



# The LEO Economics Conference Schedule

24th April 2026

1:00 PM-2:00PM	<b>Arrival, Welcome and Lunch</b>
2:00 PM- 2:30PM	<b>Inauguration of Conference   Usha Hasteer Auditorium</b>
2:30PM-3:00PM	<b>Keynote 1: Prof Tarun Jain, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad   Usha Hasteer Auditorium</b>
3:00PM-3:30PM	<b>Keynote 2: Prof Partha Chatterjee, Shiv Nadar University   Usha Hasteer Auditorium</b>
3:30 PM-4:00 PM	<b>Tea / Coffee Break</b>
	<b>Session 1 – How Do Firms and Institutions Adapt to External Signals? Chair - Prof Prakarsh Singh   Usha Hasteer Auditorium</b>
4:00 PM- 4:30PM	Paper 1: Digital Connections: E-commerce in the North and Trade from the South Sarur Chaudhary, Trinity College, University of Cambridge
4:30 PM-5:00PM	Paper 2: From Star to Threat: Lessons from Political Party Organizations Arghya Banerjee, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta
5:00PM-5:30 PM	Paper 3: Unorganized but Not Unaffected: Impact of Technological Change on Labor in the Indian Unorganized Manufacturing Industries Lakhi Narayan Bharadwaj, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati
5:30 PM-6:00 PM	Paper 4: Rural Roads and Firm Behavior in India Binay Shankar, Shiv Nadar University

6:00 PM- 6:30 PM	<b>Tea / Coffee Break</b>
6:30PM	<b>Traditional Night   Usha Hasteer Auditorium</b>
7:30 PM	<b>Dinner   Mess</b>

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9:00 AM-9:30 AM	<b>Tea / Coffee</b>
9:30 AM-10:00 AM	<b>Keynote 3: Prof Somdeep Chatterjee, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta   Usha Hasteer Auditorium</b>
10:00 AM-10:30 AM	<b>Keynote 4: Prof Kanika Mahajan, Ashoka University   Usha Hasteer Auditorium</b>
10:30 AM-11:00 AM	<b>Keynote 5: Prof Nishith Prakash, Northeastern University   Usha Hasteer Auditorium</b>
11:00 AM-11:30 AM	<b>Keynote 6: Prof Pritha Dev, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad   Usha Hasteer Auditorium</b>
11:30 AM- 12:15 PM	<b>Break and Campus Tour</b>
	<b>Session 2 A - How Do Environmental Risks Affect Health Decisions? Chair - Dr. Abhishek Dureja   Room no. 2101</b>
12:15 PM- 12:45 PM	Paper 1: Air Pollution and Diabetes: Causal Evidence from Atmospheric Dispersion in India Sonali Mishra, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
12:45 PM-1:15 PM	Paper 2:Negative health effects of carbon emission reduction can outweigh the climate benefits in developing countries Dr. Raavi Aggarwal, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi
	<b>Session 2 B - What Drives Government Capacity Building? Chair - Dr. Karan Babbar   Room no. 2102</b>
12:15 PM- 12:45 PM	Paper 1: Enhancing Revenue Collection Capacity through Automation: Evidence from a VAT Bhanu Gupta, Ashoka University
12:45 PM-1:15 PM	Paper 2 :Decentralization under strain: Do own revenues enable local governments to manage public health emergencies? Abhishek Tripathy, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
1:15 PM-2:30 PM	<b>Lunch   Mess</b>

	<p align="center"><b>Session 3 A - How Do Admissions and Training Shape Success in the Labor Market?</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Chair - Prof Prakarsh Singh   Room no. 2101</b></p>
2:30PM-3:00PM	<p>Paper 4: Vocational Training and Challenge of Precarity: Evidence from Indian Labour Market Ram Prasad Behera, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta</p>
3:00PM-3:30PM	<p>Paper 5: Selective Admissions and Academic Value-Added: Evidence from Indian Higher Education Naveen Kumar G, BGS College of Engineering &amp; Technology</p>
3:30PM-4:00PM	<p>Paper 6: Education Tracks and Gender Role Attitudes Shraddha Yadav, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research</p>
	<p align="center"><b>Session 3 B - How Do Policies and Norms Shape Women's Agency?</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Chair - Dr. Karan Babbar   Room no. 2102</b></p>
2:30PM-3:00PM	<p>Paper 4: Banning the Bottle, Shifting the Balance: Impact of Reduced Alcohol Consumption on Women's Agency Manini Ojha, OP Jindal Global University</p>
3:00PM-3:30PM	<p>Paper 5: Gender, Culture, and Norms of Equality Kalyani Chaudhuri, Ashoka University</p>
3:30PM-4:00PM	<p>Paper 6: Paid Family Leave and Work Flexibility: The Differential Effects of California Paid Family Leave on Women's Work across Occupations Mansi Wadhwa, Ashoka University</p>
4:00PM - 4:30PM	<p><b>Tea / Coffee Break</b></p>
4:30PM-5:15PM	<p><b>Viksit Bharat session   Room no. 2101</b></p>
5:15PM - 6:00PM	<p><b>Research at Plaksha   Room no. 2101</b></p>
	<p align="center"><b>Session 4 A - Do Institutional Policies Affect Market Efficiency?</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Chair - Dr. Alok Ranjan   Room no. 2101</b></p>
6:00PM-6:30PM	<p>Paper 7 - Assessing the Impact of Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthan Yojana (MKUY) on Preventing Child Marriage in Bihar, India Anzal Ahmad, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee</p>
6:30PM-7:00PM	<p>Paper 8 - A Lesson in Discipline: How a State-led Ban on Corporal Punishment Affects Schooling in India Ahan Karmakar, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta</p>
7:00PM-7:30PM	<p>Paper 9 - Working Capital, Caste, and Misallocation: Evidence from Rural India's Credit Markets Harpreet Singh, McGill University</p>
	<p align="center"><b>Session 4 B- Do Environmental Shocks Change Economic Behavior?</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Chair - Dr. Vasudha Chopra   Room no. 2102</b></p>

6:00PM-6:30PM	Paper 7: License to Kill: Moral Licensing in the Appropriation and Provision of Common-Pool Resources Mohan Rajagopal, Ashoka University
6:30PM-7:00PM	Paper 8: Climate Variability, Irrigation, and Farmers' Crop Diversification Decisions: District-Level Dynamic Evidence from India Aryama Sarkar, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
7:00PM-7:30PM	Paper 9: Monitoring the Air: Causal Evidence on Household and Institutional Responses in India Anomita Ghosh, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal
7:30 PM	<b>Gala Dinner   Multi Purpose Hall</b>

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9:00 AM-9:30 AM	<b>Tea / Coffee</b>
9:30AM-10:00AM	<b>Keynote 7: Prof Rohini Somanathan, Delhi School of Economics   Room no. 2101</b>
	<b>Session 5 A - Are Education Outcomes Driven by the Rule of Law? Chair - Dr. Abhishek Dureja   Room no. 2101</b>
10:00AM-10:30AM	Paper 1 - From Backlash to Benefit: Inter-generational Effects of India's Anti-Dowry Law on Girls' Education Tanya Suman, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal
10:30AM-11:00AM	Paper 2 - Intergenerational Effects of Compulsory English Education: Evidence from India Shubham, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta
	<b>Session 5 B - Do Smart Phones Improve Learning? Chair - Dr. Vasudha Chopra   Room no. 2102</b>
10:00AM-10:30AM	Paper 1 - Phones Impede Learning: Evidence from a Massive Phone-free Classroom Experiment Pradeep Kumar Choudhury, Jawaharlal Nehru University
10:30AM-11:00AM	Paper 2 - Using Experimentation to Improve Phone-Based Education- Evidence from Multiple Field Experiments in Urban India Ambrish Dongre, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
11:00AM-11:45AM	<b>Networking Session +Tea</b>
	<b>Session 6 A - Which Factors Determine Banking Sector Stability and Energy Consumption ? Chair - Prof TV Ramanathan   Room no. 2101</b>
11:45AM-12:15PM	Paper 3 - Climate Transition Risk : Examining the stability of Indian Banking System

	Ishika Goel, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal
12:15PM-12:45PM	Paper 4 - Measuring Common Exposure and Contagion in Indian Banks: Fresh Learnings Shiv Ratan Tiwari, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
12:45PM-1:15PM	Paper 5 - Comparative Study of Machine Learning and Deep Learning Models for Short-Term Energy Consumption Prediction Alice Treesa, Madras School of economics
	<b>Session 6 B - Do Policies Like Free Bus Travel or WFH Affect Women's Labor Market Outcomes?</b> <b>Chair - Dr. Alok Ranjan   Room no. 2102</b>
11:45PM-12:15PM	Paper 3 - Labour Market Impacts of Free Bus Travel Women: Evidence from Time Use Data Vartika Singh, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal
12:15PM-12:45PM	Paper 4 - Work-From-Home Revolution: Enhancing Women's Participation in STEM Pradyun Rame Mehrotra, Indian Institute Of Management, Bangalore
12:45PM-1:15PM	Paper 5 - Connectivity and Crime: The Impact of Broadband Availability on Sexual Assaults in India Anshika Mathur, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence
1:15PM- 1:45PM	<b>Concluding Ceremony   Room no. 2101</b>
2:00 PM	<b>Lunch   Mess</b>