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About IIT Bhubaneswar

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar was established in 2008 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India as one of the eight second generation IITs. IIT Bhubaneswar is green campus spreading over 936 acres in the foothills of magnificent Barunei, which is famous for its rich history. IIT Bhubaneshwar is now functioning from its permanent campus at Argul. The campus provides a unique, serene and pollution free academic environment.

IIT Bhubaneswar offers UG, PG, and PhD courses through seven schools of study. It has academic area, residential complex, and area for training centres and research park. IIT Bhubaneswar has made rapid strides towards becoming one of the elite technology institutes of India spurred by sustained creation of knowledge and innovation, through high quality research and development activities and commitment to holistic education. The Institute aims to develop and pursue dynamic and flexible curricula designed to facilitate creativity and cognitive thinking among students through productive partnership with industries.

About SHSSM, IIT Bhubaneswar

The School of Humanities, Social Sciences & Management at Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar corroborates many humanistic disciplines through teaching and research across Economics, Planning, Language, Literature, Culture, Social Policy, Technological Development, Psychological Behaviours, Public and Private values. Study of the humanities provides students with social perspectives and cultural awareness. It also instils in them the ability to express clearly and accurately. The discipline enables students to critically evaluate ideas and actions, and to make choices on shared values and priorities. Its scope is international and approach is interdisciplinary. The School works at the intersections of Applied Micro Economics, Productivity and Efficiency, Development Economics, Political Economics, Open Economy Macroeconomics, Environmental Economics, Natural Resources Economics, Finance, Mineral Economics, Climate Change, Indian Writing in English, Post-Colonial Literature, Travel Writing, Business Communication, American Literature, Canadian Literature, English for Language Teaching, Cross Cultural Communication, Autobiography, Consumer Behaviour, Cyber Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Cognitive Neuroscience, Psycholinguistics, Psychology of Personality, Marketing, Indian philosophy, Socio-Political Philosophy, Ethics, Social Phenomenology, Philosophy of Language, Feminist Philosophy, Film studies and its allied areas. The School's aim is to help students develop the requisite communicative, analytic, critical and cultural knowledge to thrive in all aspects of their lives. Currently the School offers courses for B. Tech. disciplines and doctoral programs in Economics, English, Psychology and Philosophy. Along with these diverse academic departments, the School is home to a wide variety of interdisciplinary collaborations, path-breaking research projects, and unique areas of study.

About Indian Political Economy Association

The Indian Political Economy Association is a 30-year-old professional organisation striving to promote political economy in theory and practice in India. It is a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act and the Association came into formal existence in October 1989. One of the primary activities of the association is to conduct annual conferences to gather, interact and proliferate knowledge and develop ideas. The Association has over 700 life members from various parts of the country and has held 25 Annual conferences so far since its inception.

Political Economy has been one of the richest intellectual traditions in social sciences with the objectives to (i) provide a forum of mutual interaction and support to those engaged in theoretical and empirical studies with a view to evolve scientific and socially-responsive political economy with reference to both India and the world (ii) Encourage inter-disciplinary studies and will not restrict itself to the conventional boundaries of individual disciplines (iii) Popularize a scientific understanding of social problems among the people and to contribute to the process of social transformation. The Association has been very active in bringing out publications relating to contemporary socio-economic issues. It has published fourteen high quality edited volumes so far, such as Crisis in India (1995); Emerging Issues in the Political Economy of Development (2014); Plutocracy, Cronyism & Populism: Facets of Neoliberalism in India (2017).

At the intersection of economics and political science, modern Political Economics as a subfield of economics has two aspects to it. Macro political economics deals with political determinants of economic growth and development, politics of public finance, political underpinnings of international trade and financial outcomes, economic determinants and effects of political institutions and outcomes. Micro political economics studies economics of corruption and governance, micro-dynamics of public policies and welfare programs, and the theory and empirics of elections and voting. Modern political economics is aided by sound microeconomic and macroeconomic theories as well as various state-of-the-art statistical and econometric methods deployed on various kinds of datasets such as administrative and survey data. Political economics enlightens us with both big and small but important questions that underlie the role of politics in determining economic and political outcomes.

Conference Invitation

Global economy currently is at cross roads, when recession ridden economies across nations, which are trying to recover from a global pandemic, are also facing the economic consequences of a protracted war. Indian economy faces the challenges of sustaining growth, employment and macroeconomic stability. The crisis and constraints often manifest in other systems of the society such as politics, culture and institutions. Hence, there is a need to see the resonance in geo-politics, economic affairs and political processes. There is a need to combine empirical studies with theoretical issues that give us foundational understanding. This conference has chosen the following sub-themes that aim to reflect critical and reflective thinking.

The conference themes are as follows:

- 1. Political Economy of Current Geopolitical Trajectories
 - a. Global Multi-polarity; Geopolitical Fissures and Emergence of Global South
 - b. Political Economy of Sustainable Energy and Environment
 - c. Political Economy of Global and Domestic Financial Markets
 - d. Post-Covid Health Policy
 - e. Global Food Inflation, Food Crisis, and Farmers' Resistance
- 2. New National Education Policy and Future of Education & Research in India
 - a. Implementation of NEP and Outcomes
 - o. Multi-disciplinarity
 - c. Scientific Temper or Traditional Knowledge
 - d. Problems of Indian Statistical Systems
- 3. Perspectives in Political Economy
- I. The State of Political Democracy
 - a. Majoritarianism
 - b. Election Reforms
 - c. Delimitation Dilemma
 - d. Women's' Reservation Bill, Gender & Politics
- 5. Enablers and Constraints of Economic Development in Odisha

Submission of Papers

The conference invites faculty members, research scholars, students and professionals from India and abroad to participate and submit paper(s) on any of the aforementioned theme and sub-themes belonging to Indian and world economy.

- The paper should be original and should not exceed a word limit of 9000 words. The format of the paper should follow any standard citation style.
- After a review by the screening committee, authors will be intimated about the acceptance/rejection of the paper by the due date.
- The paper should be submitted online through the link provided below or should be sent to the email id ipeaconference2024@gmail.com
- Papers should include an extended abstract of 350-400 words. The abstracts of all accepted papers will be compiled and distributed to the participants.
- **Possible publication opportunity**: We are in talks with two international peer-reviewed journals for a special issue. Selected papers will be considered and their writers will be asked to submit to the journals for further peer review.

It is mandatory to register and pay registration fee for all the participants of the accepted papers before due date. All of the accepted paper participants will receive registration link in the acceptance letter before due date. The registration fee includes provisions for the conference kit, food, transport from the venue to the place of accommodation, access to all technical sessions, and Internet facility at the venue. Those registering after the deadline have to make their own arrangements.

Those going for spot registration have to pay an additional registration fee of Rs 2000.00 (for Indian participants) and \$20 (for foreign participants).

Registration for Participants

Participant category	IPEA Member	IPEA Non-Member
Faculty (₹) / accompanying person	3000	3500
Research Scholars/ Students	2500	3000
Others (Institutes, NGOs)	3000	3500
Outside India (US\$)	50	

Important Dates

Submission of Abstract	10 th December 2023	
Acceptance of Abstract	15 th December 2023	
Submission of Full Paper	31st December 2023	
Conference Registration	5 th – 10 th January 2024	
Spot-Registration	27 th January 2024	
Conference Dates	27 th – 28 th January 2024	

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About Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha, is also popularly known as the "Temple City of India". Bhubaneswar is the place where temple building activities of Odia style flowered from its very inception to its fullest culmination extending over a period of over one thousand years. The new Bhubaneswar with its modern buildings and extensive infrastructure perfectly complements its historic surroundings. With facilities to cater to every type of visitor, Bhubaneswar makes an ideal tourist destination. For more information about the city and its surroundings, please visit any of the following links:

http://www.orissatourism.gov.in/

http://www.orissatourism.org/travel-to-orissa/bhubaneshwar/places-to-see.html

http://wikitravel.org/en/Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneshwar is well connected through Rail, Road and Air

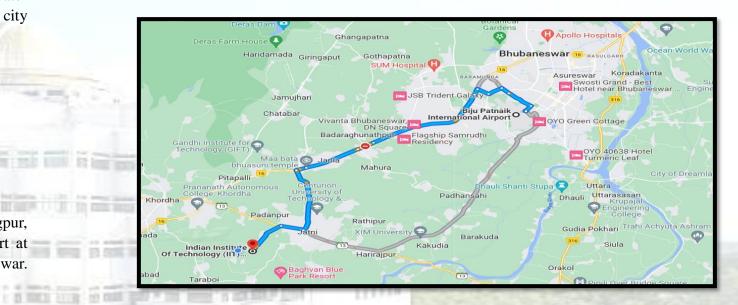
Reach Bhubaneswar through Air: Bhubaneshwar is well linked by air to Delhi, Chennai, Varanasi, Nagpur, Calcutta, and Vishakhapatnam through daily flights to and from the Biju Patnaik International Airport at Bhubaneswar. Air India, Indigo Airlines, and GoAir are the domestic airlines operating from Bhubaneswar. The airport is 4 km from the city centre.

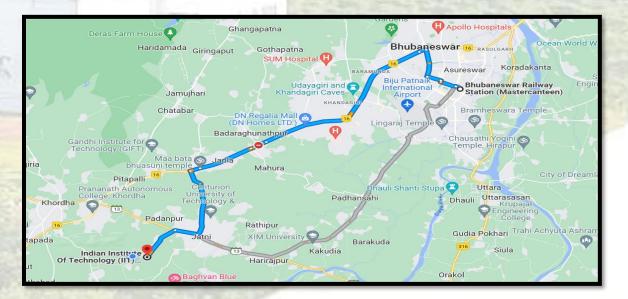
Reach Bhubaneswar through Rail: A major railhead on the East Coast (E Co) Railway, it has super-fast train links to Kolkata, Guwahati, Delhi, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Thiruvananthapuram, Mumbai, Ahmedabad and other important cities of the country. The station is located in the centre of city. Reach Bhubaneshwar by Bus / Road: Bhubaneswar is well linked to the rest of India by the National Highways. The Bus Stand is located on NH5, at Baramunda, about 6 km from city centre.

For visitors interested in sightseeing, buses for Puri and Konark are available from Bhubaneswar at a frequency of around 15 minutes. Buses to Puri and Konark also depart from Kalpana Square, at the top of Lewis Road.

How to reach IIT Bhubaneswar?

How to reach IIT Bhubaneswar from Bhubaneswar Railway Station?





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