R Mohan, Former Commissioner of Income Tax  
Fiscal Federalism, Revenue Transfers and State Finances of Kerala: Issues, Options and Challenges  
By Prof. Pinaki Chakraborty, Former Director, NIPFP |
| 04.00 – 04.30 PM | **Valedictory Session**  
**Chair:** Prof. Pinaki Chakraborty, Former Director, NIPFP  
**Valedictory Address by Shri. Ajith Kolassery, CEO, NORKA**  
Followed by Vote of Thanks by Gogol Mitra Thakur, CDS |
|                 | Tea Break (04:30 PM onwards)                                         |