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41st Annual International Conference on Frontiers of Economic Development

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19 - 20 January 2027

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers (within 8000 words including tables, figures, and references) from scholars, faculty members, and researchers of all fields of Economics and Social Sciences are invited for the above-mentioned conference to be held at the Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, during 19th to 20th January 2027. Full papers with abstracts of about 200 words along with the institutional affiliation(s) and contact details of the author(s) may be submitted online using the following link: https://forms.gle/R91F5GJhvNVnBnjS8.

Important Dates:

- Last date of submission of full papers: **20th December 2026**
- Communication about selected papers: **29th December 2026**
- Deadline for registration: **7th January 2027**
- Dates for conference: **19th & 20th January 2027**

Registration & Participation:

- Registration fee is **INR 1000** (Scholars without Scholarship) / **INR 1500** (Scholars with Scholarship) / **INR 2000** (Faculty Members and Others) / **US$ 50 (Foreigners)**.
- No travel and accommodation support will be provided.
- **Both offline and online participations and presentations are allowed.**

Development in the twenty-first century is being reshaped by profound economic, technological, environmental, and geopolitical transformations. While economic growth remains a central objective, climate change, technological disruption, changing labour markets, and persistent regional disparities continue to pose significant challenges to development. These concerns have renewed debates on development pathways and highlighted the need for approaches that promote sustained economic growth, social inclusion, and sustainability.

In this context, the Department of Economics & Politics, Vidya Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, will organize the 41st Annual International Conference on *Frontiers of Economic Development*. The event aims to provide an academic platform for researchers and faculty members to explore emerging debates, contemporary development challenges, and transformative pathways, with particular focus on India and the Global South.

Papers are invited in the following areas, but are not limited to:

- Banking, Finance, and Investment
- Digital Transformation & Innovation
- Inclusive Growth, Development & SDGs
- Tourism, Infrastructure, and Local Livelihood
- International Trade & GVCs
- Labour Markets & the Future of Work
- Climate Change & Sustainable Development
- Development Finance & Macroeconomic Policy
- Urbanization & Regional Development

Distinguished Speakers:



Prof. Kajal Lahiri
University at Albany, SUNY, USA



Prof. Parantap Basu
Durham University Business School, UK



Prof. Indrajit Ray
Cardiff Business School, UK

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Nearest Railway Station and Airport: Bolpur Santiniketan (roughly 150 km from Howrah station and takes about two and a half hours). Durgapur Airport (70 Km, takes about one and a half hours) and Kolkata Airport (164 Km, takes about four hours)

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