



Invitation and Call for Papers

**28th Annual Conference of the Indian Political
Economy Association**

ON

**The Past, Present and Future of
'Inclusive Development'**

**16TH - 17TH DECEMBER 2024,
IIT Roorkee, Uttarakhand**

About the IPEA

The Indian Political Economy Association (IPEA) is a 34-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 27 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 to evolve scientific and socially responsive political economy with reference to both India and the world; (ii) encourage inter-disciplinary studies and without restricting itself to the conventional boundaries of individual disciplines; and (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).

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The terms 'inclusive growth' and 'inclusive development' have become part of the official lexicon of governments, international development institutions, and policy-makers during the era of globalization. This includes India where it is currently incorporated in the conception of a 'Viksit Bharat'. While the lines separating the two terms are blurred, both invoke the idea of economic movements and transformations in which everyone participates equally, both as agents of these processes as well as their beneficiaries. They also relate to equality at two different levels, between different nations and within nations. Inclusiveness in both senses has also come to be considered a necessary condition for the 'sustainability' of growth and development, including being an integral element of addressing challenges like climate change, which are the result of the impact of human activities on nature over the last two and a half centuries. The idea of inclusiveness also has a political dimension, with democracy being considered an essential foundation for equal participation in development.

That certain ideas have gained currency at a particular historical juncture do not, however, necessarily mean that they have already come to define the actual direction of development. During the globalization era, many developing countries have grown faster than the most advanced economies, which have changed the world's economic geography.

However, the world order that for long has been centred on the hegemony of the West has not found it easy to adjust to these new realities and evolve an international system of governance in which everyone is an equal partner. Instead, we see a rise in geopolitical tensions and divisions in the world, which have a disruptive effect on any process of moving in the direction of a world in which humanity is at peace with itself as well as with nature. On the other hand, within countries too, wealth and income inequalities have increased, including in the fast-growing 'emerging' economies. New challenges to inclusive development are also emerging from the direction of technological developments – the thrust towards development and introduction of 'green' technologies on the one hand and what has been termed as the 'Fourth Industrial Revolution' on the other. New forms of labour, such as 'gig work', are also changing the socio-economic landscape of inclusiveness. In addition to these long-term factors are the persisting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the world economy.

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Understanding this world in a state of flux and identification of the paths needed to negotiate it are extremely important for India – home to 18 percent of the world's population and a lower middle-income country seeking to overcome, like many others, the legacies of colonialism and uneven development.

The question of inclusiveness in its own development process was also an important dimension of the political discourse during India's recently concluded general elections that formed the 18th Lok Sabha. To what extent it influenced the elections and the impact it is likely to have on the future of policy in India, however, remains a subject of analysis. As a major country and economy of the world, India's role in the international arena is also an important factor in shaping the character of the emerging world order.

The 28th IPEA conference seeks to explore the meaning of inclusiveness in growth and development in the Indian as well as international contexts, with reference to the actual experience, and to identify the feasible pathways to the attainment of these objectives. The conference's premise is that a political economy approach will be incredibly more illuminating than narrower disciplinary perspectives in understanding the varied dimensions of a complex reality and its reshaping.

Submission of Papers

The conference invites students, researchers, and professionals from India and abroad to participate and submit their paper(s) on any of the conference themes belonging to the Indian and world economies.

- The paper should be original and should not exceed a word limit of 9000 words. The format of the paper should follow APA 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 – ipeaconference28@gmail.com.
- Papers should include an extended abstract of 400-500 words. The abstracts of all accepted papers will be compiled and distributed to the participants as conference proceedings.

Selected papers will be published in a book volume by a reputed publisher.

Best paper will be awarded with a certificate and a cash prize of five thousand rupees.

It is mandatory to register and pay the registration fee for all the participants of the accepted papers before the due date. All the accepted paper participants will receive a registration link in the acceptance letter before the due date. The registration fee includes moderate accommodation in twin sharing, conference kit, food, transport from the venue to the place of accommodation, access to all technical sessions and pre-conference workshop, and an internet facility at the venue. Those registering after the deadline must make their own stay arrangements.

Conference Themes

Some specific themes of the conference are:

1. World Order or Disorder? Continuity and Change in the International System.
2. The Distribution of Wealth and Income in India: Socio-Economic and Regional Dimensions.
3. Women and Indian Development: Multiple Invisiblizations?
4. The Nature of the Post-Covid Recovery of the Indian Economy.
5. Inclusiveness and the State in India (with special reference to the 2024 Indian General Elections).
6. Technological Changes, Gig Work and the Future of Informality and Employment in the Indian Context.
7. Paths of Transition: The Case of the Uttarakhand Economy

Registration Fees

| Participant Category (With Accommodation) | IPEA Member | IPEA Non-Member |
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| Faculty/ Retired Faculty/ Accompanying persons (Rs.) | 3500 | 4500 |
| Doctoral Research Scholars/ Students/ IITR Alumni (Rs.) | 2500 | 3500 |
| Others (Rs.) | 4000 | 5000 |
| Foreign Participants (US\$) | 75 | 100 |

| Without Accommodation/online mode | | |
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| Faculty/ Retired Faculty/ Accompanying persons (Rs.) | 2500 | 3500 |
| Doctoral Research Scholars/ Students/IITR Alumni (Rs.) | 2000 | 3000 |
| Others (Rs.) | 3000 | 4000 |
| Foreign Participants (US\$) | 50 | 75 |

Payment Mechanism

For paying the registration fees, please click on the link provided below-

<https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm?corpID=365641>

Open the link and choose one of the suitable payment modes like online banking, NEFT, UPI, etc.

Note: The transaction details must be sent to our email.

Important Dates

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| Submission of extended Abstract | 15th October 2024 |
| Acceptance of Abstract | 28th October 2024 |
| Submission of Full Paper | 15th November 2024 |
| Conference Registration | 25th – 30th November 2024 |
| Half-day Pre-Conference Workshop on Political Economy | 15th December 2024 @ 3 pm onwards |
| Conference Dates | 16th-17th December 2024 |

About IIT Roorkee

Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) is one of the oldest IITs and foremost institutes of national importance in higher technological education and engineering, basic and applied research. Its history dates to the inception of the Roorkee College, set up in 1847 and later rechristened as the Thomason College of Civil Engineering in 1854. It got elevated as the First Technical University of the country in 1948 through the University of Roorkee Act, 1947. The University was scaled up to an IIT by the Government of India on September 21, 2001. Since its very inception, the institute has played a vital role in providing technical manpower and knowledge, research, and science and engineering applications in varied fields to the country.

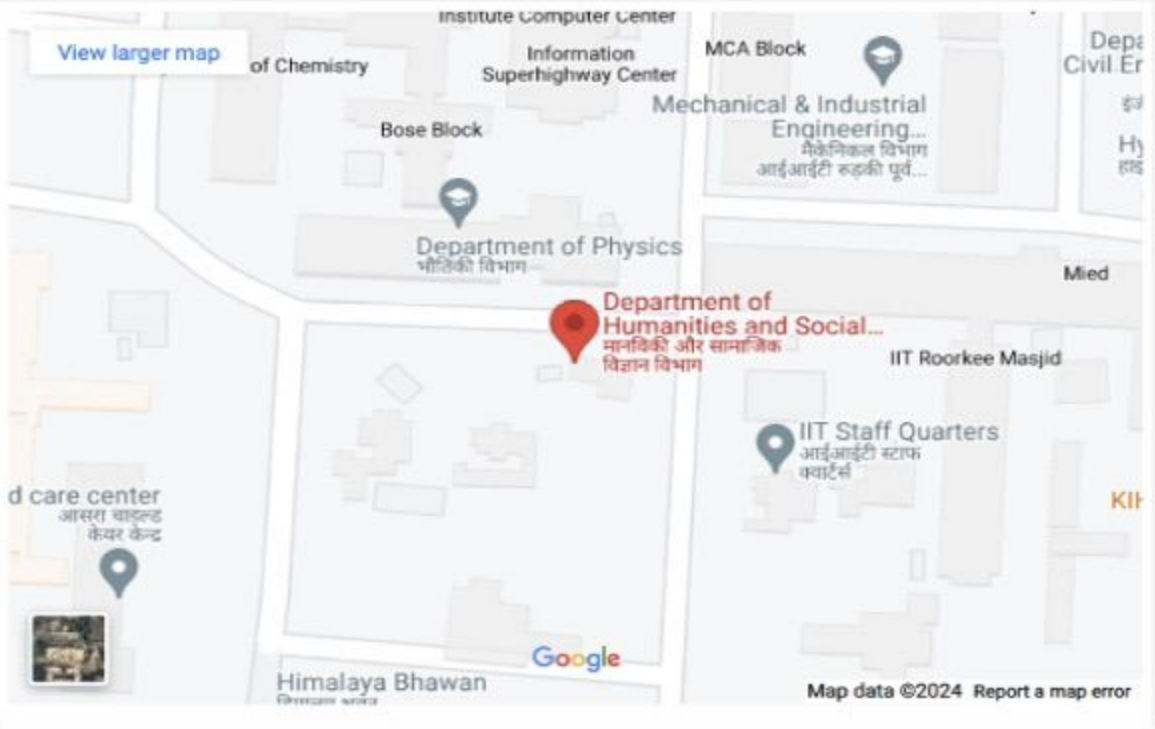
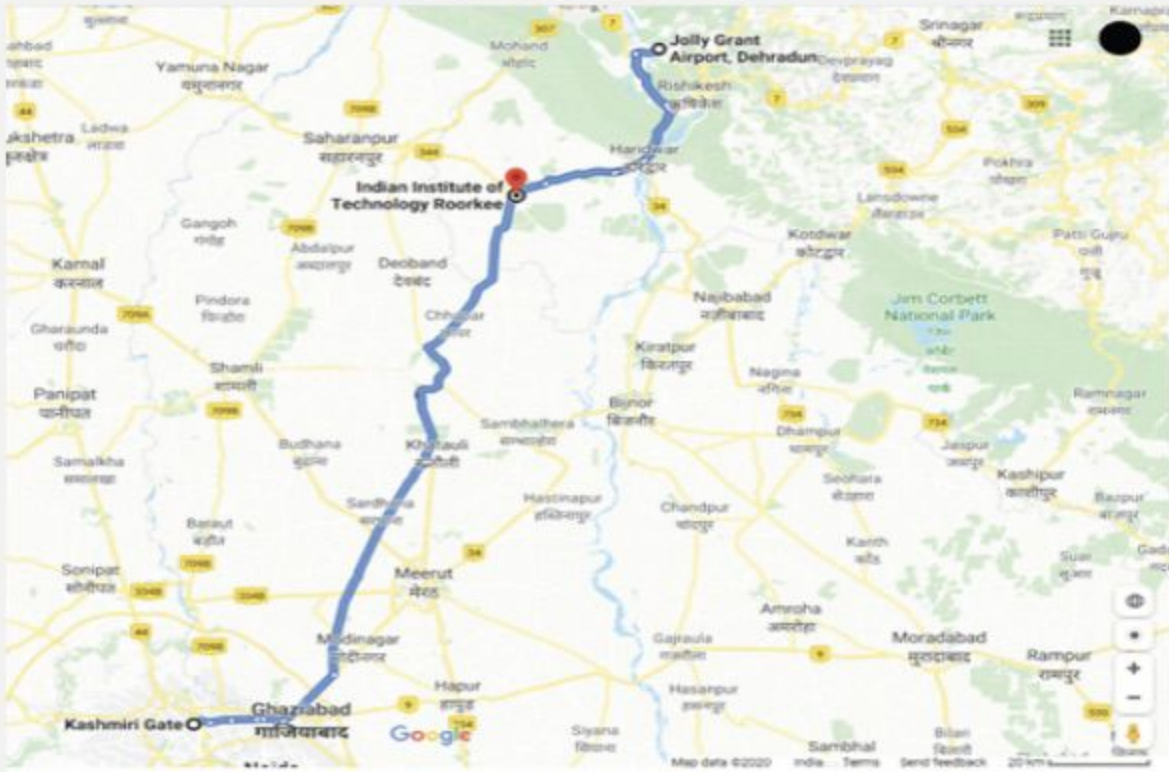
About the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Roorkee (erstwhile University of Roorkee) was established in 1966 with a vision to integrate human values and social concerns with technical education. Over the years, it has developed into a lively department, encompassing teaching and research programs in English, Economics, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Fine Arts, and related inter & cross-disciplinary subjects. The department runs a 2-Year MSc. program and a 5-Year BS-MS program in economics.

In recent years, there has been an expansion in research activities and exchanges of ideas, facilitated by the constant surge of discussions, consultations, projects, and publications in esteemed and high-impact journals. Besides, there has been a considerable progression of tangible and scholastic infrastructure, which, in the process, provides an impetus to its bright future.

How to reach Roorkee

Roorkee is in the district of Haridwar (Uttarakhand) and is located on the banks of the upper Ganga Canal, which starts at Haridwar. Roorkee is well connected to Delhi by rail and road. It is situated on National Highway (N.H.) 58 (Delhi-Haridwar) as well as on N.H. 73 (Haridwar-Panchkula). Roorkee is approximately 190 km from New Delhi, and it takes 4½ hours (max) by road. Several trains, like the New Delhi-Dehradun-New Delhi Shatabdi Express and Jan Shatabdi Express, stop at Roorkee. The nearest airport is located at Jolly Grant, Dehradun. However, Delhi is the preferred airport.



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