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Implications of the Covid-19 Crisis for Labour and Employment in India: Impact, Strategies and Perspectives

Dates: 8-9 June 2020 | Time: 2.30pm – 8pm (IST)

A Virtual Conference organised by the Institute for Human Development (IHD),
International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE)

PROGRAMME

Day 1: **Monday, 8 June 2020**

Opening Session

2.30pm – 3.15pm

Opening Remarks

ALAKH N. SHARMA

Professor and Director
Institute for Human Development (IHD), Delhi and
Editor, Indian Journal of Labour Economics

DAGMAR WALTER

Director, ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team for
South Asia and Country Office for India

DEEPAK NAYYAR

Emeritus Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)
and Former Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi;
President, Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE)

Results of ISLE Members' Survey on Covid-19 and Implications for Labour and Employment

Presentation

GERRY RODGERS

Visiting Professor, IHD, Delhi and Former Director
International Institute of Labour Studies, Geneva

Release of Publication

“Internal Migration in India and the Impact of Uneven Regional
Development and Demographic Transition across States”

Published by
Institute for Human Development

Authored by
Ravi Srivastava, Kunal Keshri, Kirti Gaur, Balakrushna Padhi, Ajit Kumar Jha

Panel 1: Impact and Strategies: India's Responses and Trajectories

3.15 pm -5.30 pm

Moderator

S. MAHENDRA DEV

Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development
Research (IGIDR), Mumbai

Panelists

SUDIPTO MUNDLE

Distinguished Fellow, National Council of Applied
Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi

Theme: The Coronavirus Recession: Some Possible Scenarios

AJIT GHOSE

Visiting Professor, IHD, Delhi

Theme: COVID 19, the "Lockdown" and Employment

MAHESH VYAS

Managing Director and CEO
Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy Pvt Ltd

*Theme: The Lockdown Labour Market Shock in India:
Results from Fast-frequency Measures from CPHS*

KAMALA SANKARAN

Professor, Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law
University of Delhi

*Theme: Emerging Perspectives in Labour Regulation in
the Wake of Covid-19*

K.P. KANNAN

Hon. Fellow, Centre for Development Studies,
Trivandrum and Chairman, Laurie Baker Centre for
Habitat Studies

*Theme: Social Security in the Lockdown: A Time to
Revisit NCEUS Recommendations*

5.30pm- 5.45 pm

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Panel 2: Impact and Strategies: Sectors and Groups

5.45 pm – 8.00 pm

Moderator

NOMAAN MAJID

Senior Employment Specialist
ILO Decent Work Team for South Asia

Panelists

SUDHA NARAYANAN

Associate Professor, IGIDR, Mumbai

*Theme: More Reform than Relief: Indian Agriculture
and the Pandemic*

R. NAGARAJ

Professor, IGIDR, Mumbai

*Theme: Covid-19 Crisis for Labour and Employment in
India: Impact on Industry*

ASHWINI DESHPANDE

Professor of Economics, Ashoka University

*Theme: The Covid-19 Lockdown in India: Gender and
Caste Dimensions of the First Job Losses*

RAVI SRIVASTAVA

Director, Centre for Employment Studies, IHD and
Former Professor of Economics, JNU, New Delhi

Theme: Lockdown and the Crisis for Migrant Workers

JEEMOL UNNI

Professor, Economics and Public Policy
Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad
University

Theme: Impact of Covid-19 on Informal Economy

Day 2: Tuesday, 9 June 2020

Panel 3: International Experiences in Employment, Social Protection and Economic Strategy

3.00 pm – 5.15 pm

Moderator

GERRY RODGERS

Visiting Professor, IHD and Former Director
International Institute of Labour Studies, Geneva

Panelists

SANGHEON LEE

Director, Employment Policy Department
International Labour Organisation, Geneva

*Theme: The Labour Market Impacts of the Covid19:
A Global Perspective*

K. S. JOMO

Senior Adviser, Khazanah Research Institute, Malaysia;
Assistant Secretary General for Economic Development,
United Nations (2005-2015)

*Theme: Covid-19 Recession, Employment, Social Protection
and Sustainable Development*

MARTY CHEN

Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School and Co-
Founder, International Coordinator Emeritus and Senior
Advisor, Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and
Organizing (WIEGO)

*Theme: COVID 19, Cities and Urban Informal Workers: An
International Perspective*

KUNAL SEN

Director, United Nations University - World Institute
for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER),
Helsinki and Professor of Development Economics,
University of Manchester

*Theme: COVID-19 and Employment: Insights from the Sub-
Saharan African Experience*

IAN PRATES

Researcher, Brazilian Center for Analysis and
Planning and Research Fellow,
Social Accountability International CEBRAP/SAI
and

ROGÉRIO BARBOSA

Post-Doc Fellow, Center for the Metropolitan Studies
University of São Paulo, CEM/USP

*Theme: The Impact of Covid-19 in Brazil:
Labour Market and Social Protection Responses*

5.15pm- 5.30 pm

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Panel 4: Perspectives: Emerging Employment Scenario and the Future of Work in India

5.30 pm – 7.45 pm

- Moderator | **DEEPAK NAYYAR**
Emeritus Professor, JNU and Former Vice Chancellor,
University of Delhi; President, ISLE
- Panelists | **DEV NATHAN**
Visiting Professor, IHD and Research Director,
GenDev Centre for Research and Innovation and
Conference Coordinator
*Theme: Crises, Pandemics and Reorganization:
Global, Regional and National*
- | **UMA RANI**
Senior Economist, Research Department
International Labour Organizations, Geneva
Theme: Platform Work and the COVID Crisis
- | **REEMA NANA VATY**
Director, Rural and Economic Development
Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) of India
*Theme: Pandemic and Future of Work - Rehabilitating
Informal Workers' Livelihoods Post Pandemic*
- | **DIPANKAR GUPTA**
Former Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, JNU
Theme: Town and Country in Post-Colonial India
- | **PRATAP BHANU MEHTA**
Professor, Ashoka University and Contributing Editor,
Indian Express; Former President, Centre for Policy
Research
*Theme: Labour without Politics? Reflections on the Political
Economy of Labour in India*
- | **ASHWANI SAITH**
Emeritus Professor, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague
Erasmus University, The Netherlands
*Theme: Crises behind the Crisis: Labourist Reflections on
Growth, Inequality, and Democracy*

Closing Session: Policy and Research Challenges

7.45 pm – 8.00 pm

- Closing Remarks | **ALAKH N. SHARMA**
Professor and Director, IHD, Delhi and
Editor, Indian Journal of Labour Economics
- | **DAGMAR WALTER**
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