

The LEO Economics Conference 2025

25th April 2025

1:30 PM	Arrival, Welcome and Refreshments (Room no. 1002)
2:00 PM	Inauguration of Conference (Room no. 1002)
2:15 PM	Keynote 1: Rimy Oberoi with Prof. Ashwini Deshpande and Dr. Vidhya Soundararajan (Room no. 1002)
EDUCATION AND IDENTITY	
3:00 PM	Paper 1: Religious Identity, Lost Learning: Evidence from Colonial India Dr. Yatish Arya, Ashoka University (Room no. 2201)
3:25 PM	Paper 2: Does negative marking lead to gendered exam taking behavior: experimental evidence from India Dr. Swati Sharma, IIT Delhi (Room no. 2201)
3:50 PM	Paper 3: The Long-Run Effects of a Schooling System Targeted Towards Historically Disadvantaged Communities Dr. Naveen Kumar G, BGS College of Engineering & Technology, Bangalore (Room no. 2201)
4:15 PM	Tea & Campus Tour
5:00 PM	Paper 4: Computer Literacy and discrimination between Scheduled and non-scheduled groups among the Working Age Population in India (15-59 Years of Age) Dr. Jadhav Chakradhar, CESS (Room no. 2201)
5:25 PM	Paper 5: The Persistence of Disadvantages: Theory and Evidence Dr. Nishtha Sharma, New York University, Abu Dhabi (Room no. 2201)
5:50 PM	Lightning Presentations: Personnel Economics (Room no. 2201) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Impact of Migration on Self-Employment of Locals Sohini Mazumder, IIM Calcutta • Job Search: Bridging the Miles to Non-Metro Locations Vandana Saini, IIM Bangalore • Technological Progress and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Indian Organized Manufacturing Sector Lakhi Narayan Bhardwaj, IIT Guwahati • Precision of Monitoring and its Impact on Performance in Competition Divyanshu Jain, IIM Ahmedabad • Weaving Well-being: The Changing Landscape of Female Job Opportunities and Child Survival in Bangladesh Kirti Tater, Shiv Nadar Institute of Eminence • Labor Market Penalty for Single Mothers Shubham Ojha, IIM Calcutta
7:30 PM	Traditional Night Event: (Summer and Winter Courts Near Blue Tokai)
8:30 PM	Dinner (Mess)

26th April 2025

9:15 AM	Tea
9:45 AM	Keynote 2: Prof. Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, ISI Delhi (Room no. 2201)
10:15 AM	Paper 6: Regularized Opinion Pools for Density Forecasts under Bayesian Inspired Framework Dr. Parush Arora, Ashoka University (Room no. 2201)
10:40 AM	Keynote 3: Prof. Farzana Afridi, ISI Delhi (Room no. 2201)
11:10 AM	Keynote 4: Dr. Aparajita Dasgupta, Ashoka University (Room no. 2201)
11:40 AM	Keynote 5: Prof. Rohini Somanathan, DSE (Room no. 2201)
12:10 PM	Tea
12:30 PM	Keynote 6: Prof. K Narayanan, IIT Bombay (Room no. 2201)
SUSTAINABILITY	
1:00 PM	Paper 7: Heat stress and hospitalization in India Dr. Abhishek Dureja, Plaksha University (Room no. 2201)
1:25 PM	Paper 8: Improving household waste segregation in developing country with two-sided interventions: an experimental study in Bangladesh Dr. Shivani Wadehra, UPES (Room no. 2201)
1:50 PM	Lunch (Mess)
INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATION	
3:00 PM	Paper 9: Competition authorities and merger-induced demand changes Dr. Kiriti Kanjilal, IIIT Delhi (Room no. 2201)
3:25 PM	Paper 10: Can Mergers Drive Drastic Innovations? Dr. Saish Nevrekar, Ashoka University (Room no. 2201)
3:50 PM	Paper 11: The Impact of Process and Product Innovation on Employment across Indian Innovative Manufacturing Firms and the Role of Foreign-Ownership Dr. Smruti Ranjan Behera, IIT Ropar (Room no. 2201)
4:15 PM	Tea and Campus Tour
5:00 PM	Lightning Presentations: Conflict, Violence, and Safety (Room no. 2201) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of Terrorism on Capital Investment by Firms: Evidence from the State Jammu and Kashmir, India Rohit Duwadi, Arcus Policy Research • Violence, son preference and fertility: Evidence from India Ather Hassan Dar, IIT Kanpur • Homes of Harm: Spousal Violence and Child Malnutrition in India Noyel Sebastian, JNU • Signing for Safety: Can mandatory marriage registration reduce domestic violence? Rikhia Bhukta, IIT Kanpur • Safe Travels: Transport Development and Women's Safety in India Anisha Garg, University of Warwick • Cinderella No More: Night Work Bans and Women's Employment in India Sarvnipun Kaur, Plaksha University
6:45 PM	Departure for Gala Dinner for Presenters (Gate No. 1)

27th April 2025

9:15 AM	Tea
9:45 AM	Keynote 7: Prof. Sujoy Chakravarty, JNU (Room no. 2201)
10:15 AM	Keynote 8: Dr. Shabana Mitra, ICRIER (Room no. 2201)
MANUFACTURING AND EMPLOYMENT	
10:45 AM	Paper 12: Trade Shocks and the Changing Economic Geography of the US Dr. Priyam Verma, Ashoka University (Room no. 2201)
11:05 AM	Lightning Presentations: Resource Economics (Room no. 2201) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decoding Crude Oil Trade Dynamics: A Comparative Analysis of Machine Learning and Deep Learning Models Ritu Singh, IIT Kanpur • Bureaucratic Learning and Environmental Clearances in India Pranav Gupta, University of California, Berkeley • Comparative Study of the Impact of the Indian Transportation Infrastructure on Firm-level Performance with Focus on Inland Waterways Manish Chauhan, IIT Kanpur
11:50 AM	Tea
12:10 PM	Lightning Presentations: Identity (Room no. 2201) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linguistic Diversity and Development at a Finer Geographic Scale: A Study of Indian Districts Saarthak Anand, ISI Delhi • A Wedding Gift from the Government!! - On Marriage Subsidies and Fertility Preferences in India Sulagna Bhattacharya, IIM Calcutta • Colourism, confidence and productivity: Experimental evidence from India Nishat Anjum, Jawaharlal Nehru University
12:55 PM	Closing Ceremony (Room no. 2201)
01:30 PM	Closing Lunch (Mess)