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# **The Political Economy of Ecological Change and Economic Security in the Global South • 2nd Edition**

**14-16 July 2025**

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## **Program**

**Note:** All Plenaries/Keynotes will be in the Little Hall, Sidgwick Site.  
All Panels will be in Room 119, Alison Richard Building.

### **Monday, 14 July 2025**

**9.15am      Registration**

**9.30am      Welcome and Keynote**

**Professor Denis Fischbacher-Smith, Professor of Risk and  
Resilience Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow**

**11.00am      Coffee break**

**11.30am      Panel 1: Risk and Resilience**

**Social Disaster and Sandwich Resilience: Indonesian International  
Worker as Coping Mechanism of Blasphemy Cases, Climate  
Disaster and Minorities**

***Miguel A. Esquivias and Yessi Rahmawati,***

Changing political climates and the rise of resilience policy at the  
African Development Bank  
*Lyn Kouadio and Albert Park*

Discussant: **Professor Denis Fischbacher-Smith**

1.00pm      **Lunch and Networking**

2.30pm      **Panel 2: Urban spaces and livelihoods**

Discourses and changing commoning of common resources: Case  
of peri-urban Bengaluru, India  
*Meghana Eswar*

Discussing the climate vulnerability of online food delivery workers  
in India  
*Neha Arya*

Discussant: **Dr. Aniket Kumar**

4.00pm      **Coffee break**

4.30pm      **Panel 3: Rural livelihoods and community dynamics**

On-farm conservation of agrobiodiversity and gender dynamics:  
Insights from Palghar, India  
*Shenaz Rasheed*

Beneficiary targeting: A study into the heterogenous effects of an  
asset transfer programme  
*Michael Rozelle*

Discussant: **Dr. Katarzyna Zawalińska**

7.00pm      **Conference dinner at Jesus College**

**Tuesday, 15 July 2025**

**10.30am      Panel 4: Climate Change and Market**

The Politics of Climate Finance Instruments. Mediating Sustainability, Profit-seeking and Justice in European Climate Lending to Indian Metro Rails  
*Paula Haufe*

Global Interactions Between Carbon Markets and Env-SDGs Through ESG Perspectives: Towards Integrated Policy for Sustainability Resilience  
*Yiwen Zhang*

Discussant: *Dr. Rekha Bhangaonkar*

**12.00pm      Lunch and networking**

**2.00pm      Keynote**

**Deciphering Climate Engineering Attention with Explainable Machine Learning: Topic Framing, Media Influence, and Public Engagement**

*Dr. Ramit Debnath*, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Social Design and Director, ClimaTRACES, University of Cambridge

- 3.45pm      **Panel Discussion: Ecological Change in the Global South: a view across disciplines**
- Professor Cameron Petrie*, Professor in South Asian and Iranian Archaeology, University of Cambridge
- Dr. Antoinette Nestor*, Environmental Lawyer, and Cambridge City Councillor
- 4.45pm      **Coffee Break**
- 5.00pm      **Panel 5: Local Communities and Managing Lives and Livelihoods**
- Local-level Interventions in Improving Food Access in Indonesia  
*Tizar Bijaksana*
- Fisher livelihoods in South Africa  
*Nikita Hiralal*
- Discussant: *Dr. Sarada Chatterjee*
- 7.00pm      **Pizza Dinner**

**Wednesday, 16 July**

**10.00am      Panel 6: Mapping Change in Contemporary and Historical periods**

**Does Heat Affect Consumption Expenditure Inequality? Evidence from India**

***Sahil Verma***

**Mapping Water, Mapping Empire: Learnings from a Mughal Waterscape**

***Iqtedar Alam***

**Discussant: *Dr. Shachi Amdekar***

**11.30am      Coffee break**

**12.00pm      Final Address  
Reflecting on Economic Resilience and Security Policy Agendas**

***Dr. Shachi Amdekar*, Cabinet Office, UK government**

***Dr. Lucy Goodman*, Department of Business and Trade, and former PhD researcher on Economic Resilience, UK civil service**

**12.30pm      Informal lunch**

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