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3rd Meeting of Young Minds in Frontiers of Economics

Challenges and Emerging Perspectives

April 9-11, 2026 at IIT Bombay

The field of economics is evolving rapidly, with emerging technologies and new policy frameworks reshaping economic thought and practice. This conference provides a platform for young scholars to engage in critical discussions and reimagine development strategies in a globalized world.

Thursday, 9 April 2026

Venue: Room No. 401 (Seminar Hall), 4th Floor, Department of Economics

13:30-14:30 **Registration + Tea/Snacks**

14:30-15:00 **Inaugural Session**

14:30 to 14:40 Introduction

14:40 to 14:50 Welcome Address by **Prof. K Narayanan**, Head, Department of Economics, IITB

14:50 to 15:00 Welcome Address by **Ms. Sunanda Nair-Bidkar**, Chief of Strategy & Operations, INET

15:00-16:00 **Plenary Talk**

Speaker: **Krishnendu Ghosh Dastidar**, Professor, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, JNU

Topic: Incomplete Information Price Competition Revisited: Fixed Costs Matter

16:00-16:30 Tea Break | 4th and 5th Floor Lobby

16:30-18:10 **Session-1: Development I**

Session Chair: Prof. Saptarshi Ghosh

1. *Impact of Cash Transfer Program on Time Use Patterns of Agricultural Households: Evidence from India*

Vikhil Sonna, Madras School of Economics

2. *Premature Mortality and Poverty in India*

Arpita Kundu, Presidency University

3. *Microinsurance Access in Semi-Urban India: Empirical Insights*

Ayushi Rai, Shailesh J. Mehta School of Management, IIT Bombay

4. *Beyond Quotas: How Affirmative Action Shapes Marriage, Fertility, and Women's Work in India*

Pragati, IIT Kanpur

20:00-22:00 Welcome Dinner | *Gulmohar Banquet Hall*

Friday, 10 April 2026

Venue: Room No. 401 (Seminar Hall), 4th Floor, Department of Economics

09:00-10:40 **Session-2: Climate**

Session Chair: Prof. Neha Gupta

5. *Air Pollution and Diabetes: Causal Evidence from Atmospheric Dispersion in India*
Sonali Mishra, IIT Bombay
6. *Impact of Heat on Sleep: Evidence from India*
Manas Nandan, IISER Bhopal
7. *The Impact of Cyclones on Schooling and Learning Outcomes: Evidence from India*
Aadarsh, IISER Bhopal
8. *Flood Fatalities and Indian Built Environment: A District Level Analysis*
Aayush Shah, IIT Madras

10:40-11:00 Tea Break | 4th and 5th Floor Lobby

11:00-12:00 **Plenary Talk**

Speaker: C. Veeramani, Director & Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

Topic: Global Trade, Tariffs, and Geopolitical Challenges

12:00-13:45 Lunch Break

13:45-15:25 **Session-3: Macroeconomics and International Trade**

Session Chair: Prof. Monisankar Bishnu

9. *Geo-Spatial Proximity and Cross Border Effects on Location Choice in a Globalised Economy*
Supriyo Mondal, Jawaharlal Nehru University
10. *Examining the Effect of International Species Trade on the Biodiversity of India*
Sravan Chennuru, University of Hyderabad
11. *Economic Determinants of Global Stock Markets' Interdependence*
Arundhathi KB, IIT Bombay
12. *Informality, Monetary Policy, and Effective Stabilisation: A Case of Tanzania in Sub-Saharan Africa*
Samson Simwanza, Delhi School of Economics

15:25-15:45 Tea Break | 4th and 5th Floor Lobby

15:45-17:25 Session-4: Applied Microeconomics

Session Chair: Prof. Krishnendu Ghosh Dastidar

13. *How Does Tightening Patent Protection Policy Affect Welfare?*

Rudra Narayan Kushwaha, IGDR, Mumbai

14. *Identity Focus in Political Campaigns*

Ravi Ashok Satpute, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta

15. *Queueing Problems with Capacity-Constrained Shifts*

Devvrat Dube, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

16. *Discreet Ties: Regional Trade Agreements and Their Trade Impact on Member and Non-Member Nations*

Manish Chauhan, IIT Kanpur

17:25-17:45 Tea Break | 4th and 5th Floor Lobby

17:45-18:45 Session-5: Energy

Session Chair: Prof. Suma Athreye

17. *Does Electrification Reduce Household Carbon Intensity? Evidence from Rural India*

Srikant Shaw, IIT Madras

18. *Clean Cooking Fuels in India: Unequal Transitions Across Different Social and Spatial Groups over a Decade*

Shelja, IIT Madras

20:00-22:00 Grand Dinner | Gulmohar Banquet Hall

Saturday, 11 April 2026

Venue: Room No. 401 (Seminar Hall), 4th Floor, Department of Economics

09:00-10:15 Session-6: Development II

Session Chair: Prof. Aditi Chaubal

19. *Local Economic Shock and Time Preferences*

Sana Rajar, IIT Bombay

20. *Internet Adoption, Gender and Productivity in Informal Firms in India*

Jayati Chatterjee, IIT Madras

21. *Impact of Excess CSR Expenditure on Stock Market Performance of Firms*

10:15-10:30 Tea Break | *4th and 5th Floor Lobby*

10:30-11:30 **Plenary Talk**

Speaker: Suma Athreya, Professor, School of Public Policy, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Title: Socially Motivated Firms and Innovation Outcomes

11:35-12:50 **Session-7: Finance**

Session Chair: Prof. Radeef Chundakkadan

22. *Disciplining or Distorting? Creditor Rights, Managerial Ability, Promoter Share Pledging, and Corporate Risk-Taking*

Lavanya Kosuri, IIT Bombay

23. *Market Structure and Energy Performance: Distinct Efficiency Strategies for Competitive and Oligopoly Firms*

Malavika Vipin, IIT Madras

24. *Partial Cross Ownership and Cooperative R&D with Spillovers*

Madhuri Shastry, Delhi School of Economics

12:50-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-15:30 **Plenary Talk**

Speaker: Bino Paul, Professor, School of Management and Labour Studies, TISS, Mumbai

Topic: *Education, Employment and the Indian Labour Market: An Assessment of Sustainability Transition*

15:30-15:45 Tea Break | *4th and 5th Floor Lobby*

15:45-17:00 **Session-8: Gender**

Session Chair: Prof. Puja Padhi

25. *Women's Age at Marriage and Clean Cooking Fuel Adoption in India*

Sandali Prakash Bobde, IIT Hyderabad

26. *Alcohol Prohibition and Female Nutritional Outcomes: Evidence from Rural Bihar*

Bandana Mondal, University of Kalyani

27. *Labour Market Impacts of Free Bus Travel For Women: Evidence from Time Use Data*

Vartika Singh, IISER Bhopal

17:00-17:15 Tea Break | 4th and 5th Floor Lobby

17:15-18:15 **Plenary Talk**

Speaker: Monisankar Bishnu, Professor, Economics and Planning Unit Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi

Title: Pensions and Fiscal Policy: International Experience and Implications for India

Vote of Thanks

18:15-19:00 High Tea

Organising Committee

Prof. K. Narayanan (Head of the Department, Department of Economics, IIT Bombay)

Prof. Tara Shankar Shaw (Professor, Department of Economics, IIT Bombay)

Prof. Aditi Chaubal (Associate Professor, Department of Economics, IIT Bombay)

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Practical Information

How to get to IIT Bombay?

IIT Bombay campus is located at Powai in Mumbai (erstwhile Bombay). Powai is a suburb in the North-Eastern part of Mumbai. The city is very well connected to major cities of India by road, rail, and air. It is also well connected to the major international cities. If you arrive in Bombay by train, the nearest important station is Dadar while the nearest suburban railway station is Kanjurmarg.

If you choose to arrive by air, the domestic (Terminal 1) and international (Terminal 2) airports at Santa Cruz are about 10 km from the campus. There are regular flights to and from all major cities of the country. The Pre-paid taxis and auto rickshaws are available at both airports for Powai.

Travelling by Air

Arrival at Terminal 2

- 1. To book for Pre-paid taxi:** Booking Stalls are near the exit side of the airport. You can book taxis both AC and non-AC to the destination saying IIT Bombay Campus – Powai. Non-AC taxis are the black-yellow taxis and the AC taxis are the blue taxis.
- 2. To book a Paid taxi using Ola/Uber cab services.** Pick-up point: P4 parking lounge in T2 terminal in Mumbai and OLA/Uber pick-up zones.
- 3. Non-AC Black-Yellow taxi:** Black-yellow taxis are also available outside the airport for on-spot booking.
- 4. Auto:** Exit from the airport, walk towards the left side (250 mtrs), and there will be an auto stand.

Google map link from terminal 2 to the guest house:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/WDTe659utwvLqAAL8>

Arrival at Terminal 1

- 1. To book for Pre-paid taxi:** Booking Stalls are near the exit side of the airport. You can book taxis(AC/Non-AC) to the destination saying IIT Bombay Campus – Powai.
- 2. To book a Paid taxi using Ola/Uber cab services.** Ola and Uber: Download the Ola/Uber app and follow the procedure. **Pick-up point:** Exit from the Airport –Same floor– OLA/Uber pick-up zone
- 3. Auto:**Auto–stand is also available outside the airport gate.

Google map link from terminal 1 to the guest house:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/LcmGh7u7bSCiy5T37>

Travelling by train

- Take a train from CSMT (Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus)/Dadar to Kanjurmarg (Central line). Take an auto from Kanjurmarg to the IITB campus.
- Take a train from LTT (Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, Kurla) to Kanjurmarg (Central line). Take an auto from Kanjurmarg to the IITB campus.
- You can also opt for Ola/Uber services with links mentioned above to the destination from respective railway stations.

Accommodation details

All presenting participants from outside Mumbai will stay either in Vanvihar Guest or in Padma Vihar House guest house on the campus, in twin sharing rooms.

Guest house: Vanvihar guest house, IIT Bombay,
Powai, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400076. Phone no: 022- 2576 8946.

- Participants will have to manage their transportation from the airport/train station to the campus.
- For your first entry, you should arrive at Gate Number 2 (the main gate). The security at the main gate has been given a list of people arriving for the MyM-INET Conference. The security will cross-check their names and let them in.
- The Vanvihar guest house is very close to Gate number 2 (the main gate). Participants will report at the reception at the Vanvihar Guest House upon arrival, where they will be allocated a room that they will share with another participant.

Below, please also find some useful information regarding the campus itself:

1. Information about how to get to IIT Bombay - <https://www.iitb.ac.in/en/about-iit-bombay/getting-to-iit-bombay>
2. A map of the campus. https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/grc/sources/IITB_map.pdf
3. An interactive map of the Institute: - <https://insti.app/map>
4. Conference Venue: Victor Menezes Convention Centre (VMCC), Academic Section, Infinite Corridor, IIT Area, Powai, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400076 (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/TxpBSF4eYxTwNEsA9>)
5. During the stay on the campus, all meals will be served at the Padma Vihar Dining Hall. Participants can also visit the following cafes and canteens on the campus for tea/coffee/snacks.

Those close to the conference venue include:

- a. Electrical Engineering Department Canteen on the 2nd Floor of the building.
- b. [Cafe 92 at the SJM School of Management](#)

Those close to the guest house

- c. [Gulmohar Restaurant](#) (with a garden restaurant and an indoor restaurant on the 2nd floor of the building)

For those travelling from outside of India:

1. An electrical adapter will be useful, check [this](#) link. The standard voltage is 230 V and the frequency is 50 Hz, voltage converter won't be needed.

In case of health-related emergencies:

IIT Bombay has a [hospital on campus](#). It is very close to the guest house facility.