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CALL FOR PAPERS

Two-day International Conference on **STRUCTURAL CHANGE, YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY, AND INEQUALITY**



November 27 & 28, 2025



School of Economics, University of Hyderabad,
Hyderabad, Telangana.

Jointly organised by

- School of Economics, University of Hyderabad
- ICFAI School of Social Sciences, IFHE, Hyderabad
- Young Scholar Initiative (YSI) – INET, New York

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The School of Economics, University of Hyderabad; School of Social Science, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE) University, and Inequality Working Group of Young Scholar Initiative (YSI)-INET, New York, is pleased to announce the International Conference on **“Structural Change, Youth Employability, and Inequality”**. This event provides a platform for young scholars and PhD students to engage with and understand the complex issues of economic development and its challenges, like unequal access to resources, food security, housing, education, health, and other public goods etc. The persistence of inequality in access to education (human capital) leads to unequal access to decent jobs (capability inequalities). This not only limits earning capabilities but also leads to increased inequality in income distribution. Moreover, the unplanned development of urban centres (cities and towns), the slower pace of structural transformation, and sluggish industrial growth, etc., limit the career opportunities of many young educated youth. We will also have special invited talks by researchers, advisors, and policymakers with practical experience developing and implementing government and regulatory policy. We aim to promote the exchange of ideas and highlight recent works on addressing the myriad issues that India and other developing countries face today, as the global economy and scientific development bring up new challenges for us. We hope to bring together the academic community and policymakers to discuss their contributions and efforts to mitigate such challenges. Finally, we aim to provide a platform to address the broader issues and challenges of structural change and inequality.

Themes of the Conference

Economic Growth, Structural
Change, and Inequality

Education, Decent Jobs, and
Youth Employability

Urbanisation, Migration, and
Informalization

Food Security and Inequality in
Health and Livelihood

Climate Change, Poverty, and
Marginalisation

Gender and Caste in Education
and Decent Jobs

REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION FEE

1. After selection, a nominal fee of 500 rupees will be charged for PhD scholars and 1000 rupees for assistant professors and higher positions.
2. A separate link will be emailed to all selected participants regarding the research paper selection and payment information.

POSSIBLE PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

All selected papers reviewed by a team of experts will be published as an edited book with an ISBN number, subject to the author's consent, by a reputable international publisher.

PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. **Extended Abstract**
Length: 800 to 1000 words
Content: A concise summary of the research, including the objective, methodology, key findings, and relevance to the above-given themes. The author's name or affiliation must not be mentioned anywhere in the extended abstract to ensure anonymity during the review process. Use the conference theme number as the filename.
2. **Full Paper**
Length: Maximum of 6,000 to 8,000 words (including references and tables). Papers must be the original work of the scholars. All submissions will be checked for originality using one of the plagiarism detection tools.
3. **Formatting Guidelines**
The full paper must include an abstract of 150-200 words, 4-6 relevant keywords and appropriate Journal of Economic Literature (JEL) codes (<https://link.springer.com/journal/41775/submission-guidelines>) at the end of the abstract. The format of the Word file is Times New Roman font, 12-point font, 1.5 line spacing, both sides justified, 1-inch margin on all sides, and automatic page numbering on each page. The paper should be sent via email to: inequalityconference2025@gmail.com
Extended abstract/ Full paper submitted through any other method will not be accepted under any circumstances.

BEST PAPER AWARDS: Two outstanding research papers will be selected for special recognition under the following award categories: the Young Scholar Award, for researchers below the age of 35, and the Early Researcher Award, for those aged between 35 and 45. Selection will be based on the quality of the full paper and the oral presentation during the conference. In the case of a multi-authored paper, only those co-authors who meet the age criteria and are involved in the presentation will be considered eligible for the award. Each co-authored paper must clearly designate one author who will present the paper at the conference. Interested applicants must submit a separate application form along with valid proof of age at the time of registration. Each award includes a certificate and a cash prize, which will be presented during the Valedictory Session of the conference.

IMPORTANT DATES	
Deadline for Submission of Extended Abstract	August 24, 2025
Notification of Shortlisted Applicants	September 1, 2025
Deadline for Submission of Full Working Papers (for Shortlisted Applicants)	October 26, 2025
Last Date for Registration	October 31, 2025
Conference	November 27–28, 2025

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