

Venue:

Economics Department,
Sambalpur University,
Jyoti Vihar, Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha

56th

Annual Conference

Important Dates:

Last date for full paper submission:

November 30, 2023

Communication on acceptance of paper:

December 31, 2023

Online registration starts:

January 1, 2024

Online registration closes:

January 15, 2024

Pre-conference Workshop

February 08-09, 2024

Conference Dates:

February 10-11, 2024

(February 10-11, 2024)



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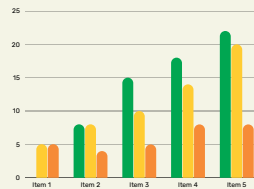
Call for Papers

The 56th Annual Conference of the Odisha Economic Association (OEA) is being jointly organised with and will be held at the Economics Department, Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar, Sambalpur, Odisha during February 10-11, 2024 (Saturday-Sunday). The OEA invites full-length research papers for the conference on the following two broad themes: (1) Pathways for Sustainable Growth in an Uncertain World, and (2) Emerging Issues in the Social Sector of Odisha. Authors are requested to submit their papers addressing any of the suggested/indicative sub-themes or thereabouts. We encourage paper writers from other disciplines of social and natural sciences as well to submit papers.

Themes

**Theme 1:
Pathways for Sustainable Growth in an Uncertain World**

**Theme 2:
Emerging Issues in the Social Sector of Odisha**



Theme 1: Pathways for Sustainable Growth in an Uncertain World

After the COVID-19 pandemic the world economy has been going through a variety of uncertainties and facing multiple challenges. The pandemic shrunk the demand of most economies of the world and disrupted supply chains due to lockdowns. The Ukraine-Russia war has further worsened the crisis. Major economies of the world are facing high rate of inflation due to rise in fuel prices and disruption of supply of non-fuel good exported from Ukraine and Russia. The most recent sixth Assessment Report (AR6) of the IPCC has shown code red for the planet implying that the global emissions are increasing faster than presumed earlier. The IPCC calls for urgent actions to be taken up by the major economies in reducing greenhouse gases. In such a gloomy scenario the Indian economy remains a bright spot. Currently, India's growth rates are among the highest in the world. According to the recent estimates of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) India's GDP would match Germany's in size to become the fourth-largest by 2025-26. The World Economic Outlook of the IMF predicts that it will surpass Japan in growth and would emerge the third-largest by 2027-28 (FY28). India's economy will reach US\$ 4.94 trillion by 2026-27.

On reaching its 100th year of independence, by 2047, India aims to become a developed economy. The estimates of the UNFPA also indicates that India will be enjoying the demographic dividend up to 2055 which started from 2018. With this advantage, if appropriate policies are undertaken India can achieve significant levels of development. Keeping in view the ambitions for growth India's energy needs are going to rise manifold. Higher energy consumption may lead to higher emission of greenhouse gases. In the Conference of Parties 26 of IPCC, India has committed to achieve net zero by 2070 and increase the share of renewable energy in the energy mix to 50 per cent. In this broad macroeconomic context, the 56th annual conference of the OEA aims to discuss alternative pathways for achieving sustainable growth. The broad sub-themes of the conference are listed below.

Subthemes

- Challenges before Indian economy to become the third largest economy
- Energy needs for achieving growth and just transition
- Sectoral growth and employment
- Sustainable growth and social inclusion
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Sustainability Concerns and pathways for Low-carbon growth
- Reviving the small producers' economy
- Digitalisation of the economy, implications of AI



Theme 2: Emerging Issues in the Social Sector of Odisha

Even as Odisha is witnessing faster economic growth compared to the national average there are serious distributional challenges. The 15th Finance Commission of India had pointed to serious gaps in the health sector of Odisha. The state has been facing severe shortage of healthcare professionals including specialists in Community Health Centres, and doctors in PHCs. The State needs robust initiatives to improve key health indicators, which are inferior to the national average, specifically, maternal mortality. In the NITI Aayog's SDG India Index 2020-21, Odisha ranked at 19th among 28 states. Odisha's performance in SDGs 1 (poverty), 2 (hunger), 4 (education), 5 (gender equality), 8 (decent work and economic growth) and 9 are not satisfactory and marked red by the NITI Aayog. The state has already achieved a population growth rate below the replacement rate. The change in the demographic structure, rise in mobility for jobs and family structure have increased the need for caregivers, especially in the urban areas. There have been concerns over rights and dignity of the caregivers as also the regulation of the agencies providing the care. The conference will discuss the issues related to the health and education sectors, and care economy of Odisha. The sub-themes of the conference are as follows:

Subthemes

- Primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare in Odisha
- Health care financing: Strengthening of public systems and evaluation of public financing of community level health insurance schemes
- Demographic transition and its implications for the social sector
- Care economy, informalities, regulations
- Primary, secondary and tertiary education in Odisha
- Quality of education, skills and employment



Proposals for Special Panels

Interested scholars or organisations working around the above broad themes or subthemes from any discipline may submit proposals for special panels indicating names of presenters and titles of individual papers.

Instructions for Paper Submission

Only unpublished full papers will be accepted for the conference. The following needs to be attended to while preparing the papers:

- Title of the Paper
- Name(s), institutional affiliation(s), contact number(s) and email id(s) of author(s)
- An abstract of about 200-250 words
- Keywords (up to 5)
- JEL Classification Codes (up to 5)
- Introduction
- Review of literature
- Objectives
- Methodology
- Analysis
- Findings
- Conclusion
- References
- Appendices (if any)

The length of the paper should be limited to 7000 words including tables and references. Papers should be typed in Times New Roman with font of size 12 and line spacing at 1.5. Papers should be submitted only in electronic format. Researchers should upload their complete paper in MS-Word/PDF format using the following link.

<https://forms.gle/jBvVMBv6Ab75bPcb7>

To avoid confusion do not email your paper.



Best Paper award

Two best papers from each theme will be selected for the **Baidyanath Misra Best Paper Award and Prasanta Pattanaik Best Paper Award**. These will be chosen during the conference based on the quality of the content of the paper and its oral presentation. For this purpose, irrespective of single or jointly authored papers, only authors/co-authors **below 35 years** of age would be considered. In case of multiple authors of an award-winning paper, eligible co-authors will share the cash award. Co-authors of a given paper have to specify the name of only one author who will present the paper. Concerned applicants will have to fill up a separate application form providing proof of age during the conference. Each award carries a **certificate and Rs. 10,000** cash prize and shall be presented at the valedictory session of the conference.



About Sambalpur University



The Sambalpur University Act was passed by the Odisha Legislature on December 10, 1966 and started functioning since January 1, 1967 with Professor Parsuram Mishra as its first Vice-Chancellor. The university was inaugurated on January 4, 1967 by the Hon'ble Chancellor A. N. Khosla. The university started functioning in 1967 in a rented private building at Dhanupali, Sambalpur and from 1968 to 1972 in a government building at Ainthapali, Sambalpur. In 1973, the university was shifted to the present campus named Jyoti Vihar at Burla. The territorial jurisdiction of the university covers six districts of the state of Odisha, namely, Sambalpur, Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Deogarh, Bargarh, Boudh and Athamallik Sub-Division of Angul District.

The Post-Graduate Department of Economics of the Sambalpur University started functioning since 1971. The department offers M. A., M. Phil, and Ph. D. programmes in Economics and MBA in Finance. The department started with a greater emphasis on economic theory with quantitative orientation. The quantitative orientation with Mathematical Economics and Econometrics enables students to apply theory into empirical analysis and understand economic changes in a larger canvas of economic theory, historical observation and policy changes. Students of this department are well placed in most of the institutions of national and international repute. Faculty members of this department are involved in consultancy services needed by the central government, state government and financial institutions and also in different research projects.



About the Odisha Economic Association

The Odisha Economic Association ((till recently, the Orissa Economics Association)), founded in 1968, was accorded the status of a learned registered society by the Government of Orissa under the Societies Registration Act, 1868 (number 5358/1968-69 dated 27.04.1968). It is one of the oldest regional academic associations in the country. The Association was founded at Ravenshaw College, Cuttack by Professor Sadasiv Mishra (first President) and a dedicated team of eminent economists, namely, Dr. Debendra Chandra Mishra, Dr. Chakradhar Mishra, Dr. Kshetra Mohan Patnaik, Shri Ghanashyam Das, Dr. Baidyanath Misra (first Secretary), Dr. Bidyadhar Mishra and Shri Ranga Lal Agarwal. At present, OEA has about 770 individual life members and two institutional members.

The broad objectives of the Association are as follows: (1) To meet from time to time to discuss economic issues of contemporary interest; (2) To impart necessary information and expertise to the teachers of economics in Odisha with a view to improving upon the methods and standards of teaching in economics; and (3) To stimulate research in the discipline of economics in the state.

Dr. Jugal Kishore Mohapatra, former Chief Secretary of Odisha, is the present President of OEA. The past Presidents of the Association included Professor Prasanta Pattanaik, University of California, USA; Professor Prabhat Patnaik, JNU; Professor Santosh Panda, former Pro-VC, South Asian University, New Delhi; Professor Pulin Nayak, former Director, Delhi School of Economics; Professor Manoj Panda, former Director, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi and so on. For more details about the OEA please visit our website odishaea.in.

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