

Invites PhD students and early-career researchers to apply for

ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT CONCLAVE

*Bringing together scholars
across South India*

10–11 March 2025

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PAPERS INVITED!

Call for Papers

CHANGING DYNAMICS OF **LABOUR** **MARKET** IN INDIA

Challenges and Opportunities

About the Conclave

The MIDS Scholars Forum invites early-career researchers and doctoral students to critically engage with the evolving complexities of India's labour market. This conclave intends to explore key dimensions of employment challenges, opportunities, and policy responses in the context of rapid socioeconomic changes within and outside the country. An ambitious attempt to widen the scope of the forum by bringing together scholars from various institutions in South India, the conclave would be a platform for interdisciplinary networking and exchange of ideas.

Conclave Themes

- Understanding the Crisis of Employment: Issues in demand and supply
- Informality: Challenges and opportunities
- Inclusions, Exclusions and Discriminatory Practices in the labour market
- Labour welfare, rights and the role collective bargaining; policy responses to the needs of labour and capital
- Rural employment; growth on the non-farm sector, the impact of social programs, migration and urbanisation
- Future of Employment
- Securing livelihoods

Important Dates

- Ø Last date for submission of Abstract: 10 Feb 2025
- Ø Last date for submission of Full Paper: 28 Feb 2025

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Papers are invited from

- PhD students
- Research scholars who have recently submitted their thesis
- Early-career faculty members
- Researchers from rural colleges and institutions across South India are encouraged to apply.

Submission Guidelines

- Please send your abstract using this [google form](#)
- Abstract should be less than 300 words, accompanied by relevant keywords.
- Manuscript should be in Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5-line spacing.
- Based on the evaluation of abstract, a select number of participants will be invited by 15 Feb 2025 to present their work at the conclave.
- Those selected for participation must send the full paper by or before 28 Feb 2025.

Key Features

- No registration fee
- Accommodation and food will be provided for the selected participants.
- Outstation participants are eligible for travel allowance up to Rs. 3000 for the shortest rail route (non-ac sleeper) in accordance with the institute norms.
- Two keynote lectures from distinguished speakers
- Best papers presented at the conclave may be considered for publication in a special issue of *Review of Development and Change* (RDC), the peer-reviewed research journal of MIDS.

Enquiries

Please write to the coordinators:

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About MIDS Scholars Forum

The MIDS Scholars forum is an initiative of the PhD scholars of MIDS, aimed at fostering an environment of critical thinking and networking for social science research scholars in South India. The forum, since its inception, has organised various events from solidarity gatherings to policy discussions within the campus.

About MIDS

Founded in 1971 by Malcolm S. Adiseshiah, Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) is a national research institute in Chennai, making remarkable contributions to social science research, policy recommendations and programme evaluation in the state as well as the country. The Institute's PhD programme, affiliated with the University of Madras, has been indispensable in promoting social science teaching and training. The key objectives of the institute revolve around conducting interdisciplinary research and educational activities to promote social sciences and furthering development.