International Conference
on

ENABLING SUSTAINED GROWTH IN EMERGING ASIA

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Concept Note

Emerging economies especially in Asia have made remarkable progress in the last few decades and have become the main engine of global growth. Despite the heterogeneity among these economies, they face similar challenges to ensure a sustained period of economic growth. Globalisation now appears to be at a tipping point and deglobalisation is a common reality. These economies must avoid the middle-income trap and make public investments in health and education while keeping public debt on a downward path.

They also need to invest more and improve policy frameworks - both monetary and fiscal – to enable sustained growth and build resilience to external economic shocks. These economies have been working on improving policy frameworks to mitigate external shocks and this has yielded favourable outcomes. In recent times, these economies have shown strong resilience to interest rate volatility in advanced economies. Financial markets were more resilient in these economies and exchange rates, stock price, and sovereign spread moved in a modest range despite a very steep interest rate hike in advanced economies.

Based on historical experience, the period of higher growth in these economies is likely to be the period of increasing inequality too. However, public investments in health and education would reduce the social tension arising due to inequality to some extent; these economies also need to design redistributive policies to mitigate the adverse effects of increasing inequality.

Conference Themes

- Managing deglobalisation
- Macroeconomic resilience in emerging Asia in recent times (good luck or effect of past investment or policy frameworks)
- Policies to navigate Middle-Income Trap
- Growth enabling monetary and fiscal policy in Emerging Asia
- Monetary and fiscal policies to build resilience from external shocks
- Demography and growth in Emerging Asia
- Regulatory and policy bottlenecks for growth in Emerging Asia
- Policies leading to a sustained period of higher growth
- Aggregate and sectoral productivity growth
- Gender, labour force participation, and growth
- Role of monetary and fiscal policy
- Redistributive policies during periods of increasing inequality

Participation in the Conference

Participation in the Conference is by invitation of the selected papers and registration only. The Conference is international, and prospective contributors from India and abroad are invited to contribute papers and participate.

Dates to Remember

- Last Date for Submission of Papers: **30 November 2024**
- Communication about the Acceptance of Papers: **15 December 2024**
- Last Date for Registration: **31 January 2025**

Note: Participants from outside India are advised to complete registration, preferably by 31 December 2024, to allow sufficient time for travel and visa clearance.

Conference Structure and Duration

The Conference Programme is expected to have about 50 papers on the Conference themes in thematic and technical sessions. In addition, 2-3 Plenary/keynote lectures or panel discussion by eminent scholars/ practitioners /public intellectuals will be held during the Conference. The Conference will begin at 9:00 am on 07 February 2025 and conclude by 5:00 pm on 08 February 2025. Participants are advised to reach Hyderabad a day prior to the Conference and schedule their departure after 5 pm on 08 Feb 2025 or in the morning of 09 February 2025.

Submission of Papers

- The conference is open to academicians, professionals, development practitioners, and civil society members, among others, who are interested in the above-mentioned conference themes. They are welcome to contribute papers and/or participate in the Conference.
- The papers should be submitted to esgea25@uohyd.ac.in with copies marked to a.kumar@soton.ac.uk and srijit.mishra@uohyd.ac.in
- The length of the paper should be between 5000 to 8000 words and should adhere to the current style of the Journal of Asian Economics, Elsevier Publications.
- All papers should include an extended abstract of around 500 words. The extended abstracts of all accepted papers will be compiled into an e-Book of Abstracts, which will be distributed among the Conference participants.
- The selected revised papers presented at the Conference will be considered for publication in the special issue of the Journal of Asian Economics, Elsevier after peer review. This submission for the special issue will start on 01 March 2025 and the deadline is till 30 June 2025. See, https://www.sciencedirect.com/special-issue/306539/enabling-sustained-growth-in-emerging-asia.
- Authors must ensure that their submissions are original. Please note that all the papers will be screened for plagiarism and accordingly accepted or rejected. Further, authors are solely responsible for plagiarism violations.

Panel Proposals for the Conference

During the Conference, some Thematic Panels will be organised in addition to the Pre-Conference events. Proposals for organising panels are invited from scholars and institutions. Each panel proposal should contain the following:

- Title of the panel and a description of the panel's theme.
- Titles, authors and abstracts (500-700 words) of the papers to be presented.
- Names, affiliations and brief biographies of about 100 words, along with a digital high-resolution picture to be submitted for the panel.
- Name and contact information of the Panel Organiser.
- Social media handles (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) of participants and institutions.

Note: A Thematic Panel Session will comprise of 3-4 speakers. The organisers/coordinators of each Thematic Panel Session are expected to oversee the panel-related logistics, including raising resources for speakers' travel and other expenditures. The expenditure charges include a Panel Registration fee of Rs. 30,000/- for institutions within India or US $1000 for institutions outside India to cover overhead costs, including printing, photography, videography, documentation, booklets containing details of the panels, branding visibility, and promotions among others. The proposals may be emailed to esgea25@uohyd.ac.in with copies marked to a.kumar@soton.ac.uk and srijit.mishra@uohyd.ac.in by **15 January 2025**.

Travel Arrangements

The conference organisers do not have any regular funding source, and the organisers will try to raise some limited resources. As such, the paper presenters, resource persons and other participants are expected to fund their travel costs through their own institutions or other sources. For some select keynote/invited paper writers and resource persons who are either superannuated or cannot manage their travel costs, the conference organisers, subject to availability, will try to meet their travel expenses.

Conference Registration Charges

Participation Category	With Accommodation		Without Accommodation	
	Dele-gate	Accom-panying Person	Dele-gate	Accom-panying Person
India (INR)	6000	4000	4000	4000
Developing Countries (US $)	150	80	100	80
Other Countries ($)	200	80	100	80
India, Students# (INR)	5000	3000	3000	2000
Developing Countries, Students# (US$)	100	80	80	80
Other Countries, Students# (US $)	150	80	100	80
University of Hyderabad Faculty & Students	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

** The registration fees for a few Indian scholars may be waived subject to the availability of funds and based on prior requests to the organisers.*

 # Students refer to those pursuing their post-graduate (Master's) or PhD.

The Conference registration includes payment towards the Conference kit (comprising an e-book of Abstracts, Keynote Papers, Plenary Lectures, Conference programme, Conference bag, and Stationery) and modest accommodation and meals (Breakfast, Tea, Lunches and Dinners) served during the Conference days.

Those registering after the deadline of 31 January 2025 will need to arrange their own accommodation and transportation.

Mode of Payment

The conference organisers have implemented a payment system to streamline and centralize the acceptance of payments while ensuring that information is encrypted, providing a secure and convenient transaction process. The details will be provided at the time of registration.

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About Conference Host: University of Hyderabad

The University Campus is spread over more than 2300 acres, and has a large area under forest cover, with two perennial and three seasonal lakes, and rock formations characteristic of the Deccan. It is home to 734 plants, 10 mammals, 15 reptiles and 220 bird species. Notable animals include spotted deer, hare, peacock, porcupine, and wild boar. The campus also has a protected megalithic site.

The University of Hyderabad was established in 1974 with Professor Gurbaksh Singh as its first Vice Chancellor. Over the years, it has emerged as a leading centre for excellence in teaching and research with 12 different Schools and 46 Departments or Centres. The University employs about 400 faculty members, and over 1000 non-teaching staff. About 5000 students (both Indian and International) are studying in this university. The university offers about 150 different programmes leading to Integrated Masters (5-years), Masters (2-years), and Doctoral degrees.

The University is recognized as an Institute of Eminence (IoE) by the University Grants Commission. The University of Hyderabad was awarded 'Grade A++' by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2022. The University of Hyderabad has been ranked 801–850 in the QS World University Rankings of 2025. It has been ranked 25th in India overall and 17th among universities by the National Institutional Ranking Framework in 2024. The University has been ranked 4th among Government Universities by India Today in 2024.

For more details, visit www.uohyd.ac.in.

School of Economics, University of Hyderabad

The School of Economics started as a department in 1979. The department was elevated to a School in the year 2012. Soon after its elevation, under UGC's special assistance programme the School of Economics was recognised as a Centre of Advanced Study for a five-year period 2013 -2018. The School of Economics offers three master's programmes viz., Integrated-MA in Economics, MA in Economics and MA in Financial Economics. It also provides a PhD research programme. This school has a strength of 19 full-time faculty members, about 150 research scholars, and about 250 Masters' students.

The focus of School of Economics is to impart and promote quality teaching and research in Economics in India. In doing so for the last four decades, it has emerged as one of the leading centres for excellence in Economics in India. In 2024, it ranks 500-550 in the QS World University Rankings by Subject for Economics & Econometrics. The placement cell of the School of Economics is active since the last one and half decades with most of its students are getting placed (in both Government and Private sectors) or getting enrolled for higher education in India or abroad after completion of their courses.

For more details, visit https://economics.uohyd.ac.in/.

City of Hyderabad, India

Hyderabad is a major city of India with an estimated population of about 9 million. It was the capital city of Andhra Pradesh state from 1956 to 2014, and with the creation of Telangana state, it became the capital of Telangana. Hyderabad is located on the Musi River in the heart of the Telangana Plateau, a major upland region of the Deccan (peninsular India). The climate in Hyderabad is warm to hot and monsoonal (that is, marked by wet and dry periods), with moderate annual precipitation. Most rain falls during the wet monsoon months of June to October.

Hyderabad has become the hub of trade and commerce and an International Centre for Information Technology (IT). Pharmaceuticals, jewellery, and textiles are among the main items which are manufactured in Hyderabad. Service activities have expanded dramatically, especially those associated with IT, so that they have come to constitute the lion's share of the city's economy.

How To Reach Hyderabad?

By Air

Hyderabad has an international airport (Rajiv Gandhi International Airport) which is connected with some important international destinations and a number of Indian cities. From the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport take a taxi or ride-hailing service (such as Uber or Ola) to the University. The ride will take around one hour to one and a half hours, depending on the traffic conditions with an approximate rate of ₹1200/- to ₹1500/-. Alternatively, the delegates can take the air-conditioned bus service provided by the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC), named Airport Pushpak Bus to Gachibowli flyover, and then take a local bus (Bus No. 216) to reach the university (Main Gate) or take an auto rickshaw/taxi to their destination (place of accommodation or conference venue). The Pushpak bus timings are very convenient as it provides round-the-clock-service with an approximate cost of ₹250/. The Pushpak Bus tickets can be purchased inside the bus itself.

By Train

The city is also well connected by train with all the major cities of India. Participants arriving by train can get down at the Secunderabad or Kachigurda/Nampally railway stations. From these stations, you can take a taxi or ride-hailing service (such as Ola or Rapido or Uber) to the University which is about 25kms away. It will take around 45 minutes to 1 hour, depending on traffic conditions.

The local train (Multi-modal Transport System, MMTS) facility is also available in all these railway stations at almost every 30 minutes. Those who want to travel by MMTS, can take the MMTS to reach Lingampalli railway station, and from there take a local bus (Bus No. 216) or taxi or auto rickshaw to the University, which will hardly take 10-15 minutes.

Those who want to travel by metro rail, can take the Blue Line metro from Secunderabad to Raidurg, and then take an auto rickshaw or taxi (approx. Cost ₹100 to ₹150) to the University, which will hardly take 10-15 minutes to reach.

By Road

Participants coming by Bus from the neighbouring states can get down either at Mehdipatnam, Lingampalli or Gachibowli. Take local bus (Bus No. 216), taxi or autorickshaw to reach the University of Hyderabad.

Ride-hailing services

Aggregator-based ride-hailing services like Ola/Rapido/Uber are also available in Hyderabad for point-to-point travel. You can also hail them from the airport, railway stations (Secunderabad, Nampally or Hyderabad, or Lingampalli), and bus stops to your destination (place of accommodation or venue of conference).

Note: If you have luggage then coming by Bus No.216 and being dropped off near the Main gate of the University is not advisable. Consider taking an auto or taxi (if possible, through ride-hailing services).

Accommodation Arrangements

The delegates will be accommodated both within the University and in places adjacent to the Conference Venue/University. After the completion of registration, the information on accommodation of the delegates will be communicated to them in advance.

Weather in Hyderabad in February

Early February is a pleasant time in Hyderabad, with an average temperature fluctuating between 20°C (68°F) and 30°C (86°F).

Some Places of Attraction in Hyderabad

Popular places which attract the attention of national and international tourists include Birla Mandir, Chow Mahalla Palace, Charminar, Mecca Masjid Laad Bazaar, Salarjung Museum, Nizam Jubilee Pavilion (Purani Haveli), Golconda Fort, Qutub Shahi Tombs, Lumbini Park (Hussain Sagar Lake), Ramoji Film City (One day tour from 9 am to 9 pm). Please note that all the Museums are closed on Friday, and a few other places are closed on Sunday, the Zoo being open on Friday. For more details, please browse https://www.hyderabadtourism.travel/places-tovisit-in-hyderabad.

Some Popular Places of interest for Visitors in Telangana and Neighbouring States

Some other nearby places of attraction include Srisailam, Tirupathi, Bhadrachalam-Papikondalu, Araku, Yadadri (temple), Warangal (Thousand pillar temple), Gadwal among others. For more information, please visit https://tourism.telangana.gov.in/home or https://tourism.ap.gov.in/home. The other nearby tourist attraction in the neighbouring states include Raipur in Chhattisgarh, Bengaluru and Mysuru in Karnataka, and Nanded (Takht Hazur Sahib) in Maharashtra among others.



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