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The Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE) is pleased to announce its 67th Annual Conference to be held in Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, India during 19-21 December 2026. The Conference is being organised by the Department of Economics, BHU. Professor S. Madheswaran, Adviser, Jain University, Bengaluru and ICRISAT and Former Professor and Director, Institute of Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru is the Conference President. Professor Nripendra Kishore Mishra, Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, serves as the Conference Convenor. Professor Nidhi Sharma, Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, is the Conference Organising Secretary, while Professor Anup Kumar Mishra, Head of the Department of Economics, DAV PG College, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, serves as the Conference Joint Organising Secretary.

Themes of the Conference



**Beyond Globalisation:
Work and Employment
in a Changing World**



**Shifting Dynamics in
Work and Employment
Relations**



**Revisiting Informal Sector:
Nature, Measurement and
Emerging Perspectives**

Dates to Remember

**Last Date for
PAPER SUBMISSION
31 August 2026**

**Last Date for
REGISTRATION
15 October 2026**

Conference Structure and Duration

The Conference Programme will consist of presentations of selected papers on the Conference themes in the thematic and technical sessions. In addition, 3–4 Plenary lectures by eminent scholars/experts /and public intellectuals will be held during the Conference. A Plenary Panel and around 8–10 Thematic (Parallel) Panels will also be organised. The Conference will begin at 9 A.M on 19 December 2026 and conclude by 3 P.M on 21 December 2026. Participants are advised to reach Varanasi a day prior to the Conference and schedule their departure by 5 PM on 21 December 2026. The hosts would be happy to arrange alternative accommodation on payment basis for participants willing to stay beyond this. A few Pre-Conference events will also be organised from 4 P.M to 7 P.M. on 18 December 2026, the topics and details of which will be communicated in due course. Those willing to participate in the Pre-Conference Panel should plan their travel accordingly.

Call for Papers: The Conference is international and prospective contributors from both India and outside are invited to contribute papers on the themes of the Conference and participate. Apart from contributions on India, papers relating to other regions and countries are also welcome. Papers can be from different theoretical and multidisciplinary perspectives, as can be the use of different empirical methodologies (e.g. quantitative, qualitative, case-oriented or mixed methods). Submission of original work that contributes to the advancement of existing knowledge and debates on the topic are encouraged. The suggested guidelines containing relevant sub-themes will be uploaded on the Conference website by the end of March 2026 <https://conference.isleijle.org/>.

Submission of Papers

- The Conference is open to academicians, professionals, policymakers, analysts, development practitioners, and civil society members interested in labour, employment, and development issues. They are welcome to contribute papers and/or participate in the Conference.
- The papers should be submitted online at conference.isleijle.org by clicking on the 'Paper Presenter' button. The length of the paper should be between 5000 to 7000 words and should adhere to the current style of the Indian Journal of Labour Economics (IJLE). For further details, please visit <http://www.springer.com/economics/journal/41027>.
- All papers should include a summary of around 300–500 words. The summaries of all accepted papers will be compiled into a Book of Abstracts, which will be uploaded on the ISLE website.
- The selected revised papers presented at the Conference will be considered for publication in the IJLE after peer review.
- Delegates will be eligible to present their papers at the Conference only if they submit the full papers.

- Authors must ensure that their submissions are original. Please note that all papers will be screened for plagiarism and will be accepted or rejected accordingly. Further, authors are solely responsible for plagiarism violations.
- Best Paper Awards: Every year, ISLE gives a couple of Awards for the best papers presented at the Conference to young scholars below 35 years. For further details, visit: conference.isleijle.org
- IWWAGE – ISLE Fellowships for Young Women Scholars: The Institute for What Works to Advance Gender Equality (IWWAGE) and ISLE will be providing five fellowships aimed at fostering young women leadership in Economics and Finance. These scholarships are open to outstanding women scholars aged 35 years or below pursuing advanced degrees in Economics, Gender Studies, Development Studies, Public Policy and other social sciences. For further details, visit: conference.isleijle.org

Panel Proposals

During the Conference, a number of Thematic Panels will be organised in addition to the Pre-Conference events. Proposals for organising panels are invited from scholars and institutions.

Each panel proposal should contain the following:

- Title of the panel and a description of the Panel's theme.
- Titles, authors and abstracts (around 500 words) of the papers to be presented.
- Names, affiliations and brief biographies of about 100 words, along with a digital high-resolution picture, to be submitted for each proposed panelist/moderator/chair.
- Name, contact and high-resolution logo of the Panel Organiser/s.
- Social media handles (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) of participants and institutions.

Note: A Thematic Panel Session will comprise 4-5 paper presentations. The organisers/coordinators of each Thematic Panel Session are expected to be in charge of the Panel, including raising resources for speakers' travel and other expenditure. The panel registration fee is Rs. 50,000/- for institutions within India or US \$ 1000 for institutions outside India which will cover overhead costs, including printing, photography, videography, documentation, booklets containing details of the panels, brand visibility, promotions, secretarial expenses etc.

Travel Arrangements

The Indian Society of Labour Economics does not have a regular source of funding, and each year the Society seeks to raise some resources. As such, it is expected that the paper presenters, resource persons, and other participants will fund their travel costs through their own institutions or other sources. For select keynote / invited paper writers and resource persons who are either superannuated or cannot cover their travel costs, the Society will make an effort to cover their travel expenses.

Conference Participation Charges

Participation in the Conference is by invitation and registration only.

Participation Category	With Accommodation Delegate			Without Accommodation Delegate	
	ISLE Life Members	Non-ISLE Members	Accompanying Person	ISLE Life Members	Non-ISLE Members
India (INR)	7000	8500	5000	4000	5500
Developing Countries (US \$)	150		75	75	
Other Countries (US \$)	250		125	125	
<i>Students (Post Graduates and Ph.D. only)</i>					
India (INR)	4000	5500	3000	2500	4000
Developing Countries	75		60	50	
Other Countries	125		100	75	

- The Conference registration will cover payment towards the Conference kit, modest accommodation, and meals (Breakfast, Tea, Lunches and Dinners) served during the Conference days.
- Young scholars and research scholars will be provided with shared accommodation.
- Delegates and scholars who prefer to arrange their own stay will get advice from Conference organisers about nearby hotels
- The Book of Abstracts, containing the abstract of the paper, will be published online at <https://conference.isleijle.org> during the Conference. To avail of a hard copy of the Book Abstracts, an additional amount of Rs. 1000/- will be charged at the time of registration on the Conference portal.
- Those paying the Conference registration charge after the deadline of 15 October 2026 will have to arrange their own accommodation and transportation.

General Participation

Scholars, experts, organisations and stakeholders interested in labour, employment and development issues who do not want to present papers at the Conference are also welcome to register and participate in the Conference and contribute to its deliberations.

Mode of Payment

The ISLE has implemented a payment system to streamline and centralise payment acceptance while ensuring that information is encrypted, providing a secure and convenient transaction process.

Conference registration charges should be paid online at <https://conference.isleijle.org> by clicking the 'Conference Participation Charges' button.

Cancellation of Registration

- Cancellations prior to one month of the conference start date will be eligible for a 75% refund of the total conference fee, and cancellations made three weeks prior to the conference start date will be eligible for a 50% refund of the total conference fee.
- No refunds will be issued for cancellations made less than three weeks before the conference start date.
- Limited seats will also be available for non-paper presenter general participants closer to the conference date.

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All queries relating to Paper Submissions, Programme and Registrations should be emailed only to: mail@isleijle.org . For details and updates on the Conference, please visit: conference.isleijle.org

Note: This is a Preliminary Announcement. A detailed Announcement with comprehensive information about the Conference will be released shortly and will also be uploaded on the website.