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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 and

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: Coronavirus Shock and Deep Recession

| **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

| **BREAK**

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*

5.30pm- 5.45 pm | **BREAK**

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: Impact of Covid-19 on Economic Structure,
including Global Value Chains*

| **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: Reorganization of the Unorganized Sector

| **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**
Director, ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team for
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