

**Speaker:**

Ajit Mishra (University of Bath)

**Date and Time:**

July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Wednesday) at 3:30 PM

**Venue:**

Room 307 (Conference room), Department of Economics, IIT Bombay

**Title:**

**Identifying the Vulnerable: Concepts and Measures**

**Abstract:**

Vulnerability of poverty captures the susceptibility of households and individuals to fall into poverty in the future. Identification of the vulnerable households is a key component of vulnerability assessment and corresponding policy interventions. The informational requirements for this exercise can be immense. In the light of this, we propose and provide justifications for certain identification methods. Using one such method, where the household is considered vulnerable if the probability of falling below poverty exceeds certain threshold, we examine the 'factors' associated with the vulnerable, using high-frequency consumption data.

**About the speaker:**

Ajit Mishra is Professor & Head of Department of Economics at the University of Bath. Prior to Bath, he has taught at various places including University of Dundee, University of Edinburgh, Delhi School of Economics and IGIDR. He has served as the Director of the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, and has had visiting positions at several institutions including Cornell University, Boston University, Ashoka University, and the World Bank.

His key research areas include the study of corruption and governance; informal sector; inequality; vulnerability and poverty. Among his published books are *The Economics of Corruption* (2005, OUP), *Markets, Governance, and Institutions in the Process of Economic Development* co-edited with Tridip Ray (2017, OUP), *Law and Economic Development: Behavioral and Moral Foundations of a Changing World*, co-edited with Kaushik Basu (2023, Palgrave Macmillan) and *The Political Economy of Corruption* co-edited with Chandan Jha and Sudipta Sarangi (2024, Routledge).