

Call for Abstracts

5th India Public Policy Network Conference

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Theme: Policy Processes in the Global South

Ashank Desai Centre for Policy Studies, IIT Bombay

Panel Theme: Science-Policy Interface on Climate Change: Exploring Decolonisation, Inclusivity, and Justice for Local Decision-Making

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Global climate change policies and governance systems heavily rely on scientific evidence for effective measures. This panel explores how such a science-policy interface unfolds in the local context and how it impacts local decision-making for climate change adaptation and mitigation. The panel addresses questions on the use of global science for local decision-making and how the diversity of knowledge systems is reflected or not reflected in climate change policies at the local level. The specific focus includes decolonisation, inclusivity, and justice aspects of the science-policy interface on climate change and its governance.

We welcome theoretical, methodological, and empirical contributions that span diverse disciplines, sectors, contexts, and geographies. Though the panel focuses more on South Asia, we also look forward to dialogues from other parts of the Global South. The panel's focus includes but is not limited to, climate-related policies and knowledge systems related to food, agriculture, fisheries, other livelihoods, waste management, pollution, energy, mobility, infrastructural projects, local and indigenous knowledge, biodiversity, disaster management, urban greening, etc.

The key questions this panel addresses include the following:

- How well science-based climate change policies are able to capture the concerns and lived experiences of people at the local level?
- What are the implications of using global scientific knowledge in local decision-making processes?

- What structural changes are required to decolonise climate science and policymaking processes?
- How do we incorporate diverse traditional, local, and situated knowledge systems for local decision-making regarding climate change? Are there any examples of conflicts between different knowledge systems or co-production of knowledge for climate change policymaking?
- How do class, caste, and gender reflect in science-based climate change policies? How the concerns and lived experiences of marginalised sections are incorporated into climate change policies?
- What are the justice-related questions that intersect with the science-policy interface on climate change at the local level?
- What are the ways to achieve just and inclusive climate change policies that address the issues at the local level and the concerns of marginalised sections of society?

Submission of Abstracts

Those interested in presenting a paper at the 5th India Public Policy Network Conference are invited to submit their abstracts through the submission form below.

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Abstracts should not be more than 300 words. The deadline for submission is 23:55 IST on June 30, 2024.

Papers can be co-authored. However, since the Conference will be held in person, at least one presenter must attend the Conference. There will be no provisions for online/ hybrid presentations.

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