

International Conference on  
THE CRISIS OF NEO-LIBERALISM IN INDIA:  
CHALLENGES AND ALTERNATIVES

Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai and  
International Development Economics Associates (IDEAs), New Delhi

13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2009, Conference Hall, TISS, Mumbai

PROGRAMME

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13<sup>th</sup> of March 2009, Friday

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0900: Introductory remarks by S. Parasuraman and Jayati Ghosh

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Session 1: 0915 to 1115

The Global Financial Crisis: Introduction and Context

Jomo K. Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations  
“The Global Crisis”

C. P. Chandrasekhar, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India  
“The Crisis and the Road Ahead: New Directions for Regulating Finance”

Chair and Discussant

C. T. Kurien, Former Director, Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai, India

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Session 2: 1130 to 1330

Global Poverty and Inequality under the Washington Consensus

Giovanni Andrea Cornia, University of Florence, Italy  
“Democratic Change and Income Inequality in Latin America during the Last Decade”

Sanjay G. Reddy, Barnard College, Columbia University, United States  
“Trends in Global Poverty”

Chair and Discussants

Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission, New Delhi, India (Chair)

Himanshu, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India

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Session 3: 1415-1615

Financial Liberalisation, Crises and Macroeconomic Policy in the Developing World

Jayati Ghosh, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India  
“The Global Financial Crisis, Developing Countries and India”

Alicia Puyana, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Mexico City, Mexico  
“Déjà vue: The Impact of the Global Economic Crisis on Latin American Economies”

Chair and Discussant

Sushil Khanna, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Kolkata, India

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Session 4: 1630-1830  
The Chinese Economy in the New Era

Wang Shaoguang, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, Hongkong  
“Is China Prepared to Cope with Economic Slowdown?”

Andong Zhu, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China  
“China’s Growth Model: Problems and Alternatives”

Chair and Discussant

Venkatesh Athreya, Bharatidasan University, Thiruchirapalli, India

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14<sup>th</sup> of March 2009, Saturday

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Session 5: 0900-1100  
Agriculture and Food Security under Neo-liberalism

R. Ramakumar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, India  
“Indian Agriculture under Economic Reforms: A Preliminary Review”

Madhura Swaminathan, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata, India  
“Neo-Liberal Policy and Food Security in India: Impact on the Public Distribution System”

Chair and Discussant

P. Sainath, Rural Affairs Editor, The Hindu, Mumbai

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Session 6: 1115-1315  
Trade and Finance: Livelihood Linkages in India

Parthapratim Pal, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Kolkata, India  
“WTO Agreement on Agriculture: Time to Rethink the Framework?”

Presentation on:

“Trends in Rural Banking in India in the Era of Financial Liberalisation”

Chair and Discussant

Mrityunjay Mohanty, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Kolkata, India

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Session 7: 1400-1600  
Industry, Science and Technology under Economic Reforms

Sudip Chaudhari, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Kolkata, India  
“Nature of Manufacturing Growth in Post-Reforms India: Some Disquieting Features”

T. Jayaraman, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, India  
“Science, Technology and Innovation Policy in India under Economic Reform: A Survey”

Chair and Discussant

S. L. Shetty, Director, Economic and Political Weekly Research Foundation (EPWRF), Mumbai, India

**Session 8: 1700 onwards**  
**Panel Discussion on**  
**“Political and Social Movements and the Resistance to Neo-liberalism”**

**Speakers**

**Sitaram Yechury**, Communist Party of India (Marxist), New Delhi

**S. P. Shukla**, Former Member, Planning Commission, New Delhi, India

**Aruna Roy**, Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sanghatana (MKSS), Rajasthan, India

**P. V. Rajagopal**, Ekta Parishad, Bhopal, India

**Moderator**

**S. Parasuraman**, Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, India

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**15<sup>th</sup> of March 2009, Sunday**

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**Session 9: 0930-1130**  
**Labour and Social Policy**

**Ben Fine**, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK

**“Social Policy and the Crisis of Neo-Liberalism”**

**Praveen Jha**, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India

**“The Well-Being of Labour in Contemporary Indian Economy: What’s Active Labour Market Policy Got to do with it?”**

**Chair and Discussant**

**A. K. Shivakumar**, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), New Delhi, India

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**Session 10: 1145 onwards**  
**Valedictory Public Lecture**  
**“The Global Financial Crisis and the Crisis in Global Capitalism”**

**Prabhat Patnaik**, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India

**“The Economic Crisis and Contemporary Capitalism”**

**Chair**

**K. Seetha Prabhu**, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), New Delhi, India

**Discussant**

**Ben Fine**, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK

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**Vote of Thanks**