

30th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE OF THE PSDE

POVERTY, INEQUALITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



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“We were taught to take care of our GNP because it would take care of poverty. Let us reverse this and take care of poverty because it will take care of the GNP” wrote Mahbubul Haq in 1971. Though the confidence in the ‘trickle down’ waned decades ago still, around the world, more than a billion languish at the bottom, without access to basic needs. The economic inequality that was once thought to promote growth is now a suspect cause of terrorism. Despite the popularity of Human Development Index the dreamed shift, from focus on the ‘rate of growth’ to the ‘content of growth’ remains elusive, at least in the developing world, including Pakistan. What the poverty and inequality supposedly mean for crime, conflict and governance and what poverty means for environmental depletion, makes inclusivity as much the concern of the rich as it is of the poor.

Against this backdrop, the theme of the 30th AGM and conference of Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE) is **“Poverty, Inequality and Economic Growth”**. The conference aims to explore the inter linkages between poverty, inequality and what the two mean for growth as well as the society at large. The broader questions that the conference aims to debate include but are not limited to; where the poor figure into the growth philosophy of a nation? How the majority may reap dividends of the growth process rather than live on doles from it?

Call for Papers

The PSDE invites papers for its 30th AGM & Conference based on the above theme/sub-themes. To show the intent of contributing a paper to the Conference, abstracts should be submitted to the PSDE Secretariat, by the given deadline. Incomplete papers or those submitted after the due date would not be entertained.

A maximum of two submissions per author are permissible. Papers other than theme/sub-themes will be considered, however theme based papers will enjoy preference. Each submission should clearly identify the Conference theme/sub-theme it is being sent for. Papers presented at the Conference will be published in the proceedings volume of *The Pakistan Development Review* (PDR).

For details please visit: www.pide.org.pk/psde

Sub-themes to be addressed include:

- Inclusive Growth
- Inequality: A Constraint to Growth
- Breaking out of Poverty: Micro finance and Entrepreneurship
- Poverty, Conflict and Development
- Environment, Growth and Poverty
- Household Vulnerability and Social Protection

Dates to Remember

Last date for abstract submission
July 15, 2014

Last date of submitting paper
September 30, 2014

Notification of accepted papers
November 10, 2014

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December 2-4, 2014

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