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8.30-9.00AM Registration and Welcome

9.00-10.15AM Agriculture

"What Ails Indian Agriculture?: Reforms for a Second Green Revolution"
Ashok Gulati (IFPRI) and Kaveri Ganguly (IFPRI)
Discussant: Ashok Kotwal (UBC)

10.15-10.30AM Coffee Break

10.30-12.30PM Politics

“The Politics of Development in India”
Al Stepan (Columbia) and Pavithra Suri (Columbia):

“Reforms and Election Outcomes”
Poonam Gupta (ICRIER) and Arvind Panagariya (Columbia)

Discussants: Ashutosh Varshney (Brown) and Pradeep Chhibber (UC, Berkeley).

12.30-1.45PM Lunch Panel: Details to be announced

1.45-3.45PM The Services Sector

“Organized Retailing in India: Issues and Outlook”
Rajeev Kohli (Columbia) and Jagdish Bhagwati (Columbia)

“Services Growth in India: Looking Inside the Black Box”
Rajeev Dehejia (Tufts) and Arvind Panagariya (Columbia)

Discussants: Rakesh Mohan (Yale) and Barry Bosworth (Brookings)

3.45:5.00PM Trade and Inequality

"Trade and Inequality in India"
Pravin Krishna (Johns Hopkins) and Guru Sethupathy (Johns Hopkins):

Discussants: Amartya Lahiri (UBC) and Jagdish Bhagwati (Columbia)
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9.00-10.15AM Privatization

“Selling the Family Silver to Pay the Grocer’s Bill? The case of Privatization in India”
Nandini Gupta (Indiana)

Discussants: Jan Svejnar (Michigan)

10.15-11.30AM Liberalization and Competition

"Does Liberalization Promote Competition?"
Anusha Chari (North Carolina):

Comments: Pravin Krishna (Johns Hopkins)

11.30-11.45AM Coffee Break

11.45-1.15PM Economic Reforms: What Next?

Shankar Acharya (ICRIER, Delhi), Rakesh Mohan (Yale), Jay Panda (Member of Parliament, India), N. K. Singh (Member of Parliament, India) and T. N. Srinivasan (Yale) (presiding)

1.30-2.30PM Lunch and Departure