Third International Conference on Indian Business & Economic History

Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad

Aug 31 (Thu), Sep 1 (Fri), Sep 2 (Sat), 2023

Conference Website: https://conference.iima.ac.in/history/

Founded in 1961, the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) has emerged as the leading management school of India and is regularly ranked among the Top 50 Business Schools of the world. Set amidst an iconic campus designed by Louis Kahn, it is also the birthplace of 'business history' as a discipline in India under the stewardship of Prof. Dwijendra Tripathi (1930-2018), a faculty member of IIMA from 1964 to 1990.

The first International Conference on Indian Business & Economic History was held in memory of Prof. Dwijendra Tripathi at IIMA on August 29-31, 2019 and the second was held online on Aug 24-27, 2021.

The Third International Conference on Indian Business & Economic History will be hosted in-person, by IIMA, on August 31-Sep 2, 2023. As with the previous editions, it will be a forum to host research papers, provide a workshop for PhD students, and spark conversations on this subject. The conference will draw in leading scholars working in the field within and outside India.

Conference Organizing Committee

Chinmay Tumbe (IIM-Ahmedabad, India)

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Conference Timeline

Submission Deadline: April 30, 2023

Notification to selected students and speakers by May 10, 2023

Conference Dates in 2023: August 31-Thursday (PhD Student Workshop), Sep 1-Friday and Sep 2-Saturday (Research Papers and other sessions)

Conference Mode

Conference will be held in-person only and there are no registration fees.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The conference invites researchers to submit research papers and ideas to two separate tracks of the conference – PhD Student Workshop and Conference Research Papers.

PhD Student Workshop [Fully Funded]

The conference will commence on Thursday, August 31st, 2023, with a 1-day workshop for PhD students working on Indian business or economic history or keen to explore this research interest in the near future. Students may belong to any disciplinary background. The workshop will provide feedback on the student's research topics and ideas and have sessions conducted by leading scholars of the field.

To apply, students have to submit their CV, one-page synopsis of their ongoing research and a one-page statement of interest, as a zipped file, via the conference website submission link, **before April 30, 2023.**

Students from within and outside India are encouraged to apply for the workshop. Women and students from historically marginalized communities are particularly encouraged to apply for the workshop. MPhil and Masters' level students can also apply if they are able to demonstrate their keenness to work in the field, and the application would require an additional reference letter from their research supervisor.

Selected students will be notified about their applications by May 10, 2023, and are expected to participate in all the days of the conference proceedings.

The workshop is fully-funded and covers three days of accommodation and food on the IIMA campus. It also covers the cost of travel to IIMA, not exceeding Rs. 15,000 per participant.

Conference Research Papers

The conference theme is broad with the following suggestive themes covering the Indian subcontinent in the 19th and 20th centuries,

- Merchants and Trade
- The legacy of colonial and princely states on economic development
- Regional variations in development in historical perspective
- Urban histories
- Sector wise histories: eg. Aviation, Media, Advertising, Finance, Real Estate, Coal, etc.
- Firm level histories and individual biographies
- Management histories
- Histories of business associations
- Technology transfer and international collaborations
- Business in Periods of Crises

The conference also invites research spanning other time periods and topics.

A 500-1000 word abstract with title and participant's affiliation, should be submitted online via the conference website submission link, **before April 30, 2023**. Selected speakers will be notified by May 10, 2023, and full research papers are expected to be submitted by August 1, 2023. PhD students close to submitting their final theses can also submit their work in this track for consideration.

For the selected speakers, two days of accommodation and food related expenses at IIMA will be borne by the conference organizers. Travel costs will not be covered.

Tentative Programme

Thursday, August 31, 2023:

Workshop for PhD Students with sessions taken by leading scholars of the field

Fri-Sat, Sep 1-2, 2023:

Conference Research Papers

Session on Archives and other interactive sessions

Contact Us

Please send all conference related queries to history23@iima.ac.in.

Conference related details will be regularly updated on the conference website:

https://conference.iima.ac.in/history/