

Green industrialization and inclusive growth in a fractured world order

Programme

Day 1: Wednesday, 18 March, 2026 @India Habitat Centre

17:00-17:30	Registration and Tea/Coffee
17:30-18:30	<p>Inaugural Session: Industrial Policy for Global Transitions <i>Lamp Lighting Ceremony</i></p> <p>Part 1: Opening Segment Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Kunal Sen, <i>Director, UNU-WIDER</i> • Prof. Nagesh Kumar, <i>Director, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID)</i> <p>Special Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stefan Priesner, <i>United Nations Resident Coordinator in India</i> • Prof. Tshilidzi Marwala, <i>Rector, United Nations University, and Under-Secretary-General, United Nations</i> <p>Inaugural Address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suman Bery, <i>Hon'ble Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog</i> <p>Part 2: Keynote Segment</p>
18:30-19:30	<p>Keynote Lecture on “<i>Barriers to Industrial Upgrading</i>”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Eric Verhoogen, <i>Department of Economics and School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, USA</i> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Martha Chen, <i>Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard University, and Chair of UNU-WIDER Advisory Board</i> <p>Distinguished Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ajay Shankar, <i>Distinguished Visiting Fellow, ISID, and former Industry Secretary, Govt. of India</i> • Dr. Zainab Usman, <i>The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and the Center on Global Energy Policy, USA</i> <p>Q&A Session</p>
19:30-21:30	Dinner Reception at the India Habitat Centre

Day 2: Thursday, 19 March 2026
@ISID Campus, 4 Vasant Kunj Institutional Area, New Delhi-110070

09:30-09:55	Registration and Tea/Coffee
09:55-10:00	Opening Remarks: Prof. Kunal Sen , <i>Director, UNU-WIDER</i>
10:00-11:30	Plenary 1: The Future of Global Economic Governance in a Fragmented World Order Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Deepak Nayyar, <i>Vice-Chairman, ISID, and former Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Amb. Len Ishmael, <i>Senior Fellow, Policy Centre of the New South, Rabat, Morocco</i> • Prof. Andy Sumner, <i>Professor of International Development, King's College London</i> • Prof. Justin Lin, <i>Dean, Institute of New Structural Economics, Peking University, and former Chief Economist, The World Bank</i> • Dr. Caren Grown, <i>Senior Fellow and Director, Brookings Center for Sustainable Development, USA</i> • Dr. Stephan Klingebiel, <i>Department Head, German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Bonn, Germany</i> Open Discussion

11:30-12:00	Tea/Coffee Break and Poster Session
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Time	Theme A: Growth Empirics and Policy	Theme B: Inequality and Mobility	Theme C: Global Economic Governance	Theme D: Climate and the Green Transition
12:00-13:30 Thematic Session 1	Session A1: Growth, Inclusion, and the Environment Chair: Dr. Rajiv Kumar , <i>Chairman, Pahle India Foundation, and former Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog</i> Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Societal Poverty in a High-growth Economy: Estimates for India during 1993 to 2023: Prof. <i>Karthikeya Naraparaju, IIM Indore</i> 	Session B1: Gender Equality and Development Chair: Prof. Raquel Fernández , <i>Silver Professor of Economics, New York University</i> Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complementarities in Developmental Infrastructure - Rural Roads and Access to Electricity, <i>Deepti Sharma, Ahmedabad University</i> 	Session C1: South-South Trade and Investment Chair: Prof. Sachin Kumar Sharma , <i>Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)</i> Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic and Institutional Determinants of India–Africa Merchandise Trade: <i>Chisom Lotanna Ubabukoh, O.P.</i> 	Session D1: Climate Shocks and the Labour Market Chair: Dr. Edgard Rodriguez , <i>Myanmar Lead, International Development Research (IDRC)</i> Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Shocks and Intergenerational Labor Market Transitions in MENA: <i>Yasmine Abdelfatta Hassaninh, Department of Business, University</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income Inequality and Duration of Growth Collapses: <i>Rohit Kumar, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade</i> A Novel Growth Theory Augmented Machine Learning Approach to Investigate Environmental Impact on Economic Growth: A Multi-Country Study, <i>Parthajit Kayal, Madras School of Economics</i> <p>Discussant: Mr. Kartik Akileswaran, Co-founder, Growth Teams</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Property to Power: The Political Returns to Women's Inheritance Rights in India: <i>Punarjit Roychowdhury, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar University</i> Rethinking Gender Equality: Is FDI worsening the Gender Wage Gap?: <i>Shabana Mitra, Senior Fellow, ICRIER</i> Marriage, Motherhood and Women's Employment in Rural India: <i>Dr. Rahul Lahoti, Research Associate, UNU-WIDER</i> <p>Discussant: Prof. Farzana Afridi, Professor, Economics and Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>	<p><i>Jindal Global University</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Metal Footprint Embodied in South-South Trade: A Study of Brazil's Trade (2000–2019): <i>Tiago Barcelos, Institute of Economics, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro</i> South–South Synergies: Assessing the Global Impact of a China–India Trade Alliance: <i>Sunetra Ghatak, O.P. Jindal Global University</i> <p>Discussant: Dr. Ramaa Arun Kumar, Assistant Professor, ISID</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>	<p><i>of Prince Edward Island</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heat Stress, Labour Share and Wage Inequality: Evidence from Indian Manufacturing Firms: <i>Garima Jasuja, Univeristá Cá Foscari Venezia</i> Climate Shocks and Economic Resilience: Evidence from Zambia's Formal Sector: <i>Rodrigo Oliveira, Research Associate, UNU-WIDER</i> How to Promote Circular Economy Transformation in the Global South?: <i>Anupam Khajuria, Research Fellow, United Nations University</i> <p>Discussant: Prof. Yamini Gupta, Professor, Delhi University South Campus</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
13:30-14:30	Lunch			
14:30-16:00 Thematic Sessions 2	<p>Session A2: Technology, Productivity and Growth</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Ram Singh, Director, Delhi School of Economics</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technological Change and Labor Coercion: <i>Daniel</i> 	<p>Session B2: Intergenerational Mobility and Labour Markets</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Ashwini Deshpande, Head, Department of Economics, Ashoka University</p> <p>Presenters:</p>	<p>Session C2: Financing Development Goals and Aid Effectiveness</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Arvinn Gadgil, Deputy Chief of Mission, Royal Norwegian Embassy, India, and former</p>	<p>Session D2: Greening of Trade and Industry</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Balakrishna Pisupati, Head, UNEP India</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The International Trade Dimensions of the United States

	<p><i>Araujo, University of British Columbia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legacy of Apartheid: Misallocation of Labour and Firm Productivity: <i>Talent Nesongano, Trinity College, Dublin</i> • Automation Adoption, Occupational Mobility, and Income Inequality in China: <i>Wenjun Wang, Department of Economic, School of Oriental and African Studies</i> • Experimentation and Technology Adoption in Manufacturing Firms: <i>Prabhat Barnwal, Michigan State University</i> <p>Discussant: Prof. Ananya Ghosh Dastidar, Professor, Department of Finance and Business Economics, Delhi University South Campus</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch Them Young - Impact of Gender Attitude Sensitisation on Labour Market Outcomes: <i>Mrinalini Jha, O.P. Jindal Global University</i> • From Parents to Children: Tracking Gendered Mobility in Indian Education: <i>Prof. Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi</i> • A Long-run Review of the South African Labour Market: Employment and Earnings by Race and Gender: <i>Vimal Ranchhod, University of Cape Town (UCT)</i> • Progress and Persistence: Race and Intergenerational Educational Mobility in South Africa: <i>Timothy Köhler, Research Fellow, School of Economics, University of Cape Town</i> <p>Discussant: Dr. Rahul Lahoti, Research Associate, UNU-WIDER</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>	<p><i>Director, UNDP Oslo Governance Centre</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilizing Investment for the SDGs: The Role of Development Banks and Emerging Donors: <i>Amelia Santos Paulino, Chief Investment Research Section, UNCTAD</i> • The Great Aid Transition: How Global Crises Reshaped Development Effectiveness in Africa: <i>Sambit Bhattacharyya, University of Sussex</i> • Role of Tax Policy in Promoting Trade and Investment Needed for the SDGs: India's Experience: <i>Gargi Sharma</i> <p>Discussant: Mr. Chris Garroway, Senior Economist, United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO)</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>Critical Minerals Security Strategy: <i>Dr. Zainab Usman, Columbia University</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Structural Transformation in South Africa: <i>Nishal Robb, Southern Centre for Inequality Studies</i> • The Effect of Tax Incentives on Deforestation and Firm Growth in the Amazon: <i>Bernardo Perrotti, Getulio Vargas Foundation</i> • Clean Technology Manufacturing: Navigating the Green Industrialization Dilemma: <i>Avantika Goswami, Programme Manager-Climat Change, Centre for Science and Environment</i> <p>Discussant: Mr. Laurent Cortese, Head of Climate Finance & Energy, French Development Agency (AFD), India</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
16:00-16:30	Tea/Coffee Break			

16:30-18:00	<p>Plenary 2: Green Industrial Transformation in BRICS Countries</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Arkebe Oqubay, <i>British Academy Global Professor, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, and former Minister, Government of Ethiopia</i> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Nagesh Kumar, <i>Director, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID)</i> • Prof. Imraan Valodia, <i>Pro Vice-Chancellor, Southern Centre for Inequality Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa</i> • Prof. Jose Puppim Oliveira, <i>Getulio Vargas Foundation, Brazil</i> • Dr. Maxensius Tri Sambodo, <i>Principal Researcher, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN)</i> • Prof. Jo Beall, <i>Emeritus Professor and Distinguished Policy Fellow, LSE Cities, the London School of Economics and Political Science</i> <p>Open Discussion</p>
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Day 3: Friday, 20 March, 2026
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09:00-09:30	Registration and Tea/Coffee			
Time	Theme A: Growth Empirics and Policy	Theme B: Inequality and Mobility	Theme C: Global Economic Governance	Theme D: Climate and the Green Transition
Thematic Sessions 3	<p>Session A3: Service Sector and Inclusive Growth</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Jay Shankar, <i>Head Economics, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Developer's New Dilemma: A Research Agenda for Services and Economic Development in the Global South?: <i>Prof. Andy Sumner, Professor of International Development, King's College London</i> 	<p>Session B3: Education and Labour Markets</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Aurelian Kruse, <i>Lead Economist, The World Bank</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalysing Social Mobility Through Student Success: <i>Nicola Ballantyne, Associate Professor at SALDRU, School of Economics, University of Cape Town</i> • Does Government Spending on Education Increase Intergenerational Educational Mobility? The case 	<p>Session C3: Migration, Trade and Technology</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Harsha Vardhana Singh, <i>former Deputy Director-General, WTO</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trumping Immigration: Visa Uncertainty and Jobs Relocation: <i>Kanika Mahajan, Ashoka University</i> • Financial Crises and Investment Decisions in BRICS: The Role of Uncertainty Avoidance and Institutional Resilience: <i>Anna</i> 	<p>Session D3: Gender and Climate</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Pami Dua, <i>Senior Professor of Economics and former Director, Delhi School of Economics, and Part-Time Member, PM-EAC</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feminization of an Unsustainable Agriculture: Rising Work Participation of Women in West Bengal: <i>Deepita Chakravarty, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University</i> • Droughts, Child Nutrition, and Women's Work in India: Implications

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive Service Sector-led Growth (ISSG): Country-Spell Selection: <i>Paul Shaffer, Trent University</i> • Inclusive Services Growth: <i>Saon Ray, ICRIER</i> • Structural Transformation and the Unequal Returns to Self-Employment in India: <i>Basit Abdullah, CDS, Jawaharlal Nehru University</i> <p>Discussant: Dr. Rana Hassan, Director, Development Economics and Indicators Division, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>of Free Compulsory Basic Education in Ghana: <i>Emma Whitelaw, Univ. of Cape Town</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low Value Cash Transfers in a High Unemployment Environment: <i>Benjamin Stanwix, University of Cape Town</i> • Welfare Policy, Education, and Inclusive Growth: Evidence from India: <i>Amartya Paul, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram</i> <p>Discussant: Dr. Radhicka Kapoor, Senior Employment Specialist, International Labour Organization (ILO)</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>	<p><i>Kovalchuk, Researcher, School of Finance and International Business, Wenzhou Business College</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migration, Institutions, and Inequality in a Fractured World Order: <i>Ira Neal Gang, Rutgers University</i> • Chinese Import Competition and Labor Compensation: Evidence from India, <i>Subhasree Sarkar, Ashoka University</i> <p>Discussant: Dr. Reji Joseph, Associate Professor, ISID</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>for Climate Adaptation: <i>Anjana Thampi, O.P. Jindal Global University</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire in the Fields, Crime in the Air: <i>Digvijay Negi, Ashoka University</i> <p>Discussant: Dr. Amit Kapoor, Honorary Chairman, Institute for Competitiveness</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
11:00-11:30	Tea/Coffee Break and Poster Session			
11:30-13:00 Thematic Sessions 4	<p>Session A4: Macro and Industrial Policies</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Aditya Bhattacharjea, Visiting Professor, ISID, and former Senior Professor and Head, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign Exchange Regimes, Misalignment, and Economic Growth: 	<p>Session B4: Poverty and Inequality</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Alakh Sharma, Director, Institute for Human Development (IHD)</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumption Patterns and Inequality along India's Rural-Urban Gradient: <i>S. Chandrasekhar, Indira Gandhi Institute of</i> 	<p>Session C4: State Capacity and Development</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Prajapati Trivedi, Visiting Professor, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and ISID</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measuring Local Government Performance: Conceptual Framework, New Data and Results 	<p>Session D4: Climate and the Care Crisis</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Arjan De Haan, Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Care-Climate Nexus: A Conceptual Framework, <i>Imraan Valodia, Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of the</i>

	<p><i>Abebe Shimeles Abebe, School of Economics, University of Cape Town</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measuring the Redistributive Impact of Fiscal Policy on Inequality and Poverty in Egypt: <i>Imane Helmy, Senior Economist, The World Bank</i> • Opportunities and Entrepreneurship: Evidence from Advanced Labor Market Experience: <i>Carlos Alfredo Schmidt Padilla, Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley</i> • Diverging States but Converging Districts? Resolving the Puzzle of Regional Growth Dynamics in India: <i>Prof. Debajit Jha, Professor of Economics, O.P. Jindal Global University</i> <p>Discussant: Dr. Satyaki Roy, <i>Associate Professor, ISID</i></p> <p>Open Discussion</p>	<p><i>Development Research, Mumbai</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An IRT Approach to Multidimensional Poverty Analysis in Mozambique: <i>Ricardo Santos, UNU-WIDER</i> • Measuring Poverty and Inequality with Reduced Data. A Machine Learning Approach Using Nigerian Household Data: <i>Miguel Nino Zarazua, School of Oriental and African Studies</i> • The Indian Poverty Conundrum, <i>Amaresh Dubey, Banaras Hindu University</i> <p>Discussant: Prof. Arup Mitra, <i>Dean, Faculty of Economics, South Asian University</i></p> <p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>From Ghana: <i>Daniel Chachu, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When (not) to target social programs: the simple arithmetic of the effectiveness of scale-up: <i>Sam Jones, Research Fellow, UNU-WIDER</i> • Social Protection in Practice: How Wait Listing and Payment Delays Shape Welfare Outcomes: <i>Hanna Berkel, Research Fellow, UNU-WIDER</i> • COVID-19 Pandemic and the State in Bihar: <i>Prof. Manish Kumar, JNU, and Prof. Avinash Kumar, Delhi School of Economics</i> <p>Discussant: Dr. Rohit Chandra, <i>Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi)</i></p> <p>Open Discussion</p>	<p><i>Witwatersrand, and Sonia Phalatse, Department of Climate Change and Inequality, Southern Centre for Inequality Studies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating a Comprehensive Care Services Infrastructure into Climate Adaption Planning and Finance, <i>Caren Grown, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution</i> <p>Discussant: Renana Jhabvala, <i>Chairperson, SEWA Bharat, and Co-founder and Former Chair of WIEGO</i></p> <p>Dr. Sona Mitra, <i>Senior Advisor, IWWAGE – an Initiative of LEAD at Krea University, India, and Visiting Researcher, Southern Centre for Inequality Studies, Wits University, South Africa</i></p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch			

14:00-15:30	<p>Plenary 3: Trust and Multilateralism</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Shantayanan Devarajan, <i>Professor of the Practice, Georgetown University, and former Acting Chief Economist, The World Bank</i> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Kaushik Basu, <i>Carl Marks Professor of International Studies, Cornell University, and former Chief Economic Advisor, Govt. of India</i> • Prof. Farzana Afridi, <i>Professor, Economics and Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi</i> • Dr. Luis Felipe López-Calva, <i>Global Director, The World Bank</i> • Prof. Patricia Justino, <i>Director-Designate, UNU-WIDER</i> <p>Open Discussion</p>
15:30-16:30	<p>Valedictory Session</p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Prajapati Trivedi, <i>Visiting Professor, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and ISID</i> <p>Valedictory Address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. S. Mahendra Dev, <i>Hon'ble Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)</i> <p>Closing Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Nagesh Kumar, <i>Director, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID)</i> • Prof. Kunal Sen, <i>Director, UNU-WIDER</i> • Prof. Martha Chen, <i>Chair of UNU-WIDER Advisory Board</i>
16:30-17:30	<p>Farewell Tea/Coffee</p>
