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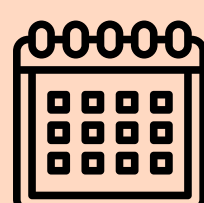
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS



Organizes

30th Annual Conference of Indian Political Economy Association (IPEA)

"The Evolving Indian Economy: Challenges, Opportunities, and Future Prospects"



October, 15-16, 2026



**J.M Keynes Hall
Dept. of Economics**

About the University

(<https://cutn.ac.in/>)

The Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN), Thiruvarur, is a prominent educational institution in India with NAAC A+, 99th NIRF rank, 12th in IIRF, and 55th in Nature Index is located in temple region of Tamil Nadu. It is with 13 Schools and 28 Departments, offering a broad range of 64 academic programs. These include 29 research, 22 specialized, 6 integrated, 2 undergraduate, and multiple PG diploma courses. The university stands as a beacon of hope, bridging the gap between aspirations and opportunities for all sections of society. It maintains a deep-rooted commitment to inclusivity, sustainability and diversity cultural heritage of Indian society.

About the Department

(<https://cutn.ac.in/departments-of-economics/>)

The Department of Economics, established in 2011, was one of the first in the School of Social Sciences and Humanities. The department offers five-year integrated, two-year MA and PhD program in Economics as per NEP 2020. It has 8 regular and 2 guest faculty from various parts of India with diverse specializations. The department emphasizes both theory and application in learning with latest technologies and softwares. It offers value-added courses for employability and promotes interdisciplinary learning and overall development of the students. The Department is renowned for its excellent internship and placement opportunities.

Conference – An Overview

(<http://www.ipeain.in>)

The Indian Political Economy Association, a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, came into formal existence in October, 1989. A fully democratic, participative and non-hierarchical academic culture is a basic pre-requisite for development of meaningful social science committed to the processes of social transformation. The Indian Political Economy Association seeks to work in these directions and with an approach which is in keeping with the perspective outlined above. The objective of the society is to 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. The society will in particular endeavour to encourage interdisciplinary studies and will not restrict itself to the conventional boundaries of individual disciplines. It is also an objective of the society to popularize a scientific understanding of social problems among the people and to contribute to the process of social transformation.

Themes & Sub Themes of the Conference

1. Geopolitical Changes and the Emerging New World Order

- Global Power Shifts and Emerging Geopolitical Realignments
- Multipolarity and the Changing Balance of Global Power
- Geopolitics of Trade, Technology, and Strategic Resources
- Global South, BRICS, and New Development Partnerships
- India's Role in the Emerging International Order

2. Indian Federalism at Crossroads: Polity and Economy

- Contemporary Challenges and Transformations in Indian Federalism
- Fiscal Federalism and Centre–State Financial Relations
- Cooperative and Competitive Federalism in Practice
- Decentralization, Local Governance, and Public Service Delivery
- Regional Inequalities and Developmental Imbalances

3. Developmental Pathways: State-Level Experiences

State-Level Development Models and Policy Innovations

- Comparative Development Experiences of Indian States
- Human Development, Health, and Education Outcomes
- Industrialization, Infrastructure, and Economic Growth
- Sustainable and Inclusive Development Strategies

4. New World of Work: Employment, Exploitation and Discrimination

- Changing Labour Markets and Emerging Employment Challenges
- Gig Economy, Platform Work, and Labour Rights
- Informal Employment and Social Security Concerns
- Gender, Caste, and Workplace Discrimination

5. Evolving Nature of Electoral Politics in India

- Electoral Transformations and Democratic Processes
- Electoral Behaviour and Changing Voting Patterns
- Social Media, Technology, and Political Campaigning
- Identity Politics, Representation, and Democracy
- Electoral Reforms and Democratic Accountability

6. Heterodox Macroeconomics Working Group

- Alternative Approaches to Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy
- Growth, Distribution, and Demand-Led Development
- Public Debt, Fiscal Policy, and Economic Stability
- Financialization and Macroeconomic Performance
- Employment, Inequality, and Structural Change

7. Political Economy of Tamil Nadu

- Tamil Nadu's Development Experience and Contemporary Challenges
- Social Justice and Welfare Policies
- Industrial Development and Employment Generation
- Public Finance, Fiscal Governance, and State Capacity
- Urbanization, Environment, and Sustainable Development

8. Any other Political Economy Related Topics

Guidelines to Author

- Abstract should be within 250–300 words.
- Full paper should be original and unpublished.
- The papers must be written in Microsoft Word using Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5 line spacing.
- The length of the full paper should be between 4000–6000 words.
- APA referencing style should be followed.
- Co-authorship is allowed with a maximum of two authors per paper.
- Authors should submit the abstract and full paper in MS Word format.
- The decision of the review committee will be final.
- Participants are requested to register before the deadline.

Registration Fee

Category	Participant Type	Member	Non-Member
With Accommodation	Faculty / Retired Faculty / Accompanying Persons	₹3,500	₹4,000
	Students/ Research Scholars	₹2,500	₹3,000
Without Accommodation	Faculty / Retired Faculty / Accompanying Persons	₹2,500	₹3,000
	Students/ Research Scholars	₹1,500	₹2,000
With Accommodation	International Faculty	85 Dollar	85 Dollar
	International Students	50 Dollar	50 Dollar

★ Registration fee is inclusive of 18% GST.

Important Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline: 20 August 2026
- Notification of Acceptance: 25 August 2026
- Full Paper Submission Deadline: 15 September 2026
- Pre-Conference Workshop: 14 October 2026 (3:00 PM onwards)
- Conference Dates: 15–16 October 2026

Publication

Selected articles will be published in the edited book with ISSN number

How to Apply ?

The Author/Delegates can submit their abstract through this mail id

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- ☐ **Educational Institution Name** field, search for and select **Central University of Tamil Nadu**.
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<i>Category</i>	<i>Me mb er</i>	<i>Non-Member</i>
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Students / Research Scholars (Without Accommodation)	₹1,500	₹2,000
International Faculty / International Students (Without Accommodation)	USD 50	USD 50
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