

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON



INSTITUTIONAL FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Conference Dates:

March 15-16, 2024

Organised by

RBI Chair Unit,
Department of Analytical
and Applied Economics

Utkal University,
Bhubaneswar-751004,
Odisha, India

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Important Dates:

Paper Submission:
15 January 2024

Decision on Paper:
22 January 2024

Registration:
30 January 2024 onwards

PPT Submission:
28 February 2024

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About the Department

The birth of Analytical and Applied Economics department took place in the name of Department of Rural Economics and Sociology in the year 1956 with an initial grant from the Ford Foundation. The postgraduate teaching in Applied Economics was introduced in the department in 1963 and in 1974 the name of the department was changed to the Department of Analytical and Applied Economics.

In recognition of the significant contributions made by this department in the field of economics research, the UGC selected the department as a Centre for Teacher-Fellowship Program in Economics in 1977, as a Department of Special Assistance (DSA) in 1989 and Centre of Advanced Study (CAS) in 2010-11. The Department has also been recognized by the UGC under the ASIHSS program for a period of five years from 2006-07 to 2011-12. The academic and research contribution of the department was also recognized by the SBI and it instituted a Chair in Rural Economics with an Endowment of Rs.6 lakh in 1981, which functioned till 2000. The RBI also instituted a Chair in Institutional Finance in 1982, which is now functioning with an enhanced corpus of Rs.10 crore.

The department now offers MA and PhD courses in Analytical and Applied Economics. The faculty members of the department have won several national and international fellowships, awards and other grants from time to time. Almost every year, the department has organised various regional and national seminars and workshops. The department brought out a journal entitled "Utkal Economic Papers" (ISSN 0976 – 7592) to promote the publication of original research works carried out by the faculty members of the department and several affiliated colleges in Orissa.

Theme of the Conference

The broad theme chosen for this year's conference is "**Institutional Finance and Economic Development**". The theme is extremely relevant in the current context as India's financial system has become vibrant. The intermediation process is no longer limited to commercial banks. The whole host of financial institutions are currently catering to the needs of non-bank non-financial companies/government(s). Direct financing through the capital market is growing rapidly. Derivative instruments provide avenues for risk management. Digitisation is progressing well. Insurance and provident funds are also playing their role in long-term financing. The financial markets have acquired sophistication through innovative products.

A complex financial system not only offers multiple opportunities for financing economic development but also throws several challenges like financial instability, asset quality management, resolution mechanisms, and risk management. The sub-themes are proposed keeping in view the growing needs of the economy. Research output on the sub-themes within the overall theme would be most useful for policy purposes besides giving good exposure to participating students/scholars/faculties in a niche area of applied economics.

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Sub-themes: Indicative

- Microfinance/SME Finance/Green Finance/Financial inclusion
- Digitisation/CBDC/Crypto Assets
- Financial Risk Management and Sustainable Finance
- Investment Banking
- Derivatives
- Asset Pricing Models
- Corporate Finance, Capital Structure and Dividend Policy
- Asset Allocation and Investment Management
- Financial Crises, Systemic Risk and Prudential Policies
- Quality of Financial Reporting and Adoption of IFRS
- Corporate Governance, Executive Compensation and Ownership Structure
- Insurance / Reinsurance / Pension Reforms

Guidelines to Participants/Authors

- The conference is open to students/scholars/faculties/professionals in the fields of economics, commerce, finance and management.
- The participants interested in presenting papers must submit the full paper including a one-page abstract of the paper (not more than 300 words) within the deadline. The abstract must contain the title of the paper, author's name(s), affiliation(s), full postal address, email ID, phone number(s) and disclaimers/acknowledgements, if any.
- Full text of the paper must be sent by email to rbiprof.uu@utkaluniversity.ac.in, typed in MS Word, Times New Roman, font size 12, 1.5 space (word limit 6000).
- The paper should be original, empirical and unpublished. Review articles shall be considered in exceptional cases.
- An internal Editorial Committee shall scrutinize the papers. Acceptance/rejection of the paper shall be notified to the author(s) by email. If a good number of quality papers are received, an edited volume shall be published subject to peer review.
- The author(s) of accepted papers will have to present their paper preferably through powerpoint slides within 10-15 minutes. The powerpoint slides of the paper should reach the Chief Organiser on or before 28 February 2024 by e-mail given above.

Registration

Registration is compulsory for all delegates. The attached registration form duly filled in should be sent to the Chief Organiser by email.

The registration fee, indicated below, shall be credited to the bank account given in the registration form. Research scholars / PhD Scholars have to submit documentary evidence in support of them from the head of the department of the University /the Principal of the college.

Category of Delegates	Registration Fee (Rs.)
Corporate Participants	2000
Teaching and Research Faculties/Authors	1000
Research Scholars/Students	500
Accompanying Person	2000

Expected Outcomes

1. Selected conference papers will be published in an edited volume after peer review.
2. In addition, a brief policy document will be prepared and sent to government agencies.

**For any Query,
Please Contact
Chief Organiser**

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Travel and Accommodation

Limited travel grants will be provided to the paper presenters (first author in case of joint paper presenters) (sleeper class) in the shortest route subject to the production of original tickets.

The outstation authors (one for each accepted paper) shall be provided free accommodation on a twin-sharing basis from the afternoon of 14 March 2024 to 17 March forenoon 2024. If any outstation participants would like to stay in a hotel at their own cost, it can be booked on request as per their choice/affordability. Breakfast, tea, lunch and dinner for the conference days will be provided to all registered participants.

Best Paper Award

The best paper will be selected based on internal evaluation (50%) and Session Chair marks (50%). The award will be given in the valedictory session with the best paper certificate.



Utkal University

Department of Analytical and Applied Economics

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Friday-Saturday: March 15-16, 2024

Registration Form

Name (in capital letters):

Designation and affiliation:

Address for correspondence:

Mobile No.: Email ID:

Presenting Paper: Yes No

Title of the Paper:

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Declaration by the Author: The research Paper submitted by me/us for presentation and possible publication is an original work of the author(s). The paper has neither been published/presented nor sent for publication anywhere else.

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Note: This form can be photocopied for the use of other willing participants.

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