

Conference Announcement

UGC Centre for Advance Study (CAS), Department of Economics, Punjabi University Organizes Two Days Conference on the theme *Innovations, Knowledge Accumulation and Development in the Era of Fourth Industrial Revolution, March 15-16, 2018*

The global economy is at the cusp of Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR). The 4IR is expected to dramatically change the innovations, knowledge accumulation and development. It is further expected to change the organization of economic activities, interaction among the economic agents of production, entrepreneurship and lives of the people. New innovations are expected to transform the economies dramatically which have not witnessed before in the earlier industrial revolutions. There is increasing apprehension that the 4IR will impact employment, income distribution and consumption pattern along with the location and performance of firms. These kinds of impacts will be substantial for the developing countries. The economic development process and its sustainability will be under serious threat in the developing countries. These wicked problems need to be addressed urgently if the developing countries would like to sustain economic development and this may be possible through transformational innovation and skill development. These countries have to look for alternative patterns of development and industrialization that is suitable to their resource endowment and stage of their economic development. The proposed conference will discuss all these issues confronted by the developing countries and also offer possible resolution based on holistic view. For the consideration of paper contributors, tentative topics are listed below:

1. Innovation System and Industrialisation
2. Employment, Technology and Development
3. Knowledge Accumulation, Income Distribution and Industrial Development
4. Trade, Technology and Industrial Development
5. Artificial Intelligence, Digital Technologies and Industrial Development
6. SMEs, Small Farmers, and Skill Development in Developing Countries
7. Technology Transfer and Sustainable Development in Developing Countries
8. Agribusiness and 4IR
9. Institutional Innovations, Entrepreneurship, Knowledge Creation and Diffusion
10. Policies to Tackle Transformational Failures.

Papers around 6000-8000 words on the theme of the conference in Microsoft Word can be submitted to the conference organizing committee. Accepted paper writers will be provided travel assistance and local hospitality. Selected papers through standard referee system will be published in the form of an edited volume from reputed international publisher. All correspondence regarding submission should be addressed to email: 4ir2018@gmail.com

Important Dates:

Abstract Submission (300 words): February 10, 2018.


Acceptance of Abstract: February 15, 2018.

Full Paper Submission: March 10, 2018.

Conference Organizers:

Convenors: Professor Kesar Singh Bhangoo and Professor Anupama

Conference Director: Professor Lakhwinder Singh.


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