



6th INDIA PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK CONFERENCE

Public Policy Praxis in Global South: Building Coherence and Capacity for Future Challenges

8-11 JUNE 2026



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Day 0 (Pre-conference) | 8th June 2026 (Monday)

2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Masterclasses on Methodologies for early career researchers and participants for the conference.

	Topic	Instructor	
	Time: 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm		
1.	Textual data and Natural Language Processing in policy research	Dr. Nihit Goyal (Assistant Professor, Delft University of Technology (TU Delft), Netherlands)	
2.	Using fuzzy set qualitative evidence for comparative methodology– QCA	Dr. Srikrishna Ayyangar (Associate Professor, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, India)	
3.	Forms of reasoning in public policy	Dr. Sony Pellissery (Professor and Director at the Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, India)	
5.	How to design a survey questionnaire for social science research?	Dr. Siddharth Swaminathan (Associate Professor, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, India)	
	Time: 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm		
6.	Fieldwork in India	Prerna Mukharya (Outline India)	

Day 1 | 9th June 2026 (Tuesday)

8:30 am: Opening remarks

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Panels - Session 1 | 9:15-10:30am

D1-S1-A (9:15am- 10:30am)	
Panel: 03PR04 Barriers and Enablers Shaping Women’s Participation in the Workforce	
Panel Chairs: Padmini Ram (Urban Ethnographers, India), Dr. Gayathri Vasudevan (Sambhav Foundation)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marriage, Motherhood and Women’s Labour Force Participation: Insights from the Ernakulam District of Kerala - Arunima Nair (Graduate, Tata institute of social science) 2. The Flexibility Trap: Unpacking the Gendered Reality of India’s Platform Economy - Kaushiki Sanyal (Fellow, Just Jobs Network) 3. Dole politics and their potential for empowerment: A study of Lakshmir Bhandar in West Bengal - ANUPAM ROY (Assistant professor, NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA) & Dr. Debajit Goswami (Assistant Professor in Public Administration, School of Social Sciences, Netaji Subhash Open University, Kolkata) 4. Women’s workforce participation in urban Odisha: Landscaping institutional, infrastructural, and social barriers - Aishwarya Ramachandran (Senior Associate, Janaagraha) 	

D1-S1-B (9:15am- 10:30am)
Panel: 01NR06: Rethinking Policy Learning and Transfer: Global South as 'Reference'
Panel Chairs: Ekta Singh (Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi), Vaishali Singh (XIM University)
Papers:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exploring the Potential of PDIA as a Shared Language for Policy Learning - Vincy Davis 2. Governance of Ghosts and Gaps: A Realist Synthesis of Social Registry Fragmentation in the Global South - Prasun Chaturvedi (Research Scholar, XIM University) 3. Decentralization of Policy Framing and Transfer: Inclusion of the Global South as Reference, Not Recipient - Alex Kalenga (Anant National University)

D1-S1-C (9:15am- 10:30am)
Panel: 01NR05: Policy making for India's evolving energy transition landscape
Panel Chairs: Dwarkeshwar Dutt (Principal Project Scientist, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi), Sanoj (Jawaharlal Nehru University)
Papers:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barriers to Micro-Level Solar Electrification in India: Policy Instruments, Implementation Gaps, and Pathways to Inclusive Energy Transition - Mohit Kumar Gautam (Research scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur) 2. Circular Economy Principles in Public Policy: Introduction to conceptual Technology-Policy-Sustainable Implementation Framework for EVs - Varunesh Singh (Senior researcher, O.P.Jindal Global University) 3. Lessons from implementation of PM-KUSUM scheme, an empirical account from rural Maharashtra - Prathamesh Antarkar (PhD researcher, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay) 4. Spatial Constraints, Socio-Technical Trade-offs, and Policy Pathways for RE development in India's Net-Zero Transition - Ganesh Hegde (Postdoc, Princeton University), Sukanya Khar, Somya Srivastava, Kaveri Iychettira

D1-S1-D (9:15am- 10:30am)
Panel: 01NR16: Rethinking Climate Governance through SES Lens: Making the Commons Visible
Panel Chairs: Smriti Das (Associate Professor, XLRI Delhi-NCR Campus), Lavanya Suresh (Associate Professor, Birla Institute of Technology and Science)
Papers:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Village to World - an Intergenerational Sharing of Oral Traditions and Skills - Tashi Morup (Projects Director, Ladakh Arts & Media Organisation) 2. Visibilising Social–Ecological Interactions: Insights from 25 Years of Civil Society Engagement in Bhilwara - Lavanya Suresh (Associate Professor, Birla Institute of Technology and Science) Smriti Das (Associate Professor, XLRI Delhi-NCR Campus)

D1-S1-E (9:15am- 10:30am)
Panel: 01NR07: The politics of climate change: The governance of local climate adaptation in India
Panel Chairs: Rama Mohana Turaga (Professor, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad), Pallavi George (PhD candidate, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad)
Papers: 3 sessions
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whose disaster is it anyway? The question of tidal flooding in estuarine Kochi, India- Sumitra Nair (PhD Scholar, Ashoka University) 2. Community-Science Partnerships for Resilience Planning: Overcoming the Paralyzes of Pluralism in the Co-Creation of Knowledge- Pallavi George (PhD Candidate, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad) 3. Why does state-led climate adaptation occur when the costs and benefits of action are diffuse? - Tamanna Dalal (Senior Research Associate, Sustainable Futures Collaborative) 4. Epistemic Injustice and the Politics of Adaptation: Indigenous Knowledge and Governance among Thakar Tribes in Maharashtra- Dr. Sanjana Krishnan (Nayanta University) 5. From Incremental Adjustment to Forced Transformation: Adaptation Responses and Limits among Coastal Fisherfolk- Satya Kishan Namala (Doctoral Scholar, Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management)

D1-S1-F (9:15am- 10:30am)	
Panel:01NR08: Rights-based Policymaking in India: The Past, Present and Future of Public Policy Praxis in the Global South	
Panel Chairs: Ramya C (Senior Research Fellow, ASCI Hyderabad)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Property as a site of Citizenship: The Case of the Enemy Property Act 1968 - Devansh Shrivastava (PhD scholar, National Law School of India University), Malavika Menon (Assistant Professor, Christ University) 2. MGNREGA to VBGRAMG - Dismantling of Rural India's Right to Work - Swati Narayan (Assistant Professor, National Law School of India University) 	

D1-S1-G (9:15am- 10:30am)	
Panel:01NR39 Balancing Innovation and Regulation in Developing Economies: Rethinking Governance, Digital Public Infrastructure	
Panel Chairs: Varun Chhachhar (Professor, University of Lucknow), Swikar Sankrit (Research Scholar, University of Lucknow), Karishma Verma (University of Lucknow)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bridging Technology and Regulation: A Comprehensive Framework for Critical Infrastructure Security in India's Digital Economy Learning from Power Sector Cyber security, RFID Authentication, and AI Governance to Build Coordinated Policies - Pramod Pandit (Student, Rani Durgavati University) 2. Indian Cinema Piracy and the Governance of Informal Soft Power in China - Kumar Ankush (Research Scholar, Chanakya National Law University) 	

D1-S1-K (9:15am- 10:30am)
Panel: 01NR27: Contests Over Power and Agency: Decolonisation Efforts and the Reconfiguration of Hierarchies in India
Panel Chairs: Aashish Xaxa (Assistant Professor)
Papers:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jugaad Governance for Adivasi Health Dialogue - Meena Putturaj (Assistant professor/DBT Wellcome Trust India Alliance, Institute of Public Health, Bengaluru, India), Prashanth Nuggehalli Srinivas 2. Mental Health as a Missing Capability in India's Human Development Governance - Vani Jupudi (Student, Christ University) 3. Sacred Brews, Profane Laws: Zu, Colonial Legacies, and the Contested Agency of Mizo Indigenous Communities - Devanjan Khuntia (Assistant Professor of Sociology, Alliance University, India)

D1-S1-L (9:15am- 10:30am)
Panel: 01NR45 Possible Directions for Global Governance in a Fragmented World – Examining the Role of Southern Actors and South-South Cooperation in Navigating Shifting Axes of Power
Panel Chairs: Priyadarshini Singh (Research Fellow, Centre for Social and Economic Progress, New Delhi)
Papers:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contesting Equity from the Global South: India's Negotiating Strategy in a Fragmented Plastics Governance Regime - Suchithra (Doctoral Researcher in Regulations related to Plastics, Technische Universität München) 2. Navigating geopolitical fragmentation and stagnation in global governance in a polycrisis : Regional energy governance paving the way through context-sensitive approaches - Rudra Sen (Research Analyst, Council on Energy, Environment and Water), Rishabh Singh 3. India at the Climate–Health Crossroads: Governing Risk, Resilience, and Equity in the Global South - Neethi Rao, Pooja V Ramamurthi, Priyanka Tomar 4. Navigating a Fragmented Global Health Governance Landscape: Assessing the role of South-South Cooperation within the Pandemic Agreement Negotiations - Priyadarshini Singh and Anoushka Gupta 5. Urban Health Slipping Through the Cracks - Indrani Gupta and Alok V Singh



6. Landscape of Health Networks in Asia: Identifying Opportunities for Regional Action
 – Nadine Monteiro, Neethi Rao, Sandhya Venkateswaran

D1-S1-M (9:15am- 10:30am)
Panel: 01NR49 An Indian Perspective on Public Policy
Panel Chairs: Satyajit Singh (Professor, University of California Santa Barbara), Shailaja Fennell (University of Cambridge), Namrata Chindarkar (IIM Ahmedabad)
Papers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An Indian Perspective on Public Policy – Satyajit Singh, Shailaja Fennell & Namrata Chindarkar 2. Putting Public in the Bottle of Social or the Other Way Around?: A Study of Prefixes to Policy in India – Sony Pellisery 3. Entangled Histories: Caste Inequality, Social Mobility, and Higher Education in India, 1950—2025 – Satish Deshpande 4. India’s Foreign Policy: National Interest and Citizen Aspirations - Sanjay Bhattacharyya

Panels - Session 2 | 10:45 am to 12:00 noon

D1-S2-A (10:45am- 12:00pm)	
Panel: 01NR24 Sustainability Under Strain: A Political Ecology Reinterpretation and Policy Options for the Indian Himalaya	
Panel Chairs: Prantik Das (Ph.D. Scholar, The University of Trans-Disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU) - National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), IISc Campus, Bangalore)	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Behavioural Determinants of Mahseer Conservation and Fisheries Regulation Compliance in Western Himalaya: Insights for Evidence-Based Policy Design - Prantik Das (Ph.D. Scholar, The University of Trans-Disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU) - National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), IISc Campus, Bangalore), Mahendra Rawat (PhD scholar, NIAS, Bangalore) 2. Reframing climate risk for rapidly urbanising Indian Himalaya - Sahil Mathew (Senior Analyst, Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy) 	
D1-S2-B (10:45am- 12:00pm)	
Panel: 01NR43 Governing Complexity: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Law, Policy, and Development in the Global South	
Panel Chairs: Niharika Kumar (University of Lucknow), Shobhit Singh (Research Scholar, University of Lucknow), Manisha Yadav (Assistant Professor Law, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rethinking Megacity Governance : Networked and Polycentric approaches in Global South - Tanisha Upadhyay (Post Graduation Student, University of Lucknow) 2. Local Transformations from Large Infrastructure Projects: The Case of Vizhinjam International Seaport- Indu Poornima, Arpit Shah 3. Phantom Orders & The Sphinx Administration - Armaan Jena (Independent Researcher) 4. When the Brain Becomes a Digital Space: Consumer Neurotechnology, Neuro-rights, and the Governance Gap - Ishrat Bombaywala (Student, Plaksha University) 	

D1-S2-C (10:45am- 12:00pm)
Panel:01NR19 Rethinking Inclusive Policymaking through the Lens of Northeast India
Panel Chairs: Aniket Nandan (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research), Manpreet Dhillon (National Law School of India University)
<p>Papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Institutionalising the “Northeast”: State Policy, Bezbaruah Committee, and Ethnic Reification in Delhi - Deepak Kumar (Independent Research, University of Hyderabad) 2. Peripheral Urbanism and National Policy Logics: Urban Housing Governance in Northeast India - Brishti Banerjee (PhD student, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay) 3. Why Development does not Regenerate: Policy Contradictions and the Failure of Endogenous Growth in Northeast India - Shreedea Chungkham (Assistant Professor, Dhanamanjuri University, India) 4. Reading Article 371(A) as an Instance of Asymmetric Federal Model and Its Lived Constitutional Experience - Chunthailiu Gonmei (Assistant Professor, National Law School of India University)

D1-S2-E (10:45am- 12:00pm)
Panel: 01NR25 The Invisible Architecture of Inequality: Care, Gender Norms, and Women’s Work
Panel chairs: Bidisha Banerji (Director, Vedica for Women), Pallavi Maitra (Advocate)
<p>Papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Impact of Marriage and Motherhood in Education Sector - Paroma Sen (Associate Professor, Galgotias University), Ishrat Jahan (Assistant Professor, Galgotias University) 2. Balancing Code and Care: Childcare Arrangements and Lived Experiences of Women in the Corporate IT Sector - Ridhi Sethi (Faculty, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi) 3. Reframing Moral theory: Feminist Perspective on Care and Justice - Richa Kela (Assistant Professor, University of Delhi) 4. The Invisible Block: How Care Is Converted into Career Risk - Deepak Singh (Government Official, Panjab University)

D1-S2-F (10:45am- 12:00pm)	
Panel: 03PR10 Design & Public Policy: Exploring Synergies	
Panel Chairs: Akshay Prakash (Assistant Professor, Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design & Technology), Ritu Sonalika (Head of Studies, Business Service and System Design, Srishti Manipal Institute of Art Design and Technology, Bengaluru)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design as Policy Audit: Operationalizing Dignity in India’s Digital Public Infrastructure through Participatory HCI Frameworks - Ajit Bhagat (Assistant Professor - Senior Scale, Assistant Professor - Senior Scale), Revathi Rajesh (Student, PES university) 2. Embedding Community and Policy in Design Pedagogy - Shreya Pillai (Independent Researcher, Datastories) 3. Drawing Policy from the Ground Up: Design Methodologies for Policy Translation - Akshay Prakash (Assistant Professor, Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design & Technology), Ritu Sonalika (Head of Studies, Business Service and System Design, Srishti Manipal Institute of Art Design and Technology, Bengaluru), Rachel Immanuel 4. Designing Care in Indian Urban Public Transport Systems: A Service Design Led Approach to Addressing Occupational Health in BMTC Bus Drivers - Sai Geeta Soumya Sree Ganeswaram (Student, Srishti Institute of Art, Design and Technology, India) 	

D1-S2-G (10:45am- 12:00pm)	
Panel: 03PR11 State Capacity in Practice: Knowledge, Institutions, and Agricultural Transitions in the Global South	
Panel Chairs: Shambu Prasad Chebrolu (Professor, Institute of Rural Management Anand), N C NARAYANAN (Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay)	

Papers:

1. Social-relational understanding of state capacity: Coming of an agricultural feeder into a village in Karnataka - Meera S (Research Advisor, Center for study of science technology and Policy)
2. Epistemic Governance and Agricultural Transitions: Rethinking State Capacity through Knowledge Contestations - Caroline Fazli (Participatory Research Lead, NCFN)
3. Assembling Institutional Coherence: Intermediaries, Networks, and the Co- Production of State Capacity in Natural Farming Missions - Shambu Prasad Chebrolu (Professor, Institute of Rural Management Anand), Caroline Fazli
4. Reframing Capacity in Policy Implementation: Actor-Network Approaches Across Sectors - Sachin Oza (Executive Director, DSC Foundation), Shambu Prasad Chebrolu (Professor, Institute of Rural Management Anand)
5. State, Civil Society and Women Farmers in Reimagining Millet Futures: A Case of Shree Anna Abhiyan, Odisha - Tulika Talukdar (Assistant Professor, Assam Don Bosco University)

D1-S2-H (10:45am- 12:00pm)

Panel:01NR34 Measuring Gender Equity for Policy Action in Global South

Panel Chairs: Karan Babbar (XLRI)

Papers:

1. Impact of Menstrual Hygiene Management on Menstrual Well-Being at Indian Workplaces- Sayati Ghosh (PhD Student, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR)
2. The Southern Paradox: Neighbourhood Level Norms and the Justification of Intimate Partner Violence in India - Aishwarya N (Academic Associate, IIM Bangalore), Karan Babbar (Assistant Professor, Plaksha University)
3. Contraceptive use and method mix: evidence from an Indian reproductive planning programme - Anumeha Saxena (Research Associate, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad), Karan Babbar (Assistant Professor, Plaksha University)
4. Managing Endometriosis (at) Work – Insights from female professionals in Indian cities- Dr. Bijoya Roy (Public Health and Gender Studies, Centre for Women's Development Studies)

D1-S2-I (10:45am- 12:00pm)	
Panel: 01NR49 An Indian Perspective on Public Policy	
Panel Chairs: Satyajit Singh (Professor, University of California Santa Barbara), Shailaja Fennell (University of Cambridge), Namrata Chindarkar (IIM Ahmedabad)	
<p>Papers:</p> <p>Review of Health care and nutrition policies in India: Are we on track to achieve health and nutrition goals? - Sylvia Karpagam & Akhila Wasan</p> <p>Commodifying Digital Subjects in Real-Time: A Critical Inquiry into the Policy Void of Real-Time Bidding Ecosystems – Shishir Jha & Anjana Nayar</p> <p>Policymaking in India: From the Arms of the State to the Digits of Technology - Navdeep Mathur, Nitya Jadeja</p> <p>Belief ambiguity, opacity, and inconsequentiality: Policy innovation and networks in energy governance in India - Pooja Ramamurthi, Nihit Goyal</p>	

D1-S2-J (10:45am- 12:00pm)	
Panel: 01NR30 Models to Decisions: Systems Approaches for Complex Policy Problems	
Panel Chairs: Payal Dey (Assistant Professor, IIM Bodh Gaya), K Dinesh (National Institute of Technology, Warangal)	
<p>Papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constitutional Robustness in the Global South: The Indian Case - Yash Kankal (Teacher, Woodridge High School), Ateev Mago, Payal De (Assistant Professor, IIM Bodh Gaya) 2. Regulating the Game: Constitutional Challenges and Policy Gaps in India’s Online Gaming Act, 2025 - Gargi Siwach (IILM University, Gurgaon) 3. Innovation policy for markets with socially motivated firms - Suma Athreye (Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi) 	



D1-S2-RT (10:45am- 12:00pm)	
ROUNDTABLE: Undergraduate Public Policy Education in India: Perspectives on Pedagogy, Specialisation, and Student Careers	
Chairs: Juhi Sidharth (FLAME University), Chaitanya Ravi (FLAME University), Shivakumar Jolad (FLAME University, Pune, INDIA), Ishani Mukherjee (Singapore Management University)	

Panels - Session 3 | 12:15pm to 1:30pm

D1-S3-A (12:15 pm- 1:30 pm)	
Panel: 01NR12: Entanglements of STS and Public Policy in India	
Panel Chairs: Manpreet Dhillon (National Law School of India University)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Uncheckability Problem: vaccine claims, expert performances, and public contestations -- Rishabh Kachroo (Short-term Visiting Fellow, JSW Centre for the Future of Law, NLSIU) 2. Sidestepping Aarogya Setu: non-users of India’s Covid-19 contact tracing app - Vidya Subramanian (Associate Professor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy) 3. Implementing digital health interventions (DHIs): key questions and approaches- case study of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) - Manashvi Kumar (Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health) 4. Data-Driven Governance?: A critical exploration of datafication and techno-surveillance’s impact on Child-care service workers in Anganwadis - Navdeep Mathur, Nitya Jadeja (PhD Student, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad) 	

D1-S3-B (12:15 pm- 1:30 pm)
Panel:01NR36 Bridging Innovation and Inclusion: Governance Challenges in the Digital Age
Panel Chairs: Neha Sehra (CSIR Research Associate (Post Doc fellow), Jawaharlal Nehru University), Anjan Chamuah (Programme Officer, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)
Papers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Innovation First, Rights Later? Artificial Intelligence, Regulatory Deferral, and the Global South's Governance Trap - Naveen Kumar (Ph.D. Scholar, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi) 2. Online Dispute Resolution on a Digital Pedestal: Innovation, Inclusion and Justice - Kriti Srivastava (Student, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay) 3. Rethinking India's Data Centre Future: From the Perspective of Responsible Innovation - Ranjana Kushwaha (PhD student, Jawaharlal Nehru University)

D1-S3-C (12:15 pm- 1:30 pm)
Panel: 01NR17 Institutional variety and scale: Examining state-business accountabilities in development of privatised industries
Panel Chairs: Champaka Rajagopal (Professor Affiliate, Urban School, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) and Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi)
Papers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Industrial Township as Spatial Practice? Informality in Specialized and Exceptional Urban Governance - Ashima Sood (Associate Professor, Anant National University) 2. Contractual Correspondence as Project Governance: Examining Disputes in India's Roads Sector PPPs -Krishna Nistala (Founder, National Institute of Technology, Warangal) 3. Rescaling the Developmental State: City Economic Regions and the Shifting Spatiality of the State - Mathew Idiculla (PhD Student, University of New South Wales) 4. Muscling Through: The Infrastructural Ideal and the Transformation of Mumbai's Political Economy- Dr. Bharat Punjabi and Shahana Chattaraj

D1-S3-D (12:15 pm- 1:30 pm)
Panel: NR03. Conceptualising Digital Public in India
Panel Chairs: Prof. Shishir K. Jha (IIT Bombay)
Papers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foundational Rails, Frontline Realities: Field Perspectives on DPI-powered Public Service Delivery- Nidhi Taparia Research Scholar at Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) Jaipur 2. Whose flexibility? The shifting contours of control over time on platform work in India- Prof. Balaji Parthasarthy 3. On the importance of the Public in the ‘Digital Public’- Prof. Shishir K. Jha (IIT Bombay)

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Panel Chairs: Rama Mohana Turaga (Professor, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad), Pallavi George (PhD Candidate, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad)
Papers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Science-Policy Engagement in Urban Climate Governance: Policy Communities and Agenda Setting in India - Sandeep Paul (Kautilya School of Public Policy) 2. Compressed Biogas: The dark horse of India’s green transition? - Namratha Keshava (Associate Consultant, Ecoforge Advisors) 3. Beyond Technology: Institutional Design and Practitioner Praxis in a Rural Energy Transition - Shreyas Bhalerao (Program Manager, Gram Oorja Solutions Private Limited) 4. Whose Adaptation? Adivasi Communities, Environmental Justice, and the Politics of Local Governance in Rajasthan - Prachi Agarwal (Research Scholar, Jamia Millia Islamia University)

D1-S3-F (12:15 pm- 1:30 pm)
Panel: 01NR21: Identity in Policymaking and Implementation: Determinants and Consequences
Panel Chairs: Chitra Pratap (Student, National University of Singapore), Kaushambi Bagchi (PhD Candidate, Singapore Management University)
Papers:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Differential Vulnerability and Adaptive Social Protection among Street-Based Workers in Indian Cities - Geetanjali Sharma (Research Associate, National Law School of India University) 2. Deliberative Democracies and Consensus Building: Evidence from the Women’s Reservation Bill - Chitra Pratap (Student, National University of Singapore) 3. Identity in Policymaking and Implementation — A Theoretical Inquiry through the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana - Shruti Sethi (Senior Assistant Professor, Miranda House, University of Delhi.India)

D1-S3-G (12:15 pm- 1:30 pm)
Panel: 01NR44 Decolonising India’s forests: Community Stewardship, Epistemic Justice and Conservation
Panel chairs: Suchisree Chatterjee (Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay), Divya Kalathingal (Assistant Professor, Alliance University, India)
Papers:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Landscapes of affect: Understanding the human-landscape relationship in the Ajodhya Pahar Hill range of Eastern India - Suchisree Chatterjee (Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay) 2. Voluntary Displacement and Political Economy of Development: A Critical Analysis of Relocated Indigenous Groups from Satpura Tiger Reserve in India - Shiuli Vanaja 3. Customary Stewardship, Tenure Insecurity, and the Limits of State-Centric Conservation in the Western Ghats - Abel Abraham (Research Coordinator, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, India) 4. Negotiating autonomy:Reimagining Geographies through indigenous epistemologies - Divya Kalathingal (Assistant Professor, Alliance University, India)

D1-S3-H (12:15 pm- 1:30 pm)	
Panel: 01NR50 Human Futures of AI: Foresight and Public Policy	
Panel chairs: Sanchet Sharma	
Papers	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AI adoption and its effects on job outcomes in select sectors in India - Manav Khaire (Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad), Pramath Kant (Consultant, Infosys Ltd.) 2. The future of women’s work in the age of AI: A case study of the transformation of brick and mortar beauty salons to beauty work on platforms - Sreyan Chatterjee (Doctoral researcher, The Manchester Metropolitan University) 3. Between Design and Practice: AI, Non-Use, and Lived Policy in ASHAs Digital Work - Aanchal Singh (Research Scholar, University of Hyderabad), Carolyn Tauro, Amit Prakash 4. Decolonial Pathways to AI Personhood: Frameworks for Inclusive Futures - Sanchet Sharma Who Decides When No One Decides? Human Futures in Algorithmic Governance- Olivia Ruhil (National centre for Good Governance, Government of India) 	

D1-S3-I (12:15 pm- 1:30 pm)	
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Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evolving dynamics of India’s environmental, conservation and climate change policies and its practice – Jagdish Krishnaswamy & Ananya Rao 2. India’s forest governance legal framework: the layering of policy mixes and incoherence design - Tejendra Gautam, Altaf Virani 3. From Crisis to Circularity: Decentralized Waste Governance Lessons from Kerala for Indian Small and Medium Towns – NC Narayanan 4. Understanding the ‘Local Context’ from Below - Vani Swarupa Murali 	

D1-S3-J (12:15 pm- 1:30 pm)	
Panel: 01NR48 ESG and the Evolution of Environmental Governance in India	
Panel Chairs: Priyanshu Gupta (Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Management Lucknow), Sanchayan Nath (Assistant Professor, XLRI, Delhi NCR Campus, India)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ethics of Science-based targets - Sanchayan Nath (Assistant Professor, XLRI, Delhi NCR Campus, India) 2. Tracing Planted Forests after CAMPA: A Spatial Proxy Analysis from Korba District in India - Ahana Talukdar (Student, International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad) 3. Whither environmental justice? ESG and shifting regimes of environmental governance in India - Vandana 4. ESG Governance, Regulatory Displacement, and International Positioning: India's Approach to Plastic Pollution - Suchithra (Doctoral Researcher in Regulations related to Plastics, Technische Universität München) 	

D1-S3-RT (12:15 pm- 1:30 pm)	
ROUNDTABLE: Building international comparative research on India: Who, why, how, and what next?	
Chairs: Nihit Goyal and Pooja Ramamurthi	

LUNCH: 1:00 pm to 2:20 pm (Annapoorna Hostel Dining Mess)

PLENARY SESSION (2:30 pm to 4:30 pm)

On Public Policy Praxis in the Global South: Building Coherence and Capacity
At Shri Narayan Rao Melgiri Memorial National Law Library

Moderator: Prof. Sudhir Krishnaswamy (Vice Chancellor, NLSIU)

Panelists:

- Dr. Shailaja Fennell (Professor of Economic Security and Resilience at University of Cambridge and Director, Centre of South Asian Studies, University of Cambridge)
- Ms. Shalini Kapoor (Chief Strategist at Ekstep Foundation)
- Mr. L.K. Atheeq, Chairman, Bengaluru Business Corridor
- Dr. Shishir Sankhe (Senior Partner Emeritus at McKinsey and Company)
- Neha Gupta (Senior Public Sector Specialist, World Bank)

Panels - Session 4 | 4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

D1-S4-A (4:45pm to 6:00pm)

Panel: 01NR15: Digital Data and Policy Evaluation: Role of Contextual Knowledge in Data Driven Governance

Panel Chairs: Nitya Jadeja (PhD Student, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad), Navdeep Mathur (Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad)

Papers:

1. Implementing digital health interventions (DHIs): key questions and approaches- case study of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) - Manashvi Kumar (Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare)
2. Data-Driven Governance?: A critical exploration of datafication and techno-surveillance's impact on Child-care service workers in Anganwadis - Navdeep Mathur (Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad), Nitya Jadeja (PhD Student, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad)
3. THE INTERSECTION OF DIGITAL DIVIDE AND RIGHT TO EDUCATION - A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFLICT OR SYNERGY AT BEST?- Aurghya Mandal (Assistant Professor, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, India)
4. From Registration to Welfare Delivery: Digital Governance for Migrant Construction Workers under India's e-Shram Portal - Krishna Alumoottil

D1-S4-B (4:45pm to 6:00pm)

Panel: 01NR22: Multi-Level Governance and Adaptation Pathways: Cross-Scale Insights from India

Panel Chairs: Sony R K (Associate Fellow, Sustainable Futures Collaborative), Sarada Das (Fellow, Sustainable Futures Collaborative)

Papers:

1. Climate Change adaptations: With or Through Panchayats? - Ashish George (Senior Project Manager, Center of BhuSampada, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS))
2. Community Stewardship and Multi-level Climate Adaptation in the Palakkad Gap: Enabling cross-sectoral practice in Environmental Education and Landscape Restoration - Premdas S (Founder, Palmroots)
3. From Fire Control to Forest Adaptation: Multi-Level Governance and Climate Uncertainty in India's Forests - Ishan Kukreti (Program Lead, Adaptation and Resilience, Sustainable Futures Collaborative)
4. Governing Heat in India: Multi-Level Dynamics of Climate Adaptation in India - Tamanna Dalal, Escandita Tewari

D1-S4-C (4:45pm to 6:00pm)	
Panel: 01NR33 Decolonising Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Global South	
Panel Chairs: Karan Babbar (XLRI)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who Sets the Standards? Decolonizing Menstrual Health Governance Through LMIC Leadership - Soumya Tiwari (Program Manager, Menstrual Health Action for Impact) 2. Using artificial intelligence (AI) to improve the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRH-R) of indigenous women in South Asia: A Feminist, Intersectional and Decolonial Policy Approach - Pushpika Bara Sapna 3. Between Protection and Autonomy: A Study on Adolescents' Access to Safe Abortion Services India - Shreya Shree 4. Beyond Menstrual Leave: Addressing Silence, Stigma, and Institutional Responsibility in India's Educational Institutions- Keerti Manvi 	

D1-S4-D (4:45pm to 6:00pm)	
Panel: Financing India's Urban Future: Strengthening Urban Finance	
Panel Chairs: Prabhat Kumar, Director, Public Finance Management, Janaagraha	
Papers: Various research reports from Janaagraha	

D1-S4-E (4:45pm to 6:00pm)	
Panel: 03PR15 Dialogues between Academics and Practitioners: Pluriversal Knowledges and the Post-Colonial State in India.	
Panel Chairs: Madhulika Banerjee (Professor, University of Delhi)	

Papers:

1. The process of drafting of policy document on tourism in Ladakh - Padma Rigzin (Department of Sociology, Shiv Nadar University/ Local Futures)
2. A Policy Dialogue on The Process of Legitimation for the Knowledge of Local Health Practitioners Across India - Abhishek Handa (Early Career Researcher, PhD awarded From Department of Political Science, University of Delhi)
3. Is 'living with food' a policy possibility in India? Pankaj Kumar Jha (Assistant Professor, Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi)

D1-S4-F (4:45pm to 6:00pm)

Panel:01NR39 Balancing Innovation and Regulation in Developing Economies: Rethinking Governance, Digital Public Infrastructure

Panel Chairs: Varun Chhachhar (Professor, University of Lucknow), Swikar Sankrit (Research Scholar, University of Lucknow), Karishma Verma (Ph.D. Scholar, Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow)

Papers:

1. A Decentralised Verification Architecture for Economic Eligibility: Integrating Blockchain in EWS Certification and Welfare Distribution - Riya Khera
2. Safeguarding Civil Liberties in India's Digital Landscape: Accountability and Data Governance in Dominant Digital Platforms - Rajib Das (Research Fellow and Guest Faculty, University of Burdwan)
3. Digital Public Infrastructures in India: An empirical analysis of Ayushman Bharath Digital Mission - Ranjini Raghavendra

D1-S4-G (4:45pm to 6:00pm)

Panel:01NR24 Sustainability Under Strain: A Political Ecology Reinterpretation and Policy Options for the Indian Himalaya

Panel Chairs: Prantik Das (Ph.D. Scholar, The University of Trans-Disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU) - National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), IISc Campus, Bangalore)

Papers:

1. Mapping Governance Logics: Actor Perceptions of Land and Development in Himalayan Peri-Urban Transitions - Arvind Lakshmisha
2. People's Biodiversity Registers as Pathways to Water Governance Reforms in Ladakh(India) - Anjali Awasthi (Doctoral Research scholar, University of Lucknow)

D1-S4-H (4:45pm to 6:00pm)

Roundtable: Review of public policy education by Association of Public Policy Education (APPE) **Prof. R. Sudarshan, Parth J. Shah, Bidisha Banerji, Dr. D. Dhanuraj, Manoj Mathew, Prof. Prof. Tanvir Aeijaz, , Dr. S. K. Satpathy**

D1-S4-I (4:45pm to 6:00pm)

Panel:-01NR49 An Indian Perspective on Public Policy

Panel Chairs: Satyajit Singh (Professor, University of California Santa Barbara), Shailaja Fennell (University of Cambridge), Namrata Chindarkar (Associate Professor, IIM Ahmedabad)

Papers:

1. Making the Sustainable State Work: Citizens, Social Constructions, and Capacities in Indian Policy Design - Shuki, Namrata Chindarkar
2. Economic Security and the Commons: moving from vulnerability to resilience - Shailaja Fennell
3. Scheduled Tribes, State and Policy Paradox in India - Jagannath Ambagudia
4. Public Policy Education in India: Linking Capacity and Governance Needs- Ishani Mukherjee, Panchali Guha

D1-S4-J (4:45pm to 6:00pm)
Panel:01NR26 Policy Processes in the Legislature: Insights from the Global South
Panel Chairs: Maansi Verma (Lawyer and Founder, Maadhyam - a civic engagement initiative)
Papers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From Stalemate to Statute: Legislative Strategy in India - Kaushiki Sanyal (Fellow, JustJobs Network) 2. Mandated Representation, Institutional Design, and Legislative Voice of Marginalized Groups: Evidence from India - Priya Kumari (PhD Student, Indian Institute of Management, Indore) 3. Business Interests and Legislative Participation: Evidence from India - Abhishek Priyadarshi (Doctoral Candidate, Indian Institute of Management, Indore) 4. Institutionalising rights of the political opposition in India: Lessons from South Africa - Maansi Verma (Lawyer and Founder, Maadhyam - a civic engagement initiative)

D1-S4-K (4:45pm to 6:00pm)
Panel: 01NR28 Examining the social contract between the medical profession and society in India.
Panel Chairs: Sumit Kane (Professor, University of Melbourne), Mayuri Samant (Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics), Sayak Dutta (Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics)
Papers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigating trust between the patient and healthcare providers under Insurance-based based health service provision in West Bengal - Sujoy Pal (Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University) 2. Making sense of violent public encounters with doctors in India - Sayak Dutta (Senior Qualitative Researcher, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics), Mayuri Samant (Senior Researcher, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics), Sumit Kane (Professor, University of Melbourne) 3. Claiming Victimhood: Professional Privilege, Precarity, and Healthcare Encounters in Transition - Mayuri Samant (Senior Researcher, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics), Sayak Dutta (Senior Qualitative Researcher, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics), Sumit Kane (Professor, University of Melbourne)

4. From Fiduciary Reliance to Market Accountability: Re-Examining India’s Medical Social Contract through Orthopedic Care in Comparative Asian Perspective, Priyasha Panda, (KIIT School of Law)

Day 2 | 10th June 2026 (Wednesday)

Panels - Session 1 | 9:00am to 10:15am

D2-S1-A (9:00am to 10:15am)	
Panel: 01NR43 Governing Complexity: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Law, Policy, and Development in the Global South	
Panel Chairs: Niharika Kumar (University of Lucknow), Shobhit Singh (University of Lucknow), Manisha Yadav (Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emerging Institutional Pathways for AI Governance in India: Evidence from Public Procurement and Outsourcing - Sujal Deoda (Undergraduate Student Researcher, International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad) Siddhi Wadekar (Doctoral Candidate, International Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad) , Aakansha Natani 2. Data Hegemony and Market Power: Rethinking Sovereignty in the Digital Age - DHAIRYA JAISWAL (Research Scholars, Banaras Hindu University) 3. Complexities of Multi Stake-holder Partnerships in Public Governance: A Case Study - Swetcha Poladi (Student, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore), Kumar Naveen (Academic Associate, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore) 4. ALGORITHMIC JUSTICE AND THE GOVERNANCE OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH: RETHINKING HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUITY AND INCLUSION - Shambhavi Mathur (Student, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar), Rajnandani Ghawri (Student, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar) 	

D2-S1-B (9:00am to 10:15am)	
Panel: 01NR06: Rethinking Policy Learning and Transfer: Global South as 'Reference'	
Panel Chairs: Ekta Singh (Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi), Vaishali Singh (XIM University)	

Papers:

1. Repositioning the Global South as Reference: Policy Transfer through India’s Digital Public Infrastructure - Shubhra Pant Kothari (Assistant Professor, University of Delhi)
2. Global Policymaking on Race and Inherited Inequalities: Lessons from the Internationalization of Caste - Johny P (ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, XIM University)
3. Beyond Gap-Filling: Civil Society as Sites of “Adaptive Policy Transfer” in India’s Digital Health Sector - Moitri Dey (Assistant Professor, University of Delhi)

D2-S1-C (9:00am to 10:15am)

Panel: NR01: The Politics of Policy: Pluriversal Knowledges and the Post Colonial State in India

Panel Chair: Madhulika Banerjee (University of Delhi)

Papers:

- The Politics of Policy: Handloom in post-colonial India- Kumari Sushma
 The Politics of Policy: Agroecology in post-colonial India- Devahuti Sarkar
 The Politics of Policy: Divergent State Trajectories of Ayurveda and Traditional Chinese Medicine in Post-Colonial India and Post-Revolutionary China- Akshay Bhamri
 The Politics of Policy: Groundwater and the Agriculture in Post-colonial India- Chanderkala Yadav

D2-S1-D (9:00am to 10:15am)

Panel: 01NR12: Entanglements of STS and Public Policy in India

Panel Chairs: Manpreet Dhillon (National Law School of India University)

Papers:

1. Losing SHANTI and Becoming Captive: On Resolving Technoscientific Controversies in Public Policy - Misria Shaik Ali (Post-doctoral Fellow, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi)
2. Accountability 2.0: Technocratic convergence in state transparency systems and its impact on public policy -- Vidya Venkat (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London)
3. Cyborg Teaching in Splintered Schools: a qualitative study of an EdTech Tool in the Public Education System -- Sookthi Kav, Shubha Krishnamurthy, Amit Prakash (IIIT Bangalore)
4. From Movements to Platforms: Participatory Science and the Reconfiguration of Policy Epistemologies in India -- Dharmaraj Solanki (Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay)

D2-S1-E (9:00am to 10:15am)

Panel: 01NR13: Southern Praxis in Public Policy

Panel Chairs: Ali Adil (Independent), Ashima Sood (Anant National University), Aaqib Ali (Anant National University, Ahmedabad)

Papers:

1. Institutional Trust, Social Structure and Political Participation in India -Abhishek Priyadarshi (Doctoral Candidate, Indian Institute of Management, Indore)
2. Multi level governance in lake management in Urban Contexts - Sridhar Pabbisetty (Public Policy and Inclusive Governance Specialist, Independent)
3. Interrogating the Commercial Determinants of Health Discourse: A Global South Critique- Sreenidhi Sreekumar (Assistant Professor, Institute of Public Health Bengaluru), Upendra Bhojani

D2-S1-F (9:00am to 10:15am)	
Panel:01NR08: Rights-based Policymaking in India: The Past, Present and Future of Public Policy Praxis in the Global South	
Panel Chairs: Ramya C (ASCI Hyderabad)	
Papers: 3 sessions	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guardians Without a Voice: Digital Exclusion, Governors’ Reports, and the Erosion of Constitutional Safeguards in Adivasi Andhra Pradesh - Dinesh Babu (Researcher, Libtech India) 2. Rights-Based Approach and the Praxis of Policy-Making in the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Councils- Gazala Farooq Peer (Faculty in the University of Kashmir(On Temporary Basis)) 3. Subverting Justiciability: A Longitudinal Analysis of the Manufactured Impasse and the Erosion of the Right to Work - Farah Naz (Assistant Professor, Jamia Hamdard University) 4. Beyond Legal Entitlement: Theorising Rights-based Approaches to Policymaking in the Global South Through Migration and Displacement-Blessy Mathew (Research Scholar, University of Hyderabad) 	

D2-S1-G (9:00am to 10:15am)	
Panel: 01NR25 The Invisible Architecture of Inequality: Care, Gender Norms, and Women’s Work	
Panel chairs: Bidisha Banerji (Vedica for Women), Pallavi Maitra (Advocate)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Urban Employees Negotiating Rural Workplaces: exploring female managers' lived experiences through gender microaggression - Gyanda Girisha (Research Scholar, Goa Institute of Management, Goa) 2. From private liability to public duty: A critical analysis of the maternity costs on Employer and Shifting the burden on the State - Monika Yadav (PhD Scholar, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University), Naveen Kumar 3. Concept of Care and Gender norms rooted in Indian thinking - Nitika Ladda (Assistant Professor, University of Delhi) 	

D2-S1-H (9:00am to 10:15am)	
Panel: 02NPD01 Contextualizing Public Policy in India: Advancing Curriculum through Case-Based Teaching and Research	

Panel Chairs: Srikrishna Ayyangar (National Law School of India University), Namrata Chindarkar (IIM Ahmedabad), Santosh Gedam (IIM Sirmaur)

Papers:

1. Towards a Theory of Practice: Insights from the Public Policy in Action (PPiA) – Praxis Residency Programme - Shruti Chakraborty (Programme Manager, Centre for Public Policy Management, Hindu College), Gouri Rajagopal
2. Layering gender into the ‘doing’ of public policy: Deconstructing case-studies through an interdisciplinary social sciences framework- Vidya Subramanian (Associate Professor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy)
3. Encasing a policy event : reflections on developing a social-relational approach to policy research - Meera S (Research Advisor, Center for study of science technology and Policy)
4. Public Policy jobs in India - Yash Agarwal (PPI)

D2-S1-J (9:00am to 10:15am)

Panel:-01NR49 An Indian Perspective on Public Policy

Panel Chairs: Satyajit Singh (University of California Santa Barbara), Shailaja Fennell (University of Cambridge), Namrata Chindarkar (IIM Ahmedabad)

Papers:

1. Policy design under uncertainty: a closer look at policy experimentation - Ishani Mukherjee, Sreeja Nair, Vani Swarupa Murali
2. Revisiting Policy Capacity in the Indian Context: Contemporary Debates, Challenges and Future Directions - Kasturi Datta, Yifei Yan
3. Policy Processes and Democratic Contestations - Satyajit Singh
4. Thinking Indian Public policy through modern Indian Political thinkers - Smita Agarwal

D2-S1-L (9:00am to 10:15am)

Panel:01NR48 ESG and the Evolution of Environmental Governance in India

Panel Chairs: Priyanshu Gupta (Indian Institute of Management Lucknow), Sanchayan Nath (XLRI, Delhi NCR Campus, India)

Papers:

1. Sustainable or Strategic? Analysing How Firms Allocate Corporate Social Responsibility Funds Across Competing Sectors- Yogita Parmar (Student, Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati (India)), Abhigyan (Academic Associate, Indian Institute of Management Indore), Varun Varghese
2. RIVERBED MINING IN PAONTA SAHIB, HIMACHAL PRADESH- Himanshu Garg (Student, Indian Institute of Management , Sirmaur)
3. ESG as a Global Justice Project: Substantive Reminders and Urgent Reflections to Drive Policy- Arunika Mishra (PhD Scholar, **Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata**)

PLENARY SESSION (11:00 am-12:15pm)

On Public Policy Education and Pedagogy in the Global South
At Shri Narayan Rao Melgiri Memorial National Law Library

Moderator: Dr. Sneha Thapliyal (Associate Professor, NLSIU)

Speakers:

- Dr. Satyajit Singh (Professor, Department of Political Science and the Department of Global Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara)
- Dr. Aparna Chandra (Professor, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru)
- Dr. Ishani Mukherjee (Associate Professor of Public Policy; Urban Fellow (Urban Governance), Singapore Management University)

Panels - Session 2 | 12:30pm to 1:45pm

D2-S2-A(12:30pm–1:45pm)

Panel:01NR36 Bridging Innovation and Inclusion: Governance Challenges in the Digital Age

Panel Chairs: Neha Sehra (Jawaharlal Nehru University), Anjan Chamuah (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

Papers:

1. Responsible Innovation and Aging in the Global South: Rethinking Technology, Care, and Inclusion - Vaishali Singh (Assistant Professor, XIM University)
2. Digital Inequality in India: A Sequential Analysis of Access, Skills, Use, and Outcomes across socio-demographic groups - Varshini Balasubramanya (PhD Student, Christ University)

D2-S2-B (12:30pm–1:45pm)

Panel:01NR10 Cyclical Policy Trajectories in the Global South: Understanding Reform, Reversal, and Re- Reform in Contemporary Governance

Panel Chairs: Chaitanya Nemalikanti (Administrative Staff College of India)

Papers: 1 session

1. Reform without Consolidation: Why Policy Cycles Persist in the Global South- Jeevan Kumar (Mahatma Gandhi Rural Development & Panchayat Raj University, Gadag, Karnataka, INDIA)
2. Reimagining the Electoral Synchronisation of Governance: Lessons for and from One Nation One Election in Global South (India) - Chahat Gautam (LLM Student, Himachal Pradesh National Law University)
3. An Evolutionary Policy Analysis of India's IT Act, 2000 - Ranjana Kushwaha (PhD Student, Jawaharlal Nehru University)
4. From SSP to Commissionerate: Public Policy Reform and Changing Police–Public Relations in Urban India - Shekhar choudhary (Assistant Professor, UPES Dehradun)

D2-S2-C (12:30pm–1:45pm)

Panel:01NR11: From Geopolitics to Governance: How AI Surveillance Technologies Centralise Authority Across the Global South

Panel Chairs: Mihika Jain (University of Delhi), Mohini - (University of Delhi), Sanya Patni (University of Delhi)

Papers:

1. Title of the paper- Mr. Sandeep
2. FROM PROBLEM TO POLICY MAKING: ANALYSING THE STRATEGIC ROLE OF POLICE BODY CAMERAS IN INDIA’S POST-COLONIAL JUSTICE FRAMEWORK - Pothuri Sravan Venkata Ram Kumar (Student, Vellore Institute of Technology)
3. Microfinance rebellions in a silk-producing town: how biometric-linked data capture is subverting resistance by thousands of women at this site – and by millions across India - Nithya Joseph (NA, Independent Scholar)
4. Foundational Rails, Frontline Realities: Field Perspectives on DPI-powered Public Service Delivery - Nidhi Taparia (Research Scholar, Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) Jaipur)

D2-S2-D (12:30pm–1:45pm)

Panel: 01NR16: Rethinking Climate Governance through SES Lens: Making the Commons Visible

Panel Chairs: Smriti Das (XLRI Delhi-NCR Campus), Lavanya Suresh (Birla Institute of Technology and Science)

Papers:

1. A socioecological assessment framework for water systems in peri urban areas-case study of peri urban Gurgaon - Ranjana Ray Chaudhuri (Associate Professor and Head of the Department, Teri School Of Advanced Studies)
2. Mapping the Commons: Addressing Data Gaps and Epistemological Challenges in India’s Land Governance - Shaurabh Anand (Assistant Professor, Azim Premji University), Lavanya Suresh (Associate Professor, Birla Institute of Technology and Science)
3. Institutional Pluralism in Rainfed Farming Systems: Agrobiodiversity, Knowledge Commons, and Policy Hierarchies - Rajeswari Raina (Professor, Shiv Nadar University)
4. Digital Public Infrastructure for Climate Action - Trishal Kumar (Senior Consultant, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP)

D2-S2-E (12:30pm–1:45pm)

Panel:01NR34 Measuring Gender Equity for Policy Action in Global South

Panel Chairs: Karan Babbar (Plaksha University)

Papers:

1. The Nexus of Gender-Based Violence and Victim Assistance Policies: A Qualitative Study among One Stop Centre Stakeholders- Harini V (Research Scholar, University of Madras)
2. A Lopsided Bargain: Women’s Employment and the Persistent Gender Gap in Unpaid Work in India.(26277) Sunny Ladkat (Senior Research Fellow, Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad), Karan Babbar (Assistant Professor, Plaksha University)
3. From Recognition to Redistribution: Gender Equity in Public Policy Design and Implementation - Shruti Sethi (Senior Assistant Professor, Miranda House, University of Delhi, India)
4. Intersectionality of gender disparity and female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) in India: A socio legal analysis for the fulfilment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - Kshitij Naikade (Assistant Professor, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Viman Nagar), SM Aamir Ali (Assistant Professor of Law, Vinayaka Mission’s Law School, Chennai)

D2-S2-F (12:30pm–1:45pm)

Panel: 01NR14: Digital Political Communication in the Global South: Power, Media, and Democracy

Panel Chairs: Abhishek Priyadarshi (Indian Institute of Management, Indore), Suyash Mishra (Indian Institute of Management, Indore)

Papers:

1. Politics in the Era of the Attention Economy and Platformization: How Instagram Reels Are Shaping Political Communication in India - Akash K (Doctorate, scholar, FLAME University), Prof. Mochish KS (FLAME University)
2. Emotion, Timing, and Platform Power: Digital Campaign Dynamics in a Regional Indian Election - Y V Rambhupal Reddy (Doctoral Candidate, International Institute of Information Technology - Hyderabad), Aakansha Natani, SUHRUTH VIPPAGUNTA, Aniket Alam (Associate Professor, International Institute of Information Technology - Hyderabad)
3. Digital Political Communication in the Global South: Power, Media, and Democracy, Vidya Subramanian (Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School)

D2-S2-G (12:30pm–1:45pm)	
Panel: Challenges in measuring women's income & wealth	
Panel Chairs: Dr. Pallavi Choudhuri , (Senior Fellow and Deputy Director, NCAER-National Data Innovation Center)	
Panelists: Dr Indradeep Ghosh (Executive Director, Dvara Research), Dr Neetha N. (Professor, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi), Dr Praveena Kodoth (Professor, Centre for Development Studies, CDS Trivandrum), Ms. Reema Nanavaty (Director, Self-Employed Women's Association of India, SEWA)	

D2-S2-H (12:30pm–1:45pm)	
Panel:02NPD04 Integrating Lateral Expertise into Decentralised Governance: Field Praxis and the Making of Policy Thinker-Practitioners	
Panel chairs: Mohammad Imran (Indian Institute of Management Kashipur), Meghan Kadam (Christ University), Paritosh Pathak (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teaching Policy Beyond Design: Implementation, Discretion, and Public Policy Education in India - Cebush Jose Jose (Individual, Christ University) 2. Praxis in International Relations: Knowledge, Action, and Transformative Politics - Vasu Sharma (Doctoral Candidate, Shiv Nadar University) 3. The phenomena of fellowshipisation at the District level and emergence of young policy wonks: A reflective case from Jharkhand- Ramesh Kumar (IIM-B), Puja Choudhary (Tata Institute of Social Sciences) 4. Doing Well by Doing Good: Explaining Public Service Career Choices among Elite Business Graduates; Author: Abhigyan - 5. Public Policy Education in India: Bridging Academic Training and Governance Practice; Author: SNEHA S.S 	

D2-S2-I (12:30pm–1:45pm)	
Panel:01NR37 Bridging the 'Policy-to-Practice' Gap in Biotechnology Regulation: Addressing challenges and insights in light	
Panel Chairs: Sreenivasulu N.S. (National University of Juridical Sciences, (NUJS), Prof (Dr.) Padmavati M, Professor, RGSOIP, IIT KGP, Dr. Rujitha T. R, Assistant Professor, NLUO	
<p>Papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Achieving Agricultural Revitalization using GM crops: Normalizing biohazard to advance food security in India? Oishika Banerji (RESEARCH SCHOLAR, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES) 2. Exploring technology transfer mechanisms to strengthen the practical use of compulsory licensing in the Global South's biotechnology sector - Tasnim Jahan (Research Scholar, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences) 3. Crowding the Public Domain: Intellectual Property, Genome Sequencing, and Biotechnological Inequality - Siddarth Jain (Policy Researcher, Jawaharlal Nehru University) 	
D2-S2-J (12:30pm–1:45pm)	
Panel:-01NR49 An Indian Perspective on Public Policy	
Panel Chairs: Shailaja Fennell (University of Cambridge)	
<p>Papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Studying Policy Implementation from the Bottom-Up: Gathering Evidence with Action Research -Ankur Sarin 2. Innovation policy for markets with socially motivated firms - Soma Athreya 3. Hydropower, Climate Change, and Community Managed Irrigation Systems . Insights from Western Himachal Pradesh - Pampa Mukherjee 4. Policy-Oriented Learning and Institutional Path Dependence in India's Agriculture– Nutrition Policies - Satish Kumar, Krishnan Narayanan 5. Rethinking Public Policy in India: From Governance to Cultural–Political Legitimacy - Farah Naz 	

D2-S2-K (12:30pm–1:45pm)	
Panel: 01NR51 The political determinants of local state capacity in the Global South	
Panel Chairs: TVS Sasidhar (Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Estranged Agents of the State: Frontline Work and the Everyday Architecture of Governance in Rural India- Shruti Chakraborty (Programme Manager, Centre for Public Policy Management, Hindu College) 2. Title- Priyank Jain 3. Strengthening Local Capacity Through Partnerships: State Community Interaction in Rural Karnataka- Gaurav Nayak 	

LUNCH: 1:00 pm to 2:20 pm (Annapoorna Hostel Dining Mess)

Panels - Session 3 | 2:30pm to 3:45pm

D2-S3-A (2:30pm to 3:45pm)	
Panel: 01NR15: Digital Data and Policy Evaluation: Role of Contextual Knowledge in Data Driven Governance	
Panel Chairs: Nitya Jadeja (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad), Navdeep Mathur (Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad)	
Papers:	
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D2-S3-B (2:30pm to 3:45pm)
Panel: 01NR22: Multi-Level Governance and Adaptation Pathways: Cross-Scale Insights from India
Panel Chairs: Sony R K (Sustainable Futures Collaborative), Sarada Das (Sustainable Futures Collaborative)
Papers: 3 sessions
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water Governance Across Scales: Knowledge, Uncertainty, and Adaptation in Ladakh(India) - Anjali Awasthi (Doctoral Research scholar, University of Lucknow) 2. Beyond Rescue and Survival: Capability-Oriented Rights and Public Policy for Street Children in India - Shweta Pathak (Assistant Professor, Symbiosis International University) 3. Student Well-Being As A Human Development Indicator: Evidence From Kerala’s Public Higher Education - Archisman Bhattacharya (MA graduate, Banaras Hindu University), Vanshika Dubey (MA Graduate, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University)

D2-S3-C (2:30pm to 3:45pm)
Panel: 01NR38 Resource Security and the Global South: Critical Minerals at the Crossroads of Competition and Cooperation
Panel Chairs: Noel Therattil (Centre for Social and Economic Progress, India), Anindita Sinh (Centre for Social and Economic Progress, New Delhi, India)
Papers:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Geopolitics of Critical Minerals: A comparative study of resource nationalism in the Global South - Vasu Sharma (Doctoral Candidate, Shiv Nadar University) 2. From Geology to Governance: The Importance of Institutional Pathways for Critical Mineral Security in the North-Eastern Region in India - Angad Mehta (Superintendent of Police, Indian Police Service, NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW) 3. Comparative Lessons for India’s Rare Earth Governance and Supply Chains - Abhishek Sharma (Junior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation), Trishala Sancheti (Masters, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London)

D2-S3-D (2:30pm to 3:45pm)	
Panel: 01NR13: Southern Praxis in Public Policy	
Panel Chairs: Ali Adil (Independent), Ashima Sood (Anant National University), Aaqib Ali (Anant National University, Ahmedabad)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Self-built and Informal Housing in India and the Congo: Concepts, Policy Models, Informality and Expertise - Ashima Sood (Associate Professor, Anant National University), Alex Kalenga (Research Scholar, Anant National University) 2. Deeply Understanding Climate in Ubungo: Local Language, Communication Gaps, and Social Media Understandings of Climate Change and Disasters in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania - MICOMYIZA CHRISTIAN (Student, Anant National University, India) 3. Institutionalising Action Research in India: Opportunities and Challenges - Ali Adil (Independent Research Scholar, Independent), Imran Amin (Indian School of Public Policy) 4. Automobile Repair, Informal Learning, and the Circular Economy in Damoh, India - Aaqib Ali (Doctoral Scholar, Anant National University, India) 	

D2-S3-E (2:30pm to 3:45pm)	
Panel:01NR39 Balancing Innovation and Regulation in Developing Economies: Rethinking Governance, Digital Public Infrastructure	
Panel Chairs: Varun Chhachhar (University of Lucknow), Swikar Sankrit (University of Lucknow), Karishma Verma (University of Lucknow), Manpreet Singh	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. Algorithmic Competition in PropTech Platforms: Data Monopolies and Anti-Competitive Practices in Digital Real Estate Markets - Jahangir Badar (Assistant Professor, Jamia Hamdard) 	

D2-S3-F (2:30pm to 3:45pm)	
Panel:01NR08: Rights-based Policymaking in India: The Past, Present and Future of Public Policy Praxis in the Global South	
Panel Chairs: Ramya C (ASCI Hyderabad)	
Papers: 3 sessions	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Citizens’ Rights and Public Service Delivery under the Citizens’ Charter Act: Evidence from Local Governance in Telangana - Boga Srinu (Research Scholar, University of Hyderabad) 2. Bridging Research and Policy: Transgender Menstruation in Indian Workplaces - 	

D2-S3-G (2:30pm to 3:45pm)	
Panel: 01NR42 Policies of Digital Land Governance in India: Actors, processes, and practices	
Panel Chairs: Khaliq Parkar (IIIT-H), Awanish Kumar (Azim Premji University), Sanjana krishnan (Independent)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assetizing and Dematerializing Land through Digitalization: The Amaravati Land Pooling Scheme - Carol Upadhya (Honorary Visiting Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru) 2. Designing land digitalization: between technology and instruments of public policy - Khaliq Parkar (Assistant Professor, IIT-H) 3. Satellite Slum Clearance: Land, Law and Legibility in Mumbai - Sanjana krishnan (Assistant Professor, Nayanta University) 	



D2-S3-H (2:30pm to 3:45pm)	
MPP Alumni Meet	

D2-S3-I (2:30pm to 3:45pm)	
Roundtable: Review of public policy education by Association of Public Policy Education (APPE) Prof. R. Sudarshan, Parth J. Shah, Bidisha Banerji, Dr. D. Dhanuraj, Manoj Mathew, Prof. Prof. Tanvir Aeijaz, , Dr. S. K. Satpathy	

D2-S3-J (2:30pm–3:45pm)	
Panel:-01NR49 An Indian Perspective on Public Policy	
Panel Chairs: N. C. Narayanan	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local governments, local governance: Understanding the role of the state for public water supply and sanitation services in urban local bodies of Karnataka - Preeta Dhar, Sudhira HS 2. The Bureaucratic Entrepreneur: Evaluating the Ethical Mismatch of New Public Management in Karnataka’s Urban Governance - Sudhira HS 3. Envisioning Users’ Role in Transforming Urban Public Service Delivery in India - Bidisha Banerji 4. Rethinking the Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act, 1976 for Climate Resilience and Community Oversight - Roshin Mathew 5. Advocacy Coalitions influence the Implementation of the 2006 Forest Rights Act in Vidarbha, India - Tejendra Gautam 	

Panels - Session 4 | 4:00pm to 5:15pm

D2-S4-A (4:00pm–5:15pm)	
Panel:02NPD07 Introspecting universities as a space for public policy studies: reflections on pedagogy and practices in India	
Panel chairs: Kasturi Datta (University of Delhi), Smita Agarwal (University of Delhi), Rashmi Gopi (University of Delhi)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding the Undergraduate Public Policy Syllabus at the University of Delhi since 2000: Paradigm Shifts in Policy Analysis - Rashmi Gopi & Dr. Smita Agarwal 2. PEDAGOGY, PRACTICE, AND THE POST-COLONIAL PREDICAMENT: MAPPING THE LANDSCAPE OF PUBLIC POLICY EDUCATION IN INDIA- Kasturi Datta (Assistant Professor, University of Delhi) 3. Teaching Public Policy as Process: Employing Screenwriting as pedagogy - Harsh Mittal (Assistant Professor, Birla Institute of Technology and Science) 4. Doing' Public Policy: Insights from Teaching and Curriculum Development for Public Policy Studies in India - Ekta Singh 	

D2-S4-B (4:00pm–5:15pm)	
Panel: 03PR00 Public Policy Praxis in India	
Panel chairs: Shreya Shree (National Law School of India University),Devyani Pande (National Law School of India University), Srikrishna Ayyangar, Manpreet Dhillon (National Law School of India University)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Journey to Agentic Governance: Synthesizing Practice and Reflection in the Design of Behavioral AI for the Global South - Siddharth Singh (Data Scientist, Indian School of Business) 2. Practising Groundwater Governance: Learning from the Implementation of the Atal Bhujal Yojana in India - Zahra Afreen (Research Associate, WELL Labs, India), Aditya Jain 3. Beyond One Size Fits All: Rethinking Urban Governance through a Differentiated Approach - Priyanka Tibrewal (Senior Associate - Urban Policy, Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy) 	

D2-S4-C (4:00pm–5:15pm)	
Panel:03PR05 Governing from the Margins: Field Perspectives on India’s Informal Economy	
Panel chairs: Padmini Ram (Urban Ethnographers, India)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From Fortress Conservation to Biocultural Mutualism: Rethinking of Inclusive Policies for Socio-Ecological Justice in the Panchagangavali Basin's - Jose Joseph (Research Scholar, Manipal University) 2. Governing Street Vendors in the MMRDA region : Field perspective on Policy, Practice and Exclusion - Navin Acharya (Master In Public Policy, University of Mumbai) 3. Negotiating Informality at the Urban Margins: Institutional Change and Livelihood Exclusion in West Bengal - Shreyasi Dan (PhD Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University) 	
D2-S4-E (4:00pm–5:15pm)	
Panel: 03PR07 Frugal Policy Innovation in India	
Panel chairs: Nihit Goyal (Delft University of Technology) & Madhulika Banerjee (University of Delhi)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adaptive Governance or Pragmatic Experimentation? Governing Uncertain Futures under Resource Constraints - Sreeja Nair (Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore), Nihit Goyal (Assistant Professor, Delft University of Technology) 2. Unlocking Welfare Entitlements for Construction Workers: Optimising Cess Collection Mechanisms in Chhattisgarh - Sanjana Saxena (Sr Manager, Indus Action), Madhuri Dhariwal (Director, Indus Action) 3. The Politics of Policy: Divergent State Trajectories of Ayurveda and Traditional Chinese Medicine in Post-Colonial India and Post-Revolutionary China - Akshay Bhambri (PhD Scholar, University of Delhi) 	

D2-S4-G (4:00pm–5:15pm)	
Panel: 01NR46 Rethinking Regulation: Legal Design for Effective Governance in the Global South	
Panel chairs: Akanksha Bisoyi (Technical University of Munich)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bridging the Gap between Regulatory Intent and Ground-Level Reality in Electricity Distribution - Sneha swami (Research scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay) 2. Modernizing Competition Law for Digital Markets: Legal Reform Design for India's Platform Economy - Rajib Das (Research Fellow and Guest Faculty, University of Burdwan) 3. Mapping Justice Through Play: Map-a-Forum as a Tool for Learning about Non- State Dispute Resolution - Saeed Bhate (Research Analyst, Justice Adda), Aditi Nayak (Research Assistant, Justice Adda) 4. Pro Bono Building Blocks to design a policy framework and ecosystem for structured pro bono work - Janani T.P., Eugenia Melo e Granjo (Research Assistant, Justice Adda) 	

D2-S4-I (4:00pm–5:15pm)	
Panel:-01NR49 An Indian Perspective on Public Policy	
Panel Chairs: Suma Athreya	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Disproportionate Incidence of Regulatory Burden on Small Firms: The Case of Electricity Market in India - Stefna B 2. From Alternative to Avoidance: The Transforming Scenario of Dispute Resolution in India's Infrastructure Sector vis-a-vis other jurisdictions - Maanya Kocher, Anurag Agarwal 3. Governing Surrogacy in India: A case for an inclusive regulatory framework - Sonshikha Sahoo 4. Farmer Agency under Structural Constraint: Evidence from Input Use Decisions - Prasenjit Barik, Bhamini Jain, Shashwat Shukla, Vanshika Shah 5. Reimagining Public Policy for Governance of the Corporate Sector in India - Mohit Gupta 	



D2-S4-J (4:00pm–5:15pm)	
Panel: 01NR27: Contests Over Power and Agency: Decolonisation Efforts and the Reconfiguration of Hierarchies in India	
Panel Chairs: Aashish Xaxa	
Papers: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Symbolic Presence or Real Power? Caste Dominance and Women’s Representation in Panchayat Elections in Bihar: A Case Study on Katihar District - Arun Oraon2. New Public Managerialism and its implications on Teacher Autonomy in Higher Education - Nancy Lakra (Doctoral Scholar, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration)3. Water Insecurity as a Governance Failure: Legal Pluralism, Policy Gaps and Everyday Vulnerabilities in Purulia District, West Bengal — Suvankar Goswami, Farhat Naz Presenter: Suvankar Goswami4. Reconfiguring Hierarchies Through Story: Documentary Film as Decolonial Policy Practice - Aparna Sanyal	

Day 3 | 11th June 2026 (Thursday)
Panels - Session 1 | 9:00am to 10:15am

D3-S1-A (9:00am–10:15am)
Panel: 01NR09: From Multi to Inter-disciplinary: Studies of Public Policy in India
Panel Chairs: Advaita Rajendra (IIM Sirmaur), Ankur Sarin (IIM Ahmedabad)
<p>Papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding repair through an interdisciplinary lens - Advaita Rajendra (Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Sirmaur), Ankur Sarin (Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad) 2. Local Policing and Community Engagement in Responding to Substance Abuse: Evidence from Gomtipur - Advaita Rajendra (Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Sirmaur), Ajazuddin Shaikh 3. Domestic Discourse and Evolving Priorities within the Digital Policy Landscape: A Study of Government of India Press Releases 2015-2025 - Nanda Rajiv (Student, International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad) 4. Spatializing Policy Processes and Politics: Smart Cities and Transit-Oriented Development in India - Harsh Mittal (Assistant Professor, Birla Institute of Technology and Science)

D3-S1-B (9:00am–10:15am)
Panel:02NPD04 Integrating Lateral Expertise into Decentralised Governance: Field Praxis and the Making of Policy Thinker-Practitioners
Panel chairs: Mohammad Imran (Indian Institute of Management Kashipur), Meghan Kadam (Christ University), Paritosh Pathak (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore)
<p>Papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governance, Coordination and Capacity Building: Lessons from Stakeholder Management at the State Level - Abhishek Das 2. Integrating Lateral Expertise into Decentralized Governance - Pranami Hazarika 3. Heuristic Decision Making to Navigate Public Bureaucracies - Swetcha Poladi (Student, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore) 4. Building Institutional Capacity for the MICE and Visitor Economy: A Practitioner's Perspective on Policy Opportunities in India - Sahil Buch

D3-S1-C (9:00am–10:15am)	
Panel:02NPD08 Public Policy Pedagogy in the Global South: Challenges, Innovation and Praxis	
Panel chairs: DEVANSH SHRIVASTAVA (National Law School of India University), Payal Dey (IIM Bodh Gaya), Pragya Yadav (National Law School of India University), Pratik Joshi (Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PUBLIC POLICY PRAXIS THROUGH LAW IN INDIA: AN ANALYSIS OF LEGAL EDUCATION AND ITS GOVERNANCE LIMITATIONS - Parineeta Goswami (Assistant Professor, UPES Dehradun) 2. Policy research in the Global South: Of bricolage and bricoleurs - Manav Khaire (Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Palakkad) 3. Unmapping the Global North : Policy Education reimaged beyond the Technocratic Gaze - Israa A K (Student, Indian Institute of Management, Bodhgaya) 4. Teaching Public Policy in India: Evidence from Comparative Curriculum Analysis of Master’s Programs domain of higher education - Sahil Jadhav (Policy Practitioner, University of Mumbai), Pratik Joshi (PhD Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay) 	

D3-S1-D (9:00am–10:15am)	
Panel:03PR03 Learning from Evidence: Rethinking Monitoring and Evaluation through Qualitative and Ethnographic Insights	
Panel Chairs: Padmini Ram (Urban Ethnographers, India)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workplace Ethnography for Emerging Indian Labour Market - Lakshmi Parvathy (Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Sirmaur) 2. Digitalization and Public Policy Implementation: An Empirical Study of a Village in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh - Suchit Yadav (Assistant Professor, National Law University, Prayagraj) 3. Examining the promise of realist methods and policy relevant evaluations - Pragati Hebbar 	

D3-S1-G (9:00am–10:15am)	
Panel: 03PR06 Shaping Just Climate Food Futures in India: Science, Policy, and Practice in Dialogue	
Panel chairs: Anita Pinheiro (WASSAN (Watershed Support Services and Activities Network))	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tribal Kitchens, Forgotten Foods, and Embedded Knowledge Practices - Deep Francis (Consultant, Women's World Banking), Anita Pinheiro (Knowledge Management Expert, WASSAN) 2. Muga silk of Assam: An indigenous food-fibre system at the science-policy-practice interface - Priyamvada Kowshik (Program Manager, University of Pune) 3. Enhanced Nutritional Status in Tribal Landscapes through Increased Dietary Diversity - (26332) B Salome Yesudas (Consultant, WASSAN India) 4. Financing for Food and Nutrition Sovereignty - A Case study from WASSAN, India - Anil Uppalapati (Program Officer, WASSAN India) 	

D3-S1-H (9:00am–10:15am)	
Panel: 01NR09: From Multi to Inter-disciplinary: Studies of Public Policy in India	
Panel chairs: Advaita Rajendra (IIM Sirmaur), Ankur Sarin (IIM Ahmedabad)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Patriarchal Norms and Women's Work: Shabana Mitra 2. Educating for policy analysis: A perspective on the disciplinary foundations of public policy curricula in India: Devyani Pande. Ishani Mukherjee, Dayashankar Maurya 3. Intermediated Justice - Civil Society and the Governance of Sexual Violence in Urban India Paribhasha Sharma 4. Timber, Seeds, and Leaves: Plural Ontologies of Forest Governance under the Forest Rights Act - YASHASHREE GARGE 	

D3-S1-I (9:00am–10:15am)
Panel: 01NR49: An Indian Perspective on Public Policy
Panel chairs: Satyajit Singh, Namrata Chindarkar, Shailaja Fennell
Papers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Caste interacting with Labour – Public policy making in India -Moggallan Bharti 2. Revisiting Policy Capacity in the Indian Context: Contemporary Debates, Challenges and Future Directions - Kasturi Datta, Yifei Yan 3. Theory of Change Meets Indian Reality: The Case of Delhi’s Mohalla Clinics - RINSHA NARAYANAN, Varun Varghese 4. Baghjan Blowout and Environmental Security: State–Non-State Actors Negotiations and Contestations-Medusmita Borthakur

Panels - Session 2 | 10:30am to 11:45am

D3-S2-A (10:30am to 11:45am)
Panel: 01NR09: From Multi to Inter-disciplinary: Studies of Public Policy in India
Panel chairs: Advaita Rajendra (IIM Sirmaur), Ankur Sarin (IIM Ahmedabad)
Papers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Policing and Community Engagement in Responding to Substance Abuse: Evidence from Gomtipur -Advaita Rajendra (Indian Institute of Management, Sirmaur), Ajazuddin Shaikh 2. Mapping the Reach of Maternal Benefits: Spatial Dynamics and Peer Effects in Uptake of India’s Conditional Cash Transfer Program - Bhawna Taneja (NCAER) 3. Domestic Discourse and Evolving Priorities within the Digital Policy Landscape: A Study of Government of India Press Releases 2015-2025 - Nanda Rajiv (International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad) 4. Spatializing Policy Processes and Politics: Smart Cities and Transit-Oriented Development in India - Harsh Mittal

D3-S2-B (10:30am to 11:45am)	
Panel: Panel: 03PR07 Frugal Policy Innovation in India	
Panel chairs: Nihit Goyal (Delft University of Technology)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving the Needle: Frugality as a Strategy for Grounded and Reflective Practice - Sukriti Jain (Lead Manager, IPE Global Centre for Knowledge and Development), Ananya Redkar 2. Frugal innovations at last mile of policy delivery in India: Masking of the institutional weakness - Sneha Swami (Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay), Priyank Jain 3. PM Gati Shakti Initiative: An exemplar case of Frugal Policy Innovation in Infrastructure governance - BANGALORE SIDDALINGASWAMY KIRAN (Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore) 4. Beyond the hype: An organisational framework for mapping policy labs to policy outcomes - Panchali Guha, Ishani Mukherjee (Associate Professor, Singapore Management University) 	

D3-S2-C (10:30am to 11:45am)	
Panel:01NR04 Understanding Policy Capacity Determinants in Agricultural Policymaking: Evidence from Asia and Africa	
Panel chairs: Yadav Humagain (Agriculture and Forestry University)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. India's Seed Policy and Trajectory of Conflict Between Farmers' and Breeders' Rights - Digvijay Singh (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi) 2. Diagnosing Path Dependency in Maharashtra's Sugarcane Economy: Insights from the 4 Problem Types and Integrated Anticipatory Policy Design Frameworks - Preeti Patil (Student, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy) 3. Impact of Last-Mile Banking on Cultivation of Horticulture Crops in India - Shivani Gupta (Indian School of Business) 	

D3-S2-D (10:30am to 11:45am)	
Panel: 03PR02 & 03PR09 Climate resilience and governance for energy and water sustainability: Evidences from global south and India	
Panel chairs: Pankaj Dabgotra (Panjab University), Pragma Mahajan (Panjab University), Prabhat Kumar (Janaagraha)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding Governance Structures and Policy–Practice Disconnect in Yamuna River Pollution: Insights from the Field - Vanjari Sridhar (Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Motilal Nehru College, Delhi University) 2. Reviving Traditional Irrigation for Climate Resilience: The Ahar–Pyne System in Eastern India - Uzma Anjum (Project Scientist, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi) 3. Sustainable Waste Management in Trains of IR - JAYANT RAMACHANDRAN (Director, Ministry of Railways) 4. Bottom to top approach : How urban waste pickers shape urban waste governance and climate resilience - Navin Acharya (Student, Masters in Public Policy, University of Mumbai) 	

D3-S2-E (10:30am to 11:45am)	
Panel: 03PR12 Solar Energy Praxis in the Global South: Experiences of Policy Implementation and Development Outcomes	
Panel chairs: Prathamesh Antarkar (Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Green Energy Transition and Governance: The Infrastructural Challenges in the Grid Integration of the Roof-Top Solar Energy Units - Abhinav Tyagi (Assistant Professor, Institute of Public Health, Bengaluru) 2. Experiences of implementing PM-KUSUM scheme, an empirical account from rural Maharashtra - Prathamesh Antarkar (PhD Researcher, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay) 	

D3-S2-F (10:30am to 11:45am)	
Panel: 01NR29 The Decentralisation of Natural Resource Governance in the Global South	
Panel chairs: Tejendra Gautam (Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Framework for Responsible Mining and Processing in India - K Prahalad (Research Analyst, Centre for Social and Economic Progress) 2. Natural Resources Governance, Forest Rights and Panchayati Raj - Rohit Jain (Researcher, Foundation for Research on Socio Economic Development) 3. Rethinking water resource management from ground up: case of maintenance of irrigation tanks in the Kaveri Delta, Tamil Nadu - Jyoti Nair (Post doctoral fellow, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment) 4. Community-Based River Governance and Decentralised Water Management: The Ghaggar River Case Study - Ritesh Ritesh (Research Scholar. Panjab University) 	

D3-S2-G (10:30am to 11:45am)	
Panel: 01NR30 Models to Decisions: Systems Approaches for Complex Policy Problems	
Panel chairs: Payal Dey (IIM Bodh Gaya)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Systems thinking approach in energy policy: Understand supply and demand dynamics- K Dinesh, Payal Dey (Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Bodhgaya) 2. Net Zero Pathways for Indian Educational Institutions: A Case of The Doon School - Aayush Shukla (MBA Student, Indian Institute of Management, Bodhgaya), Harshit Bareja, Priyansh Patni, Rishi Singh 3. Reasoning Through Complexity: Applying Thinking Processes to Public Policy Challenges in Developing Economies - Durba Banerjee (Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Management Bodh Gaya) 	

D3-S2-H (10:30am to 11:45am)
Panel: 01NR31 Urban transformations and popular economies in South Asia
Panel chairs: Harsh Mittal (Birla Institute of Technology and Science), Bhuvanewari Raman (Jindal School of Government and Public Policy)
<p>Papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ethnic violence and urban displacement: restructuring urban and hill centres in Manipur through new forms of urbicide - Sneha Krishnan (Professor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy) 2. Transit-Oriented Megaprojects and Climate Vulnerability: Implications for Mumbai's Small Scale Fishing Communities - Ruchira Paul (Research Associate, Cities Forum, India) 3. The case for making local governments partners in City Economic Regions - Srikara Prasad (Senior Associate - Urban Policy, Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy) 4. Understanding India's Connectivity as a Foreign Policy Imperative - Himani Sharma (Assistant Professor, SRM University, Delhi NCR)

D3-S2-I (10:30am to 11:45am)
Panel: 01NR23: Human Capital and India's Growth Trajectory: Opportunities and Imperatives
Panel Chairs: Aparna Kulkarni (St. Xavier's College), Shambhavi Singh (St. Xavier's College)
<p>Papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Police Legitimacy, Efficacy, and Educational Outcomes: A Cross-Country Analysis - Salil Kulkarni (Student, St. Xavier's College) 2. Pillars of the Care Economy: A Cross-Country Comparison of Facility Provision for Frontline Health Workers in India, Thailand, Brazil, and Ethiopia - Latika Shetty (Student, St. Xavier's College) 3. Pathways to Employability: A Comparative Analysis of Education Reform Policies in India, Vietnam and South Africa - Shambhavi Singh (Student, St. Xavier's College) 4. Brain Drain and the Effects of Emigration on Human Capital - Aparna Kulkarni, Radha Rasam



D3-S2-J (10:30am to 11:45am)	
Panel: 01NR35 Financialization of Social Policy in the Global South	
Panel Chairs: Manav Khaire (Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad)	
Papers:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Financialization, regulation, and market containment in the Indian healthcare system: a comparative policy analysis - Malu Mohan (Assistant Professor, Institute of Public Health, Bengaluru) & Satyanarayan Kumbhakar (Institute of Public Health Bengaluru) 2. EdTech, AI and Financialisation: Policy challenges for equity in the evolving learning economy - Pramath Kant (Consultant, Infosys Ltd.) 3. Contested Financialisation: Electricity Reforms and Social Welfare in India - Abhinav Sharma (Program Manager, World Resources Institute) 	

CLOSING SESSION

Vote of thanks and awards: 12 noon-1:00pm