

# Inequalities and Mobilities in Rural India: Recent Trends and Methodological Challenges

## Programme

Venue: CSH, 2, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi-110011, India.

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**Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Welcome words from the partners (9:15am to 9:30am).**

**Introductory session (9:30am to 10am).** *The tradition of village surveys in India*

– I. Guérin, Himanshu, G. Venkatasubramanian, M. Vijayabaskar.

**Session 1 (10am to 1pm).** *Social mobility*

Chair: C. J. Nordman

- Social Networks and Socio-economic Mobility: Evidence from a Village in India's Semi-arid Tropics (S. Gaurav).
- Tea break (10:45am to 11am).
- Climbing Up, Sliding Down: Social Mobility among Dalits in Tamil Nadu (T. Ranganathan).
- Social Mobility Across Caste and Class in Palanpur (1958-2015): Insights from a Mixed-Method Study (F. Bolazzi).

**Lunch break (1pm to 2pm).**

**Session 2 (2pm to 5:30pm).** *Agrarian changes*

Chair: S. S. Jodhka

- Farm Technology and Agrarian Inequalities: A Panel Study of a Western Uttar Pradesh Village (S. Baksi).
- Intermediaries and Inequalities: Some Thoughts from Fieldwork in and around Agricultural Markets (M. Krishnamurthy).
- Tea break (3:45pm to 4pm).
- COVID-19's Impact on Poverty, Inequality, and Mobility in Rural India: Evidence from a Village Study in Karnataka (B. Satheesha).
- Caste, Diversification, and the Contemporary Agrarian Question in India: A field perspective (S. Yadav).

**Dinner (7:30pm).**

**Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Session 3 (9:30am to 1pm).** *Employment and income inequalities*

Chair: P. Jha

- Occupation diversification in Tamil Nadu (J. Jeyaranjan).
- Diversification of Occupations and Income, 2006-2023: Evidence from two villages in Uttar Pradesh (A. Das).
- **Tea break (10:45am to 11am).**
- Unveiling Inequality in Rural South India: A Decade of Rising Inter- and Intra-Household Income Imbalances (A. Natal and C. J. Nordman).
- Implications of the definitions adopted at the 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Labour Statisticians (2013) for labour market estimates in India (S. Chandrasekhar).

**Lunch break (1pm to 2pm).**

**Session 4 (2pm to 4pm).** *Rural finance*

Chair: G. De Neve

- Dvara presentation (I. Ghosh).
- Debt and inequalities in rural Tamil Nadu (I. Guérin).
- Inequalities in access to healthcare services: A study of elderly women in rural Puducherry (C. Aruna).

**Tea break (4pm to 4:30pm).**

**Concluding session (4:30pm to 5:30pm).** *What happens next?*

– M. Vijayabaskar, Himanshu, B. Harriss-White.

**End of the conference.**

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