



25th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 2025

ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN ECONOMIC AND
FINANCIAL STUDIES (AIEFS)
AT THE
INSTITUTE OF RURAL MANAGEMENT ANAND
(IRMA)

28-30 JULY 2025

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS

The 25th Biennial Conference of the Association of Indian Economic and Financial Studies (AIEFS) is scheduled to take place during 28th - 30th July 2025. The three-day event will have several academic sessions and invited lectures on the topics of interest to researchers on several developmental issues. The organizing committee is seeking papers under themes to encompass a variety of development challenges and opportunities in economics and finance, having potential impact on society in general, and on the developing and emerging economies in particular. The AIEFS has a broad focus covering all areas in economics and finance.

The following details will be useful in planning your participation in the conference:

Dates: 28th – 30th July 2025

Venue: Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), Anand, Gujarat, India

Registration: There is a conference registration fee of USD 150 (USD 100 without accommodation) for overseas participants and INR 6000 (or INR 4000 without accommodation) for India-based participants, which would include boarding and lodging for three nights at the IRMA Campus. There will be a reduced fee for students INR 4000 (or INR 2500 without accommodation). Participants can plan to arrive on Sunday July 27th and depart on July 30th.

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The thematic topics for the conference are the following (not limited to) -

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| 1. Alternative development paradigms | 9. Role of public policy in development |
| 2. Financial inclusion and rural finance | 10. Agriculture and rural livelihoods |
| 3. Public finance and governance | 11. Sustainable development |
| 4. Fintech and development | 12. Population and migration |
| 5. Health, education, and human development | 13. Trade and development |
| 6. Growth and employment | 14. Financialization and development |
| 7. Regional development | 15. Climate finance |
| 8. Poverty and unemployment | 16. Informal economy |

Full conference details and updates will be published online at <https://aiefs.org/>

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Tarun Jain (RBI Chair and Economics faculty, IIM Ahmedabad)

Dr. T. Krishna Kumar (Director, Rockville Analytics, Rockville, MD. 20850. USA)

Publication opportunities: After the conference, participants will have the opportunity to submit their papers to the following journals (or a book volume which will be announced at the conference). Besides, the conference organizers, in liaison with the editors of the following journals, will encourage authors to consider submitting their papers that fall within the general remit of the respective journal: Economic Modelling, Economic Analysis and Policy, Journal of Economic Surveys, International Journal of Rural Management, Journal of Indian Business Research for possible publication in a regular issue of the relevant journal. We are also in the process of looking for any special issue for the above-mentioned journal as an outcome of this conference.

Submission Guidelines

Paper - Those wishing to make a presentation at the Biennial Conference are requested to send a copy of their paper or the following necessary information as early as possible.

The information should contain:

1. The name(s) of the author(s)
2. A 1000-word extended abstract of a previously unpublished paper or the full paper if available (the abstract must include briefs on: motivation, literature gap, research question, methods, data, analysis, and outcome. It must include a 100-word abstract. If the full results are not available, it must mention expected outcome.)
3. Affiliation of all the author(s)
4. Contact addresses: e-mail, telephone and postal
5. The presenter's areas of specialization and a statement of interest in discussing the papers of other presenters.

Session/Panel

If you are proposing an entire session (consisting of three or four papers), you need to submit the session theme (with 300 words brief on the session) with the proposed papers in the above-mentioned format.

Deadline for Extended Abstract/Paper Submission: 15 March 2025

All the required information should be submitted through the online submission system (ConfTool) only. Please click on the following URL to submit an abstract (and for registration later on).

URL: https://irma.ac.in/conference_aiefs/

Tentative Acceptance/Rejection Decision Date: 31 March 2025

Note: The evaluation of the papers will happen as and when it is received. For planning well in advance, we encourage the author(s) to submit their papers as early as possible. Once the acceptance decision has been made, the selected authors (both India and non-India-based) would be required to pay their full registration fees before the papers could be included in the program. The exact addresses for sending payments will be announced later.

Upon acceptance of a paper, it is desirable that at least one co-author of the paper should become a member of the AIEFS. Membership details are available on the website. A member gets an opportunity to submit to the Annual Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) conference (<https://www.aeaweb.org/>) for the following year, without any submission fee.

We look forward to your submissions.

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About AIEFS

AIEFS is a non-profit academic organization founded in 1975 at Bloomsburg State University, Pennsylvania. Economists with interest in India felt a need to develop an identity for those involved in scholarly research on Indian economic and financial issues, to give publicity to their research outcomes and to educate the world at large on the realities of changing India. AIEFS objectives are to promote interest of the study of Indian Economics and Finance in its broadest sense, to encourage inquiry into, and analysis of the problems and issues facing the Indian economy and to facilitate communication and discussion among scholars working towards the above objectives.

AIEFS sponsors sessions at the annual ASSA, Western Economic Association and Eastern Economic Association. It also holds biennial meetings either in the US or India. First biennial meeting in India was held in collaboration with Research and Information System for Developing countries (RIS) in June 2011 in Delhi, followed by 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2023 biennial meetings held in collaboration with Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research in Mumbai, Central University of Hyderabad, NCDS Bhubaneswar, Xavier University Bhubaneswar, and IIT Madras, Chennai respectively. The 2025 biennial meeting is scheduled to take place at IRMA, India.

AIEFS brings out Newsletter twice a year – fall and in spring. From time to time, AIEFS also publishes edited books or proceedings of papers presented at ASSA and biennial meetings. In recent years, papers have been published in special issues of peer reviewed journals like South Asia Economic Journal, International Journal of Economic Policy in emerging Economies, International Journal of Public Policy, Journal of Quantitative Economics, and International Journal of Business and Emerging Markets.

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