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# 3rd MIDS Doctoral Colloquium on **ECONOMICS & DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

**6-8 October 2025**

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Focus areas include

Macroeconomy; trade and finance;  
growth and development; political  
economy; agriculture and food security;  
industry; service; employment and  
livelihoods; migration; health; education;  
gender; environment and climate; caste;  
urbanization; public policy; human  
development; and sustainable  
development



## *Important Dates*

- Apply on or before: August 29, 2025
- Notification of Acceptance: September 5, 2025
- Submission of full paper: September 25, 2025

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Selected papers will be considered  
for publishing in '**Review of  
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## About MIDS

The Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) is the oldest and premier social science institution in Tamil Nadu involved in research, teaching, and training on development issues from a multidisciplinary perspective. Founded in 1971 by Malcolm S. Adiseshiah, MIDS was reconstituted as a national institute in 1977. Since then, it has been funded jointly by the Government of India (GOI) through the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and the Government of Tamil Nadu (GOTN). MIDS has made remarkable contributions to development policy and programme evaluation in the state of Tamil Nadu, in particular, and India in general. The Institute's Ph.D. programme, affiliated with the University of Madras, is indispensable in promoting social science teaching and training.

The key objectives of the institute, articulated at the time of its establishment, revolve around conducting interdisciplinary research and educational activities to promote social sciences and furthering development. An underlying focus of activities is also the country's southern region and, more particularly, the state of Tamil Nadu, with a special emphasis on 'weaker sections'. MIDS recently concluded its Golden Jubilee celebrations and its journey as a social science research institution with a series of academic and policy events used as an occasion to revisit its vision to emerge as a leading centre of learning and research on social and economic development.

## Doctoral Colloquium on Economics and Development Studies

The first Doctoral Colloquium on Economics and Development Studies was organised in August 2023 as part of MIDS Golden Jubilee celebrations, with active participation from young scholars working on different aspects of development from leading academic institutes across the country.

It provides an opportunity for doctoral students in their advanced stage to present their research to senior scholars in the field, obtain valuable input, exchange their ideas among peers and contribute to the larger discussion in their respective fields. Graduate students in India often face challenges in developing their ideas into publishable manuscripts, and it is especially so if they are involved in interdisciplinary research. Lack of adequate support, guidance, and access to resources, often faced by scholars outside premier institutions and cities, makes doctoral research more challenging. Many graduate students do not get adequate training to develop their skills required for academic writing and publishing. The existing curriculum and academic practices do not emphasise the ethical dimensions of research and academic publication.

This colloquium will focus on some of these challenges and provide an opportunity for students to present their research, facilitate critical discussion and feedback, encourage interdisciplinary exchange and networking, and for their professional development. It aims to provide a forum to fill some of these gaps. It provides a platform for Ph.D. scholars from research departments and centres with a given disciplinary focus to present their work, receive scholarly feedback on papers and presentations from faculty and peers outside their own disciplines and institutions, and collectively reflect on various dimensions of research.

We invite applications from scholars engaged in interdisciplinary and cross-cutting research on development, exploring the economic, social, and political aspects of development and policymaking in the country. Doctoral students in these fields face unique challenges and complex situations, including designing the projects, collecting, processing and interpreting the data from multiple sources and applying relevant methods.

The colloquium will be held across three days, consisting of two invited lectures and eight technical sessions focusing on themes from economics and development studies, where participants present their work. Each session will include 4-5 presentations by doctoral students, followed by detailed responses from senior scholars in the field and open interactions.



The participants will receive critical feedback on their research, gain a deeper understanding of on interdisciplinary nature of economics and development studies, network with other scholars and potential collaborators, and reflect on new developments in the field.

We hope that this doctoral colloquium on economics and development studies will be a crucial platform for doctoral students of economics and development studies. The interdisciplinary nature of the colloquium will foster dialogue among scholars from different fields, contributing to a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities of development worldwide.

### Focus Areas

Applications are invited from broad areas of economics and development studies. Thematic focus includes, but not limited to, macro economy, trade and finance, growth and development, agriculture and food security, industry, employment and livelihoods, migration, gender, governance, environment, ecology, urban studies, public policy, education, health, and other development issues looked from economics, sociology, political science, history and anthropology perspectives.

**Online Registration:** Applications can be submitted through the given link [Click and submit application Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3k5du9ht>]

### Requirements and Selection Criteria

1. Applications are invited exclusively from scholars who have completed their registration for PhD at any recognised institutes in India.
2. The doctoral research may be related to any area of economics and development studies.
3. Interested candidates may submit an extended abstract (750–1000 words) along with their updated CV and supporting documents proving a valid PhD registration. Applications without supporting documents shall not be considered.
4. Based on the evaluation of extended abstract and review of supporting documents, a limited number of participants will be selected for the colloquium to present their work. Selected candidates will receive intimation on selection and further guidelines for preparing the full paper and deadline for submission.

### Abstract: Guidelines

The proposed paper should be based on the scholar's doctoral research. The abstract should indicate the title of the paper, the full name of the author, and text highlighting the design, broad background/context of the study, framework, methods, and key findings of the research (if any). Broadly, this should explain research problem, motivation behind it, research questions, as well as research methodology. The paper should also include scientific and technical strengths, challenges, and respective research results obtained so far, as well as future developments.

### Travel and Accommodation:

Selected participants will receive partial support for travelling (Sleeper class train ticket will be reimbursed) and shared accommodation for three days.

### Best Paper Award and Publication Opportunity

Based on the feedback received and recommendation of the expert review committee, THREE BEST PAPERS will be awarded cash prizes and certificates. Selected papers may be considered for publication '*Review of Development and Change*' (MIDS journal co-published with SAGE).

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