



ISDS 2019: Inter-Disciplinary Workshop in Development Studies

Urban Transformations

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Organized by Centre for New Economics Studies (CNES)

Jindal School of International Affairs

OP Jindal Global University

Call for Papers

The Student Workshop Organizing Committee at Centre for New Economics Studies, OP Jindal Global University welcomes research contributions from research scholars specializing across different social sciences (from graduate to doctoral level), and present their work in form of working papers during the second edition of the ISDS workshop. Papers invoking critical questions on theorizing under identified themes (and sub-themes) of the workshop, or offering empirical insights on contemporary social, economic issues and/or addressing methodological approaches used in mainstream discourse are especially encouraged. Each researcher, selected to present at the workshop will receive a detailed written feedback on the working paper by the discussants (faculty members at the University). Selected paper shall be published in the October edition of the Centre's own in-house Journal (see [here](#)). Please find a brief description of this year's theme of the workshop along with details on the submission guidelines and logistics for your reference.

Brief Note on 2019 ISDS Theme:

Urban Transformation

The rate and pace of *Urban transformation* seen across the Indian landscape is changing the face of cities and the fate of its inhabitants. In common parlance, the phenomenon could also be observed as a new form of 'urban renewal' or 'urban rehabilitation'. The scale of transformation simultaneously influences channels of distribution of: endowments (such as land, labour, capital); power (politically and financially), and knowledge of and within cities, and their interaction with other cities.

There is a critical need to understand the sociological, economic, spatial effects of “the new urban” and how it is dynamically affecting the demographical, ecological and consumption landscape within (and outside cities in India). Subsequently, a closer understanding of such events may help one collectively study the process of urban transformation, and study how it leads to urban restructuring, privatisation, intertwining of culture and economy. These are some of the inevitable consequences that results as part of growth of a city.

At the same time, such holistic view is not free from well-founded fears and critiques. Unplanned scale of *urban transformation* in emerging nations (including India) wreaks havoc in lives of migrating groups from distant or proximate rural spaces, while structurally altering the ecological base of the urban space. It further accentuates existing conflicts and competition in access to basic social and economic services, sometimes creating a rhetorical axis of ‘us vs. them’ (as seen in the political discourses on ‘negative’ effects of immigration).

This Workshop theme offers an opportunity to research scholars (including policy-practioners) and faculty members to write and engage closely on subjects connected with the theme of ‘Urban Transformation’- within their domains. A contributor may consider writing on any one of the sub-themes (below) as an area of investigation and present their work during the workshop. The list of sub-themes are merely indicative in nature, and the organizers welcome any research paper addressing the core theme (those from outside the lens of sub-themes cited below or at an intersection of one another).

Sub-Themes include:

- 1. The Political Impact of Urbanization and/or Transformation of Urban Spaces**
- 2. Challenges to Land Acquisition (and its Use) in ‘Urban’ Spaces**
- 3. Effect of Migration on Urbanization (and how to study it)**
- 4. Ecology and Urbanization: Ensuring a harmonious balance**
- 5. Digital Transformation and how it is affecting urban spaces**
- 6. Accessibility Challenges to basic social services in urban spaces**
- 7. Gendered view on Urbanisation: Relevant to Patterns of Production/Distribution**

Submission of Papers

The Workshop Organizing Team welcomes working papers from research scholars (including Graduate, Doctoral, Post-Doctoral students), policy-practioners and faculty members between **4000-5000 words**. Each submitted paper must be original in content and should have been submitted for publication anywhere else. The submission must follow a consistent citation style i.e. either a Harvard Style or Chicago Style ([see here](#)). In addition, contributors are requested to include their institutional affiliation in the document.

The **Cover Page** of the Paper must include following points of information¹:

- **Author Name and Institutional Affiliation**
- **Title of Paper Abstract of the paper (less than 500 words)**
- **Keywords**
- **Synopsis of Findings**

Please note the paper submissions will be examined by the Workshop Screening Committee and only selected candidates will be notified about the outcome of their submissions.

Selected researchers will then have to prepare a 20-minute presentation of their paper for the workshop. The best-written papers selected by the review committee will then have a chance of being published in the Centre's own **Journal 'Conversations in Development Studies'** (see [here](#) for more information on the Journal and its previous Issues).

Papers for Presentation can be sent electronically to the following e-mail addresses:
cnesworksop19@gmail.com

Key Deadlines

**Last Date of Submission of Papers
(Acceptable as a First Draft of the Working Paper)** **June 20th, 2019**

Notification on Acceptance of Papers **June 27th, 2019**

**Last Date of Submission of Final Research paper
(With final revisions & a PowerPoint Workshop Presentation)** **July 31st, 2019**

Workshop Date **21st September, 2019**

Kindly note that the selected papers shall be published in the October edition of CIDS.

Conference Logistics:

Please note that there is no registration fee for the Workshop.

O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) will provide Local Travel Support for candidates selected from the NCR Area (to and fro from campus) on the day of the Workshop. Accommodation for out-station students will be provided as per its availability and on a need-only basis on the date of the workshop (more details to be shared later with selected candidates).

¹ Please note the Organizing Team shall not be able to review or consider any submissions that fail to share the paper in the prescribed format.

About The Workshop Venue and Organizers

O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU)

OP Jindal Global University (JGU) is a non-profit global university established by the Haryana Private Universities (Second Amendment) Act, 2009. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has accorded its recognition to JGU. The vision of JGU is to promote global courses, global programmes, global curriculum, global research, global collaborations, and global interaction through a global faculty. JGU has a state-of-the-art residential campus in the National Capital Region of Delhi. JGU is one of the few universities in Asia that maintains a 1:15 faculty-student ratio and appoints faculty members from different parts of the world with outstanding academic qualifications and experience. JGU has established five schools: Jindal Global Law School, Jindal Global Business School, Jindal School of International Affairs, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy and Jindal School of Liberal Arts & Humanities. JGU has recently been awarded the highest accreditation rating of “A Grade” by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), becoming the first State private university in the State of Haryana to achieve this milestone.

Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA)

The Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA) represents a paradigmatic shift in the study of International Relations in the context of India. As an aspiring world class school of international relations, the founding vision of the institution argues that: “India's rising economic and military might must be complemented with a world class international affairs social science base that will generate and test theories.” Moreover, “JSIA has become the locus of such an ambitious vision by situating India as a vibrant ground for social science ideas and debates and giving India a leadership role on the world stage.” Furthermore, “JSIA aims to place India on the global map as a provider of knowledge that is internationally relevant and of the highest standards.” The two programmes offered by JSIA are the Masters of Arts in Diplomacy, Law and Business (MADLB) and the Bachelors of Arts in Global Affairs (BAGA) programme.

Centre for New Economics Studies (CNES)

Espousing the philosophy of how contemporary economic theories look at problems in a variety of ways, the Centre focuses more enhancing the diversity of economics- in theory and praxis. The Centre explores experimental approaches to research methods while solving foundational

economic problems, with an attempt to go beyond conventional paradigms of economic analysis, offering therefore, a wider canvas to young researchers and academics.

For More Information on the Workshop ([click here](#)), please contact any member of the organizing committee or write to us at: cnesworkshop19@gmail.com

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