

# Conference on the Indian Economy

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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International Affairs Building | 15th Floor

**9.00 - 11.00 am** — Session I

Globalization and Political Economy

Chair: Dr. Mary Norris

Panelists:

Joseph Francois, Eddy Bekkers and Miriam Manchin  
"Entry, Exit and Trade Costs in Europe"

Yang Liang, Mary Lovely, and Hongsheng Zhang  
"Inward Foreign Investment Policy and China's Export Surge"

Leyla Karakas and Devashish Mitra  
"Inequality, Redistribution and the Rise of Outsider Candidates"

Subhayu Bandyopadhyay and Devashish Mitra  
"Consequences of Outsourcing to Developing Nations"

**11.15 - 12.45 pm** — Session II

Economic Reforms and the Indian Economy

Chair: Dr. Rakesh Mohan

Panelists:

Ritam Chaurey and Pravin Krishna  
"Labor Regulations and Firm Productivity in India"

Rajeev Dehejia and Nandini Gupta  
"Financial Development and Occupational Choice in India"

Pravin Krishna and Heiwai Tang  
"Production Networks and Resource Misallocation: India and China"

**12.45 - 2.15 pm** — Lunch & Keynote Address

(Lecture starts at 1:15 in 1501, lunch seating in 1512)

Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog

## **2.30 - 4.30 pm — Session III**

### India's Growth and Sub-National Outcomes

Chair: Dr. Roger Betancourt

#### Panelists:

Poonam Gupta

"India's Growth Story"

Vivek Dehejia

"Competitive Federalism and the Ease of Doing Business in India"

Pravin Krishna and Eva Van Leemput

"GST and Indian Growth"

Rana Hasan and Debolina Kundu

"The Growth of Indian Cities"

## **4.30 - 5.30 pm — Cocktail Reception**

## **5.30 - 7.00 pm**

### Kotak Family Distinguished Lecture

Welcome Remarks, Professor Jagdish Bhagwati

"India's Economic & Political Tipping Point"

Speaker, Jay Panda, Member of Parliament, India

#### **About the Featured Speakers**

Amitabh Kant is presently CEO, NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India). He is a member of the Indian Administrative Service, IAS (Kerala Cadre, 1980 Batch). He is author of "Branding India – An Incredible Story" and has been a key driver of the "Make in India," "Startup India," "Incredible India" and "God's Own Country" initiatives which positioned and branded India and Kerala State as leading manufacturing and tourism destinations. Until 2016, he was Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion. He is the recipient of the Economic Times' "Policy Change Agent of the Year" Award, Bloomberg TV's "Personality of the Year" Award and NDTV's "Administrator of the Year" Award.

Jay Panda is one of the founding members of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) party and is currently serving in his 4th term in the Parliament of India, having been elected in 2014 to his second term in the Lok Sabha (House of the People) from Kendrapara Constituency, Odisha. Earlier, Jay Panda had been elected to the Lok Sabha in 2009 and twice, in 2000 and 2006, indirectly, to the Rajya Sabha (the Indian Parliament's other house, the Council of States). Mr. Panda has spearheaded the campaign to reduce tobacco consumption and has championed several key initiatives in India including the "Citizens' Alliance against Malnutrition" and has introduced several key bills in Parliament.

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