

Biographies of Speakers/Presenters & other Resource Persons



Chief Guests and Key Speakers

Inaugural Address



Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu is currently the Minister for Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and Parliamentary Affairs, government of India. He was elected a member of the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka in 1998 and has been continuously re-elected as the same since then. He went on to become Union Cabinet Minister for Rural Development in the NDA government in 1999. In the past, as a parliamentarian, he has served as the Chairman, Committee on Petitions, Rajya Sabha,(2006-08) and the Committee on Home Affairs , Rajya Sabha,(2008-14). He also been a member of various committees such as the Standing Committee on Finance (2004-06) and the Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (2005) . As an agriculturist, a farmer, a political and social worker and a student union leader, he has written several articles on subjects of political and public interest subjects of public and political interest, democratic decentralization and on other important issues of national concern. He has also motivated and guided voluntary organizations involved in constructive works in the fields of agriculture, health, animal care, vocational training, education etc.

Keynote Address



Professor Arvind Panagariya is Vice-Chairman, Niti Aayog and has been Professor of Indian Political Economy at Columbia University. He is a former Chief Economist of the Asian Development Bank and Professor of Economics at the University of Maryland at College Park. He has also worked with the World Bank, IMF and UNCTAD in various capacities. He holds a Ph.D. degree in Economics from Princeton University. Shri Panagariya has authored more than fifteen books. His book *India: The Emerging Giant* (2008, OUP, New York) was listed as a top pick of 2008 by the Economist magazine and described as the "definitive book on the Indian economy" by Fareed Zakaria of the CNN. The Economist magazine has described his book, *Why Growth Matters*, (with Jagdish Bhagwati) as "a manifesto for policymakers and analysts." Professor Panagariya's scientific papers have appeared in the top economics journals such as the American Economic Review and the Quarterly Journal of Economics while his policy papers have appeared in the Foreign Affairs and Foreign Policy. Until recently, he

wrote a monthly column in the Times of India and his guest columns have appeared in the Financial Times, Wall Street Journal and India Today. In March 2012, the Government of India honoured Panagariya with Padma Bhusan, the third highest civilian honors the country bestows in any field.

Valedictory Address

Professor Bibek Debroy, Padma Shri ,is an Economist and a permanent member of NITI Aayog (or National Institution for Transforming India Aayog), which is the replacement of Planning Commission and will act as a think-tank to the government of India. Bibek Debroy is Professor at the Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi. A well-known economist, he has served as the Consultant to the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, and Government of India. Bibek has authored several books, papers and popular articles. He is also the Consulting Editor of some of the most prominent financial newspapers



His past positions include the Director of the Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies, Consultant to the Department of Economic Affairs of Finance Ministry (Government of India), Secretary General of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Director of the project LARGE (Legal Adjustments and Reforms for Globalising the Economy), set up by the Finance Ministry and UNDP for examining legal reforms in India.

Speakers/Presenters



Abhinav Alakshendra is an assistant professor with the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at University of Florida. Dr. Alakshendra's research interests are mainly focused around the areas of applied microeconomics, urban and regional economics, development economics, and housing issues. He is recipient of many prestigious research grants including McArthur Foundation and UKAID. He has also worked on Kansas Department of Transportation grant. His KDOT study was awarded one of the 16 high value projects nationwide.



Alakh N. Sharma is currently Professor and Director of the Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi. He has worked as faculty at leading academic institutions such as the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi; V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida; Shri Ram Centre for Industrial Relations, New Delhi; and A.N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna. He has directed/coordinated more than 30 research projects in various areas such as livelihoods, poverty, employment, and labour markets. He has authored/edited/co-edited 18 books and published around 50 research papers in various journals. He is also Editor of the Indian Journal of Labour Economics (IJLE), the quarterly journal of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE), and co-editor of IHD's bi-annual journal, the Indian Journal of Human Development (IJHD).



Amaresh Dubey is Professor of Economics at the Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSRD), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He has been a Senior Fellow at National Council of Applied Economic Research, and taught economics in the North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong before moving to JNU. His research interest includes poverty assessment, education, labour markets and industrial organisation. He has published four books and over fifty articles and papers in peer reviewed journals and edited volumes. At present he is one of the PIs on India Human Development Survey project.



Amita Bhide is Professor and Chairperson of the Center of Urban Planning, Policy and Governance in the School of Habitat Studies. She did her MA in Social Work, specializing in Urban and Rural Community Development in 1990 and has been engaged in teaching at the Institute for over sixteen years. A former faculty in the School of Social Work in the Department of Urban and Rural Community Development, she has been deeply involved in issues related to urban poor communities, community organization and housing rights movements and advocacy groups. She has also worked on issues of tribal development and rural governance. She has been involved in several Committees of the local and state government in addressing issues of housing and poverty. She is the recipient of the Inaugural fellowship of the India China Institute on New School University, New York. Professor Bhide's recent work at the School of Habitat Studies has been on urban governance reforms, housing and land issues with a focus on small and medium towns in Maharashtra. She also heads the M East Ward Social and

Economic Transformation Program, an action research project that seeks to create a model of inclusive urban development in M East Ward, the poorest municipal ward in Mumbai

Amitabh Kundu is currently Visiting Professor at the Institute for Human Development and Senior Fellow at Delhi Policy Group, New Delhi. He was Professor of Economics for 43 years and Dean of the School of Social Sciences at Jawaharlal Nehru University. He has been a member of National Statistical Commission. He has been chairperson of the Expert Group on Diversity Index and Post Sachar Evaluation Committee appointed by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. Currently, he is chairperson of the Technical Advisory Committee on Housing Start up at Reserve Bank of India the Committee to Determine Slum Vulnerability Index at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation. Also, he is the chairperson of a large national Civil Society Organization called Samarthan working at grass root level. He has about thirty five books and three hundred research articles, published in India and abroad, to his credit.



Anil Kumar Jain is the Adviser (Energy) at NITI Aayog. He is an expert in the development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). He has served the Ministry of MSME, Government of India for 34 years at various levels and retired as Director (IPR). He has played an instrumental role in setting up of Intellectual Property Facilitation Centers for MSMEs in various parts of the country for the guidance of SMEs especially on the issues of Intellectual Property Rights. He is presently working as Research Associate with Planning Commission, Govt. of India, New Delhi as a Research Associate appraising Infrastructure Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects. He holds a post graduate diploma in Project Planning and Infrastructure Management from the Department of Business Management, Rajasthan University.



Ashima Sood is an urban researcher and writer, who is currently affiliated with the Woxsen School of Business, Hyderabad. Her research and writings have appeared and are forthcoming in a number of publications such as the International Journal of Urban Studies, Economic and Political Weekly and the *World Social Science Report 2014* (published by UNESCO and the International Social Science Council), among other places.



Bhim Reddy is an Associate Fellow at Institute for Human Development, and an Associate Editor of the Indian Journal of Human Development. His Ph.D from the Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad, focused on rural-urban labour migration and agrarian change. His research interests are in agrarian political economy, contemporary manifestations of caste, everyday lives and politics of migrant and informal labour in cities, emerging recruitment practices in urban labour markets, and urban inequality and violence.





Brij Maharaj is a senior Professor in Geography, who has received widespread recognition for his research in various spheres including urban politics, segregation, displacement, local economic development, xenophobia and human rights, migration and diasporas, religion, philanthropy and development. He has published over 150 scholarly papers in renowned journals such as *Urban Studies*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Studies*, *Political Geography*, *Urban Geography*, *Antipode*, *Polity and Space*, *Geoforum*, *Local Economy*, and *GeoJournal*, as well as five co-edited book collections. He is also co-editor of the *South African Geographical Journal* (Routledge), and serves on several international editorial boards. He is a B-Rated NRF researcher. In addition, he is a regular media commentator on topical issues, which reflects his commitment to intellectualism in the public domain.



Chetan Vaidya, an Architect-Planner, is Director of the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) New Delhi, since September 2012. He is Visiting Fellow at the University of Melbourne. He was Director of the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) during the period 2008-12. He also worked on Indo-USAID Financial Institutions Reform and Expansion Program (FIRE) during the period 1995-2008.



Chinmay Tumble is with the School of Public Policy and Governance, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Hyderabad. He has previously worked in academic, corporate, and government institutions in India, UK, and Italy. His research interests include urban economics and economic history. Currently, he is directing a research project titled, "The Growth of Cities in India, 1870-2020."



Christopher Silver, Ph.D., FAICP, is Professor and Dean of the University of Florida's College of Design, Construction and Planning. Dr. Silver served for three years as Urban Development Advisor to Indonesia under a USAID. He has also held academic appointments at the Virginia Commonwealth University. His international experience in Indonesia began in 1989 with a Fulbright Senior Lectureship at the University of Indonesia, followed by stints in 1992 and 2004 at the Institute of Technology, Bandung. He has spent eighteen years researching urban development and decentralisation in that country, as well as developing and implementing faculty and student exchange programmes. He is the author or co-author of five books, including *Planning the Megacity: Jakarta, Indonesia in the Twentieth Century* (Routledge, 2008), and *Planning and Decentralization: Contested Spaces for Action in the Global South*, with V. Beard and F. Miraftab (Taylor and Francis, 2008), as well as numerous articles, chapters, book reviews, paper presentations, and speeches. He has held major positions in several national professional organisations. Currently, he is the Editor of the *Journal of Planning History*, Chair of the Global Planning Education Association Network, and Secretary General of the International Planning History Society.



David Amborski is the founding Director of Ryerson's Centre for Urban Research and Land Development, Toronto. His research, publications, and consulting interests pertain to the interface between Planning and Economics. He has consulted for the federal, provincial, and local governments. His current activities

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Debolina Kundu is an Associate Professor at the National Institute of Urban Affairs and has about 20 years of professional experience in the field of development studies. She has been a doctoral fellow with the ICSSR and post-doctoral fellow at the Local Government Initiative, Hungary. She has previously been engaged as a consultant with several national and international organisations such as the Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS), UNDP, UNESCAP, KfW Germany, GIZ, and Urban Institute, Washington, on issues of urban development, governance, and social exclusion. She has been the coordinator of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) Reform Appraisal. At present, she is in charge of the Data Centre and HUDCO Chair activities at NIUA, and is coordinating a project on 'Internal Migration in India'. She is also the editor of the bi-annual *Journal Environment and Urbanisation, Asia*.



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Elisa T. Bertuzzo's research work is located in the field of cultural studies. She is currently carrying out research on circular migration and habitat in India and Bangladesh at the Technical University of Berlin. Since her dissertation on everyday life production of space in Dhaka, submitted in 2008, she has continued to undertake research on subaltern livelihoods in the subcontinent. Beside her academic appointments, she works with the non-profit organisation, Habitat Forum Berlin.



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Ilir Bejleri is an associate professor with the Department of Urban and Regional Planning and Co-director of Geoplan Center at University of Florida. Dr. Bejleri's research concerns the use of information technology in planning, primarily in the areas of transportation information systems, public health, and 3D visualisation for urban design. Dr. Bejleri has worked on several projects that integrate Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology in supporting transportation demand modeling, walkability analysis, and traffic safety improvements. He has conducted the design and development of GIS databases and environmental analysis tools to support the process of efficient transportation decision-making for the Florida Department of Transportation. He has conceptualised and directed the development and production of a state-wide geospatial analytical system for visualisation and analysis of traffic collisions, currently in operation in the state of Florida. In the sphere of health-related planning, he has designed and developed a national information system prototype to support efforts for the reduction of childhood obesity, and has researched and implemented methods to assess inequalities of accessibility to healthcare. His research also includes the use of 3D visualisation and simulation technologies to inform the planning and design of cities.

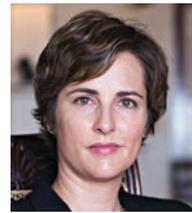


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Kalpna Viswanath is a researcher who has been working on issues of violence against women and safer cities for women for over 20 years. She has led research studies on violence against women in public spaces in the city. She spearheaded the Safe Delhi for Women safety campaign led by Jagori since 2005 and led the research work that included conducting women's safety audits and surveys. She has been involved with UN Habitat, UN Women and Plan International in planning safe city programs. She has also provided technical support to safe city for women programs in Cambodia, Pakistan, Kerala, Mumbai and Kolkata. She is the Chair of the International Advisory Committee of Women in Cities International and is on the Advisory Group for the second State of Asian cities report to be brought out by ESCAP and UN Habitat. She has published widely.





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Sanjeev Vidyarthi who trained as an architect, urban designer and spatial planner, is a scholar and practitioner of ideas and actions in the domain of human settlements. He studies how to make better plans for places and holds a tenured position in the department of Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago. His research interests span the fields of planning theory, history and globalisation and development studies, and his current research explores the issue of who does (and should do) the planning work. While undertaking work that explores planning efforts in a wide variety of urban settings, he has lived, worked, and studied in the Middle East, India, western Europe, and the United States.



Sandeep Agrawal is a Professor and Director of the Planning Program at the University of Alberta, Canada. He is an urban and regional planner whose research interests include land use planning and design, international planning, multiculturalism and human rights, and planning policy. Having served on various municipal and provincial boards and tribunals, Dr. Agrawal has extensive experience in administrative law and decision-making. Recently, the provincial cabinet appointed him on the Municipal Government Board that hears appeals on sub-division applications, property assessments, inter-municipal disputes, municipal annexations, and other matters.



Shailesh Pathak, in his 29-year career span, has spent 13 years in financial services and infrastructure, and 16 years with the Indian Government as an IAS officer. In the private sector, he has worked with the ICICI group for six years over two stints, apart from IDFC, SREI Infrastructure Finance and Principle Capital, London. In the



Bhartiya Group, he has business responsibilities for the urban development sector, especially smart cities and mass housing, as also SEZs. His areas of interest include cities, infrastructure, finance and public policy.

He graduated from IIM Calcutta and SRCC, Delhi. He also has an LLB, a Diploma in Business Finance from ICFAI, and a Diploma in Ornithology from Bombay Natural History Society. Most recently, he was at the University of Oxford's Said Business School for a four-month leadership programme in 2011.



Sher Verick is currently Senior Employment Specialist in the International Labour Office's Decent Work (DWT) for South Asia. Prior to joining the DWT in Delhi, he worked as Senior Research Economist for the ILO in Geneva. He has also worked for the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and various research institutions in Europe and Australia. He holds a Master's degree in Development Economics from the Australian National University and a PhD in Economics from the University of Bonn. Since December 2004, he has been a Research Fellow of the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA). He has published in a range of journals, including the *Economic Record*, *Journal of African Economies* and *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, and *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*, and authored or edited a number of volumes, including *From the Great Recession to Labour Market Recovery: Issues, Evidence and Policy Options* (2011), *Perspectives on Labour Economics for Development* (2013), and the *Labour Markets of Emerging Economies* (2013). His current research focuses on the changing patterns of female employment in developing countries, especially in South Asia.



Shivanand Swamy, an economist and urban and regional planner, has been an educator, researcher, policy advisor and consultant on development planning, specifically on integrated landuse–transport planning and design and urban development management. He has been involved in teaching at CEPT University since 1986. Prof. Swamy has assisted the cities of Surat and Ahmedabad in evolving their city mobility plans. He has been instrumental in planning and operationalising the Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) in Ahmedabad and Surat, and provided support to the Union Ministry of Urban Development in evolving planning and design guidelines for BRTS as well as in scaling up of bus-based services in various cities of India. Besides Ahmedabad and Surat, he is involved with BRTS development in Bhubaneswar, Hubli–Dharwad and Vadodara. He has designed toolkits on various aspects of urban transport and land use - transport integration and is assisting the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India in formulating a national urban transport research facility. He is an active member of the Developing Countries Committee of the Transport Research Board and an Advisor to Land Transport Academy.



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Other Resource Persons (Chairpersons, Panelists and Discussants)

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Besides being in public service, Lohia is also a guest faculty at IIM Ahmedabad and School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi. He is a National Talent Search scholar and merit-cum-means scholar from IIT Delhi) and holds an M Tech in Systems & Management equivalent to MBA and a Bachelor's Degree (B Tech) in Civil Engineering.

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