

Founder's Day Lecture 2018

Wednesday, 18 April 2018

5: 30 pm

A. Vaidyanathan

Former Professor and Director, MIDS

will deliver

the Founder's Day Lecture on

**Pursuit of Sustainable and Equitable Growth
in the Era of Globalisation: An Indian Perspective**

K.L. Krishna

Chairperson, MIDS

will preside

You are cordially invited

Shashanka Bhide

Director

Abstract of the Lecture: India's quest for growth with social justice has met with mixed results. In the wake of internal and external liberalisation of the economy initiated three decades back, the economy has grown at unprecedented rates accompanied by significant diversification in output and employment. Open unemployment rates remain low; per capita real incomes have nearly trebled; and living standards and lifestyles have been visibly transformed. Despite all this there is much discontent and social unrest. The future outlook is uncertain partly because of domestic resource and political constraints but also to an important extent on factors outside our control due to the continuing slow growth in the developed countries and their protectionist policies restricting access to technology and migration and unabated environmental degradation everywhere.

Prof. A. Vaidyanathan was educated in Madras and did post-graduate studies in the USA, obtaining a PhD from Cornell University. His association with the Madras Institute of Development Studies began in 1984 when he joined the institute as a Professor. He was Director of MIDS during 1988-89, Emeritus Professor till 2005 and has served on the Board of Trustees and the Governing Council of the institute. During his distinguished professional career, besides MIDS, he has worked in the National Council of Applied Economic Research, the Planning Commission, the World Bank and the Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum. Prof. Vaidyanathan has published on a wide range of themes relating to the Indian economy and society. He has served on a number of government committees, including as member of the Planning Commission and the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council. He has also served as president of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics.