

*International Workshop on*  
**GLOBAL PRODUCTION NETWORKS AND DECENT WORK: RECENT  
EXPERIENCE IN INDIA AND GLOBAL TRENDS**

Bangalore, November 18-20, 2007

***Organised by***

*Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), International Institute of Labour  
Studies (IILS), and Institute for Human Development (IHD) in association with Institute  
for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore*

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2007**

***Venue: Hotel Capital***

**1630 - 1745 hrs**

**Inaugural Function**

***Welcome and Introduction of the Guests***

**Dr. N. Jayaram**

Director

Institute for Social and Economic Change  
Bangalore

***About the Workshop***

**Professor Alakh N. Sharma**

Director

Institute for Human Development  
New Delhi

***Address***

**Ms. Leyla Tegmo-Reddy**

Director

International Labour Organization  
Delhi

***Keynote Address***

**Dr. Gerry Rodgers**

Senior Adviser

Office of the Director General  
ILO, Geneva

***Remarks by the Chairperson***

**Professor T.C.A. Anant**

Member-Secretary

Indian Council of Social Sciences Research  
New Delhi

***Vote of Thanks***

**Dr. Dev Nathan**

Professor, Institute for Human Development  
& Workshop Co-Coordinator

**1745 - 1800**

Tea

1800 - 2000

**Session I: Economic and Social Upgrading in Global Production Networks (GPNs): Setting the Scene**

***Chairperson***

**K.P.Kannan**

Member, National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector, New Delhi

***Presentations***

**Gary Gereffi**, Department of Sociology, Duke University  
*Global-local production networks: Clusters and institutions as drivers of change for industrial upgrading*

**Ashwani Saith**, Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague

*Escaping poverty: Value chains, snakes and ladders*

**Dev Nathan**, Institute for Human Development  
*Some macro-economics of Global Production Networks and decent work*

***Discussant***

**Sunanda Sen**, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi

2000

Reception and Dinner

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007**

***Venue: Institute for Social and Economic Change***

0915 - 1115

**Session II: Economic and Social Upgrading in Global Production Networks and Decent Work: Different Dimensions**

***Chairperson***

Ravi Srivastava, Member, National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector, New Delhi

***Presentations***

**Anne Posthuma**, International Institute of Labour Studies, Geneva and Workshop Co-Coordinator  
*Global Production Networks and Decent Work: Core issues for economic and social upgrading*

**Stephanie Barrientos**, Institute of Development Studies Sussex University  
*Decent work in Global Production Networks: Opportunities and Challenges for social upgrading*

**Padmini Swaminathan**, Madras Institute of Development Studies  
*Decent technology for decent work: Social upgrading through politico-legal intervention: An on-going experiment in Tamil Nadu*

***Discussants***

**Debdas Banerjee**, Institute of Development Studies,  
Kolkata

**Vijay Baskar**, Madras Institute of Development Studies  
Chennai

1115 - 1130

Tea

1130 -1300

**Session III: Governance challenges to economic and social upgrading in Global Production Networks**

***Chairperson***

**C. S. Venkataratnam**

Director, International Management Institute, New Delhi

***Presentations***

**Peter Knorringa**, ISS, The Hague

*Reach and depth of responsible production*

**Atul Sood**, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

*Self-certification and conditions of work in the informal sector – The Indian experience*

***Discussants***

**G. K. Karanth**, Institute for Social and Economic Change,  
Bangalore

**Sudhir Rana**, UNIDO, Enterprise Social Responsibility in  
SMEs Cluster-Appreciative Approach Project

1300 - 1345

Lunch

1345 - 1600

**Session IV: Panel Discussion: IT and Bio-tech  
(High tech)**

***Chairperson:***

**W. Nafziger**

Researcher on South Indian Technology Entrepreneurs  
Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore and  
University. Distinguished Professor of Economics, Kansas  
State University, USA

***Presentations***

**Carol Upadhyaya**, National Institute of Advanced Studies,  
Bangalore

*Labour in the Indian software outsourcing industry:  
Flexibilisation, control, and regulation*

**Sandip Sarkar** and **Balwant Singh Mehta**, Institute for  
Human development

*Labour market trends in the IT sector*

**Sachin Chaturvedi**, RIS, Delhi  
*Global production networks and Indian biopharmaceutical industry: Emerging linkages and prospects*

**Panelists**

**N. S. Siddharthan**, Madras School of Economics and Forum for Global Knowledge Sharing

**Rajeswari Raina**, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi

**Pankaj Chandra**, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad

**Balaji**, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore

1600 – 1630

Tea

1630 – 1800

**Session V: Sectoral Perspectives:  
Garments**

**Chairperson**

**Sanjeev Kumar**, International Labour Organization, Bangalore

**Presentations**

**KV Ramaswamy**, National University, Singapore  
*Global opportunities and local labour markets in the Indian textile and apparel industry*

**Qingliang Gu** (Shanghai)  
*Industrial and social upgrading in the Chinese textile industry*

**Indira Hirway**, Centre for Development Alternatives, Ahmedabad  
*Expiry of quotas in textiles and garment products, labour market and gender equity*

**Discussant**

**G. Manjunath**, Department of Labour, Government of Karnataka

**Supriya Roy Chowdhury**, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore

1930

Dinner, Shakti Resort Hotel

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2007**

**Venue: Institute for Social and Economic Change**

**0900 - 1030**

**Session VI Sectoral Perspectives: Leather**

**Chairperson**

**Sharit Bhowmick**

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

***Presentations***

**Sumangala Damodaran**, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi

*Upgradation or flexible casualisation? Exploring the dynamics of global value chain incorporation in the Indian leather industry*

**Mohammed Akbar**, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow

*The Indian Leather Industry*

***Discussants***

**R. S. Deshpande**, Institute for Social and Economics Change, Bangalore

**Loraine Kennedy**, Centre de Sciences Humaines New Delhi

**1030 – 1045**

**Tea**

**1045 – 1245**

**Session VII: Sectoral Perspectives: Food**

**Chairperson**

**S. Mahendra Dev**

Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad

***Presentations***

**Sukhpal Singh**, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad

*Global value chains and small producers and workers in Indian agri-business sector: Governance, upgrading opportunities, policies and strategies*

**Govind Kelkar**, Meenakshi Ahluwalia and Meenakshi Kumar, UNIFEM, Delhi

*Gendered structure and social exclusion: Indigenous women and production networks*

**T. S. Papola and R. P. Mamgain**, Institute for Human Development, Delhi

*Market access to small primary producers: A study of vegetable growers in the supply chain*

**Discussants**

**Maria Hartl**, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Rome

**Surjit Singh**, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur

1245 – 1330

Lunch

1330 - 1500

**Session VIII: Sectoral Perspectives: Low-wage Industries**

**Chairperson**

**D. Narasimha Reddy**

Formerly, Hyderabad University

**Presentations**

**Smita Srinivas**

Urban Planning Program

Columbia University

*Cost, risk and dual labour models: Exploring sticky institutions in global production networks*

**Meenu Tewari**, Department of City and Regional Planning  
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

*Footloose capital, labour market transformations and the search for the 'high road' in low-wage industries*

**Discussants**

**S. Madheswaran**, Institute for Social and Economic Change Bangalore

D. Raj Sekhar, Institute for Social and Economic Change Bangalore

1500 – 1515

Tea

1515 -1630

**Session IX: Sectoral Perspectives: Automobile components (Medium-tech manufacturing)**

**Chairperson**

**Hideki Kagohashi**

International Labour Organisation, New Delhi

**Presentations**

**T.G Suresh**, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

*Cost cutting pressures and labour relations in Tamil Nadu's automotive component supply chains*

**Dinesh Awasthi**, Enterprise Development Institute, Ahmedabad

*Small producers and labour conditions in auto-parts and component industry in North India*

**Discussant**

**Manas Bhattacharya**

International Labour Organisation, Geneva

**Abdul Aziz**

Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore

1630 – 1830

**Session X: Concluding Session:  
Main Deliberations and Conclusions of the Seminar  
and Panel Discussion**

***Chairperson***

.....to be decided

***Presentation***

**Dev Nathan**, Institute for Human Development

*Main Deliberations: Policies and institutions that sustain  
and drive towards industrial competitiveness with improved  
terms and conditions of employment*

**Anne Posthuma**, International Institute of Labour Studies

*Implications of the workshop for a future research agenda  
on Global Production Networks and Decent Work in India*

**Views of the Panelists (Tentative)**

**Ruth Manorama**, Trade Unionist

**Rajendra J. Hinduja**, Gokuldas Exports Ltd.

**Babu Mathew**, ActionAid India

**Neil Kearney**, International Textile Garments and

**Leather Workers' Federation**

**K. B. Akhilesh**

**D. C. Prabhakar**

**Gita Sen**

***Vote of Thanks***

**S. Madheswaran**

ISEC