



## **About the Workshop**

Mainstream economics has lost touch with the history and philosophy of economics. This is most palpable in the economics curricula across the world. Although criticisms of mainstream economics had been advanced by economists such as John Maynard Keynes, Piero Sraffa and Joan Robinson, it is only after the 2007 Global Financial Crisis that students and teachers gathered together to put forward the demand of a pluralist economics curriculum that values history and philosophy.

Against this backdrop, this workshop will expose not only students but also teachers to various aspects of the philosophy of economics. Just like the potential audience, the speakers will be drawn from diverse backgrounds, including academics from outside the discipline of economics.

## **About the Department of Economics, NEHU**

Established in 1974, the Department of Economics is one of the oldest and largest Departments of NEHU. The Department ranks admirably among the Indian Institutions of higher learning as per the ranking of IDEAS/RePEc, a global electronic archive of working papers and publication in Economics, Econometrics/Statistics and Finance maintained/hosted by the Department of Economics, University of Connecticut/Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, USA. The USPs of the department are its (i) vibrant academic culture created and sustained by the combination of experienced and young faculty and the opportunity of working in a multicultural environment, (ii) an explicit teaching methodology primarily grounded on the imperative of balancing economic theory and practice and (iii) the provision of teaching and research on different subjects/papers in economics calibrated and qualified by contemporariness, relevance and requirements of the students and the North Eastern Region of India.

The department offers courses in Economics at the level of MA/M.Sc., M.Phil. and Ph.D. Presently, it has a sound faculty strength of 12 with modern and state of the art physical infrastructure in terms of classrooms and computer lab. In addition to teaching, the department regularly organises (i) regional, national and international seminars/workshops/conferences as well as (ii) invited lectures by prominent academicians and development practitioners. Along with teaching, the department also provides a healthy and enabling research environment- both to the faculty and research scholars. Some of the important areas where the department has established its research competence are: (i) Rural Economics and Rural Development, (ii) Human Development, (iii) Environmental Economics, Environment and Economic development, (iv) Economics of Health and Education, (v) Economics of Poverty, (vi) Fiscal Economics, (vii) Economics of Microfinance and SHGs, (viii) Financial Economics and (ix) Urban Informal Sector. The M.A./M.Sc. Syllabus of the department has recently (2017) been updated both in content and context. As an equal opportunity department, it has zero tolerance policy on matters of any kind of harassment to the students and faculty.

Faculty members of the department, in addition to teaching and research, have also been regularly providing critical policy support to the central, state and local governments on issues and programmes of economic development. Many of the faculty members have worked and are working as members of different committees of central, state and local bodies. They have published sizable numbers of valuable research articles in international and national journals and have undertaken research projects supported and funded by UNDP,

Indian Statistical Institute, Ministry of Rural development(GOI), ICSSR, Institute of Dalit Studies, Government of Meghalaya, State bank of India, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, MEA(GOI), Ministry of Agriculture(GOI), Ministry of Environment and Forests(GOI), Ministry of Tribal Development(GOI), UGC, KHADC, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation and TISS.

The vision of the department is to emerge as the leading centre of teaching, research, extension and policy on matters of economic and regional economic development in South and South East Asia in the context the current Act East Policy without being oblivious of its core mandate of neighbourhood research.

### **About YSI**

Young Scholars Initiative (YSI): Through the Young Scholars Initiative (YSI), INET provides support to the next generation of new economics thinkers. YSI provides a collaborative, open environment for young scholars to explore their interest in new economic thinking, and facilitates connections with the institute's vast network of economists.

Workshop sub-themes will be covered in this workshop are:

1. India's Economic Philosophy
2. Philosophy of Economic Concepts
3. The Economic Philosophy of Individuals
4. Economic Philosophy corresponding to schools of thought
5. Philosophy of Economics vis a vis related discipline

### **Guidelines for submissions**

35 participants will be selected including Teachers and Students

Preference to the candidates applying from the North-East region

All selected participants will be provided with travel supports, accommodation and food.

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