India: Reforms, Economic Transformation and the Socially Disadvantaged

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420 W. 118th Street, 15th Floor
September 20 to September 22, 2012
September 20
7 - 9 p.m. — Keynote Panel

Welcome Remarks (7-7:30 p.m.)
John Coatsworth, Provost, Columbia University

The Politics of Change (7:30-9 p.m.)
Arun Jaitley, Opposition Leader, Upper House, Parliament
Salman Khurshid, Minister of Law and Justice, Government of India
N.K. Singh, Member of Parliament, India (presiding)

September 21
8:30 - 9 a.m. — Registration and Breakfast

9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. — Welcome Remarks
INTRODUCTION: Arvind Panagariya (Columbia) and Sandhya Satwadi (CII)
Robert Lieberman, Dean, School of International and Public Affairs

9:30 - 11:15 a.m. — Session I
Reforms, Poverty and Inequality among the Socially Disadvantaged
CHAIR: N.K. Singh, Member of Parliament, India
Paper 1: Growth, Openness and the Socially Disadvantaged, Megha Mukim (LSE) and Arvind Panagariya (Columbia)
Paper 2: The Post-reform Narrowing of Inequality Across Castes: Evidence from the States, Viktoria Hnatkovska and Amartya Lahiri (UBC)
Discussants: Mary Lovely (Syracuse), Pravin Krishna (Johns Hopkins)

11:15 - 11:45 a.m. — Coffee

11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. — Session II
Reforms and Entrepreneurship among the Socially Disadvantaged
CHAIR: Rangarajan K. Sundaram, NYU Stern
Paper 3: Entrepreneurship among the Socially Disadvantaged, Rajeev Dehejia (NYU) and Arvind Panagariya (Columbia)
Discussant: Nandini Gupta (Indiana)

1 - 2:15 p.m. — Lunch
2:15 - 4 p.m. — Session III

Industry in Economic Transformation
CHAIR: Sadanand Dhume, The American Enterprise Institute
Paper 4: Labor Regulations and the Firm Size Distribution in Indian Manufacturing, Rana Hasan (ADB) and Karl Robert L. Jandoc (Hawaii)

Paper 5: Complementarity between Organized and Unorganized Manufacturing in India: The Role of Policies and Institutions by Asha Sundaram (Cape Town), Reshad N. Ahsan (Melbourne) and Devashish Mitra (Syracuse)
Discussants: Pravin Krishna (Johns Hopkins), Anusha Chari (UNC)

4 - 4:30 p.m. — Coffee

4:30 - 5:45 p.m. — Session IV
Services in Economic Transformation
CHAIR: Mitul Desai, U.S. Department of State
Paper 6: Understanding India’s Unique Growth Trajectory: The Role of Manufacturing in the Rise of the Service Sector, Rajeev Dehejia (NYU) and Arvind Panagariya (Columbia)
Discussants: Eric Verhoogen (Columbia)

September 22
9 - 10:45 a.m. — Session V
Reforms and Health
CHAIR: Reuben Abraham, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad
Paper 7: Public Policy Towards Healthcare - Public and Private, Jeffrey Hammer (Princeton)

Paper 8: The Myth of Child Malnutrition in India, Arvind Panagariya (Columbia)
Discussants: Shanta Devarajan (World Bank), Jishnu Das (World Bank)

11:15 - 1 p.m. — Session VI
“India in the Global Economy: The Next 15 Years”
PRESIDING: Arun Jaitley, Opposition Leader, Upper House, Parliament
Jagdish Bhagwati (Columbia)
Mihir Desai (Harvard)
Tarun Khanna (Harvard)
Rakesh Mohan (Yale)

1 - 2 p.m — Lunch and Conclusion
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