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Agrarian Change

November 06-09, 2025

Thiruvananthapuram

Conference Schedule

SCHEDULE

DAY 01, NOVEMBER 6, 2025

Tea: 1530-1630

Inaugural Session: 1630-1730, Vizhinjam Hall

Plenary Session: Some International Perspectives: 1730-1900, Vizhinjam Hall

Chair: Madhura Swaminathan

Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted:

The Role of Modern Science and Technology in Advancing Agriculture

Tang Lixia, He Zijuan, Yuan Baibing*:

*Achievements and Experiences in China's Poverty Reduction Governance
Since the Reform and Opening-Up*

Cao Duc Phat:

Income from Rice in Asia

Dinner: 2000

*presenter(s) will join online

SCHEDULE

DAY 2, NOVEMBER 07, 2025

Plenary 1: 0900-1045, Vizhinjam Hall

Chair: V. K. Ramachandran

Luciano Rezende Moreira:

*Productive Forces and Agrarian Relations in Brazil:
The Struggle for a National- Developmental Project*

Ashok Dhawale:

The Peasant Movement in India in Neoliberal Times

Venkatesh Athreya:

On the Question of Productive Forces in the Capitalist Mode of Production

Jens Lerche:

*Productive Forces and Agrarian Relations in the Countryside,
with a Specific Focus on Socio-Economic Classes in the Countryside in India*

V. K. Ramachandran:

Socio-Economic Classes in the Indian Countryside

1045-1115: Tea Break

Plenary 2: 1115-1300, Vizhinjam Hall

Chair: S. Mahendra Dev

Madhura Swaminathan, Arindam Das, C. A. Sethu and Daya Susan Thomas:

*Poverty and Living Standards in Rural India:
An Overview based on National and Village-Level Data*

Yoshifumi Usami and Arindam Das:

Trends in Rural Wages and Earnings

Brinda Karat:

Socio-Economic Conditions of Scheduled Tribes in India

Arjun Jayadev, Avinash M. Tripathi and M. K. Shravan:

Rural Growth and Distribution: Two Narratives from the PLFS 2017-2023

Gopal Guru:

Maharashtra's Changing Agrarian Scenario and Widening Inequality

1300-1415: Lunch Break

SCHEDULE

Session 1A: 1415-1600, Vizhinjam Hall

Chair: T. M. Thomas Isaac

Barbara Harriss-White:

Post-Colonial Capital in Indian Agriculture

Mihika Chatterjee:

Land in India's Post-Pandemic Accumulation Regime

Deepak Johnson and V. Surjit:

The Profitability Crisis in Indian Agriculture:

An Analysis of the Trends on Costs of Cultivation and Farm Incomes

Surajit Mazumdar:

Corporate Intervention in Indian Agriculture

Session 1B: 1415-1600, Bay Hall

Chair: T. N. Prakash Kammardi

K. K. Narayanan:

Harnessing Technology for Sustainable Agriculture:

Kerala's Path to Food Security and Climate Resilience

Niveta Jain*:

Green House Gases Emission from Agriculture: A Critical Perspective

Sreeja Jaiswal*:

Critique of Global Mitigation Pathways: Overlooking Food Security Implication

Sandipan Baksi, Dona Safui, and T. P. Harshan:

"Alternative" Approaches towards Sustainable Agriculture: An Epistemological Critique

Session 1C: 1415-1600, Waves Hall

Chair: A. V. Jose

A. Vijayaraghavan and Vikram Singh:

Agrarian Crisis and the Changing Nature of Rural Productive Classes in India

K. N. Ganesh:

Land Reform and the Socio-Economic Transformation of Kerala

Balasingham Skanthakumar:

Measuring Rural Poverty in Sri Lanka

R. Vijay and Nisha Patel:

Poverty and Living Conditions Among Peasants and Workers

Tea Break: 1600-1630

SCHEDULE

Session 2A: The Land Question: 1630-1815, Vizhinjam Hall

Chair: Niladri Sekhar Dhar
Discussant: Mihika Chatterjee

Ameet Kumar:
Problematising Land Reform in Jammu and Kashmir, India

Mrityunjay Pandey, Nisha Patel, and R. Vijay:
*Analysis of Changes in Extent and Composition of Land Tenancy in India:
An Exploratory Analysis*

Gobinda Padhan and Chitrasen Bhue:
Caste Stratification, Land Inequality and Landlessness in Post-Reform Rural India

Karthik Rao Cavale:
*Caste Coalitions and Land Redistribution:
Explaining Regional Variation in Tamil Nadu*

Peddi Dayakar:
*Sustaining Soil, Securing Yields:
A Longitudinal Study of Land Degradation and Productivity in India*

Session 2B: Commercialisation of Farming: 1630-1800, Bay Hall

Chair: Shinu Varkey
Discussant: V. Surjit

Akshay Subhashrao Deshmukh and Parmod Kumar:
*Determinates of Farmers Participation in the Grape value chain through Farmer Producer
Organizations (FPOs) in India: A New Institutional Economics Approach*

Kunal Munjal:
*Political Economy of Sugarcane Commercialisation in Uttar Pradesh (2000-2024)
Production Boom, Corporatisation of Industry, State Regulation, and Differential
Outcomes*

Rachit Tiwari:
*Paradoxical Rendering & the Appropriation of Community - Managed, zero-budgeted, and
Sustainable Agroecological Transition in Andhra Pradesh*

Sejuti Das Gupta, Ishita Mehrota, Chadrani Dutta and Aparajay Kumar:
Agrarian Transformation in India: New Realities and Subjectivities in High Value Crops

Ambika Subash:
From Enclosure to Illegality: Biotechnology in India's Cotton Capitalism

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Session 2C: Trajectories of Agrarian Change: 1630-1800, Waves Hall

Chair and Discussant: Jens Lerche

Avinash and Saqib Khan:

Agrarian Change in Tribal States: A Study on Jharkhand and Tripura

Gaurav Bansal:

Studying the Rural Beyond the Village: Political Economy of the Small Towns and its Implications for Capital Accumulation and Agrarian Distress in Rural Punjab, India

Aman Bardia:

Caste, Capital, and Contestation: Uneven Agrarian Development in Gujarat

Baldev Singh Shergill and Ramandeep Kaur:

*The Dynamics of Wealth Inequality in Rural Punjab:
A Comparative Study of Two Villages*

Session 2D: The World of Rural Workers: 1630-1800, Aqua Hall

Chair: V. Sridhar

Discussant: Vinoj Abraham

Priya Kumari:

Credit for Whom? Enhancing Kisan Credit Card's Lending Limits in India's Unequal Rural Credit Landscape

Prachi Bansal:

Stitching Together the Story: Labour Use in Indian Cotton Farming

Mrityunjay Rao and Jyoti Yadav:

Labouring Lives in Rural Brick Kilns in India: Caste, Class, and Gender in Perspective

Sreenivasulu Yamanapalli:

Understanding Agrarian Transformation: Longitudinal Evidence from Dalit Landless Agricultural Labourers and Landed Households in a South Indian Village

Nageshwar Bansode:

Mapping Marginality: Caste and Access to Public Amenities Among Dalits in Maharashtra

Dinner: 2000

SCHEDULE

DAY 3, NOVEMBER 08, 2025

Plenary 3: 0900-1045, Vizhinjam Hall

Chair: R. Ramakumar

R. Ramakumar:

The Role of Science and Technology in Agriculture: A Review of the Debates

Adenola A. Adenle:

*Understanding Africa's Food System Challenges:
Why Innovation Must Take Centre Stage*

K. C. Bansal:

Transgenic and CRISPR technologies in Agriculture

Kathleen Hefferon:

Modern Science and Technology in Agriculture

Stanford Blade:

Transforming Agriculture through Innovation: Emerging Trends in Crop Science

T. Jayaraman, Sandeep Mahato,

Charu Chandra Devashali, and Goutham Radhakrishnan:

*Climate Change and Indian Agriculture:
Adaptation Roles, Trade-offs, and Differentiated Vulnerabilities*

1045-1115: Tea Break

Session 3A: 1115-1300, Vizhinjam Hall

Chair: C. Rammanohar Reddy

Judith Heyer:

*Poverty and Standards of Living among Dalits in
Coimbatore/Tiruppur Villages, 1981/2 to 2024/5*

Parvathi Menon:

Kilvenmani and Thanjavur in the 1960s

Venkatesh Athreya and P. Shanmugham:

The Victorious Struggle of the People of Vachathi

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Session 3B: 1115-1300, Bay Hall

Chair: C. Veeramani

Sudipta Bhattacharyya and Tanusree Debanath:

*Broken Floor: MSP Failure in an Exclusionary and Differentiated Agrarian Structure –
A Tale of Two Villages in West Bengal*

Vijesh V. Krishna:

Joint Liability Groups: Kudumbashree and Efforts in the Other of India

T. K. Kishore Kumar:

*The Experience of ULCCS Cooperatives in the Non-Agriculture Sector:
Lessons for Inclusive Development*

Rita Ghedini and Simona Caselli:

Agrifood Sector in Legacoop

Session 3C: 1115-1300, Waves Hall

Chair: Jiju P. Alex

Niyati Singaraju:

Digital Transformation in Agrifood Systems: Opportunities and Challenges

Sai Chandan Kotu, Nagesh Maurya, Sandipan Baksi,

Tapas S. Modak, and Rithika Pulagiri:

*Diffusion and Scaling up of Drones in Agriculture:
A case of Nalgonda District in Telangana*

Gopinath R.:

Addressing Water Problem to Increase Paddy Yield in Cauvery Delta Zone

C. A. Sethu and Tapas S. Modak:

*The Political Economy of Canal Irrigation:
Class, Space, and Water Control in a Delta Village*

1300-1415: Lunch Break

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Session 4A: 1415-1600, Vizhinjam Hall

Chair: Balwinder Singh Tiwana

Venkatesh Athreya:

Rural Manual Workers in Tamil Nadu: Results from a Survey

Arindam Banerjee and Anirban Das Gupta:

*Reimagining the Agrarian Question in India:
Can Productive Forces Develop Sustainability?*

Satendra Kumar:

*Contemporary Farmers' Movements:
Changing Agrarian Relations in Western Uttar Pradesh*

A. R. Prasad Rao:

Untold Aspects of Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme (DILRMP)

Session 4B: 1415-1600, Bay Hall

Chair: Ritu Dewan

Himanshu:

Work and Well-being in Rural India: Some Puzzles

Mariam Dhawale:

Microfinance, Women, and Poverty

Ruchira Bhattacharya:

*Poverty Alleviation Trajectory of Southeast Asia and Pacific
in the Context of Rural Development- A Review*

Jiju P. Alex:

Strategies of Poverty Reduction in Kerala

Session 4C: 1415-1600, Waves Hall

Chair: Jayan Jose Thomas

Brinda Viswanathan and Surabhi M.:

Nutrition Security in India: Recent Evidence from Household Consumption

Sudha Narayanan:

Food Subsidy Debates in India: A Review of Evidence

Shamsher Singh:

Longitudinal Insights into Housing Conditions and Basic Amenities in Rural Uttar Pradesh

R. Nagaraj:

Import Dependence on Agriculture

SCHEDULE

Tea Break: 1600-1630

Session 5A: Agriculture and Gender: 1630-1745, Vizhinjam Hall

Chair: Mini Sukumar

Discussant: Govinda Choudhury

Alankrita Yadav:

Feminization of Agriculture and Gendered Time Use: Evidence from Eastern Uttar Pradesh

Soham Bhattacharya and Nancy Agarwal:

Exploring Time-Induced-Income-Poverty for Women in Indian Agriculture: 2019-2024

Shakuntala Ghadai:

*The Impact of Climate Shock on Household Food Security:
Gendered Dimensions of Coping Strategies*

Archana Tamag:

Agrarian Relations in Sikkim

Session 5B: Through the Lens of Political Economy: 1630-1800, Bay Hall

Chair: John Harriss

Deepa Kurup:

*Social Programmes and Class Struggle: A Comparative Political Economy Approach to
Studying Transformative Processes in Rural India*

Balwinder Singh Tiwana, Paramjit Singh, and Mukesh Kumar:

*Class Dynamics of Accumulation and Livelihood Strategy of Peasantry in Rural India:
Empirical Evidence from Haryana*

Aishwarya Prakash:

*The Unequal Promises of Collectivisation:
Re-Examining Inclusion in Farmer Producer Companies*

Anjana Kesav and Sachin Varghese Titty:

Beyond Poverty: Examining the Structural Roots of Agrarian Vulnerability in India

Ashwin Subramanian:

*Basmati tales: Contract Farming, Changing Caste-and-Kin Ties and
Agrarian Questions of Capital in a Central Indian Hinterland*

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Session 5C: Agrarian Identities and Imaginaries: 1630-1745, Waves Hall

Chair: Gopinath Ravindran

Discussant: Ranjini Basu

Praveen Verma:

Rethinking Agrarian Identity:

Colonial Legacies, Legal Discourses, and the Farmers' Movement in Post-Colonial India

Sakshi Gupta:

Shaping Food Futures through Narratives:

The Sociotechnical Imaginaries of Alternative Proteins in Japan

Athmanathan Indrajith:

Effects of British Policies on Agriculture: The Case of 19th Century Madras Presidency

Session 5D: The Reach of Policy: 1630-1800, Aqua Hall

Chair: Pallavi Chavan

Discussant: Kiran Kumar Kakarlapudi

Ashish Chouhan:

Determinants of Adoption of Crop Insurance in the Soybean Producing Regions of Madhya Pradesh: Empirical Insights Using a Double Hurdle Approach

Anjaly Unnikrishnan:

Agrometeorological Advisories and Crop Productivity:

Evidence from Chitradurga District, Karnataka

Peeyush Priya, Aparajay Kumar Singh* and T. Jayaraman:

Differentiated Impact of Carbon Pricing on Indian Agriculture: An Ex-Ante Study

Ishwar Choudhry:

Climate Change Adaptation in Indian Agriculture:

A Household-Level Analysis of Adaptive Capacity

Rakesh Gomaji Nannewar, Anjaly Unnikrishnan,

Kruthika S., Charumati Kasiraju, and Tejal Kanitkar:

From Advice to Action: Assessing the Effectiveness and Equity of Agrometeorological Advisory Services in Southern India

Cultural Programme: 1830-2030, Vizhinjam Hall

Dinner: 2000

SCHEDULE

DAY 4, NOVEMBER 09, 2025

Session 6A: 0915-1100, Vizhinjam Hall

Chair: Sudha Narayanan

Michael Roberts*:

Agrarian Change - the Lessons of India and China

Jayan Jose Thomas:

Aspirations and Realities in Rural India: Jobs, Incomes, and Inequalities, 1983-2023

P. C. Mohanan:

Data Systems for Measuring Rural and Agrarian Changes in India

Surajit Das:

Direction of Fiscal Policy for Human Development

Session 6B: 0915-1100, Bay Hall

Chair: R. Nagaraj

Discussant: Kalyani Raghunathan

Bheemeshwar Reddy:

Work, Welfare, and Insecurity: Ageing and Economic Survival in India

Madhura Swaminathan and Arindam Das:

Women's Contribution to Agriculture

Session 6C: 0915-1100, Waves Hall

Chair: R. Ramakumar

Marcus Taylor:

Playing with Time: The Temporalities of Agrarian Change under Climatic Instability

Rita Ghedini:

The Challenge of Adaptation

Pratap Singh Birthal*:

Climate Change and Agriculture in India: Impacts and Projections

K. S. Kavi Kumar and Anubhab Pattanayak*:

Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation: Indian Agriculture

1100-1130: Tea Break

1130-1300: Vizhinjam Hall

New directions for research







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