

2nd Edition of Inclusive Development Conference

Housing and Urban Land Management in an Unequal World

March 5-7, 2025

NLSIU Campus, Bengaluru, India

The conference aims to examine the complex interplay of housing, law, economics, and spatial justice in an unequal world, and we welcome scholars and practitioners to participate.

The first edition of the Inclusive Development Conference was held in March 2023 on the theme of Employment and Environment. These conferences are held every two years and jointly organized by NLSIU and INET. These conferences are designed as interactions between early career scholars and senior scholars.



Information

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Google map location of the NLSIU campus: [Link](#)

Event page: [Link](#)

All the dates and times in Indian Standard Time (ISI)

Day 1: 5th March 2025

12 PM onwards Check-in | Training Centre, NLSIU campus

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Inaugural Program | *NAB 101, NLSIU*

5:00 PM - 5:20 PM Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Opening of the conference: Brief on conference objectives and themes

Welcome Address by **Prof. Dr. [Sudhir Krishnaswamy](#)**, Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU

Welcome Address by **[Sunanda Nair-Bidkar](#)**, Director, South Asia, INET

5:20 PM - 6:30 PM Inaugural Lecture | Speaker: **[Alain Bertaud](#) (Keynote Speaker)**

Topic Tentative: Urban Land Management in an Unequal World

7:30 PM Welcome Dinner | (Invitation Only)

Day 2: 6th March 2025

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast <i>Training Centre Canteen</i>
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration <i>Seminar room, Training Centre, Ground Floor</i>
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Morning Session <i>Seminar room, Training Centre, Ground Floor</i>

Expert Panel 1: Housing and Urban Land Management in the Context of Inequality

Speakers: [Chetan Choithani](#), [Ashima Sood](#), [Harsh Vardhan](#)

Moderator: [Babu Mathew](#)

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Tea & Networking Break
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11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Mid-Morning Session Young Scholar Session <i>Seminar room, Training Centre, Ground Floor</i>
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Moderator: [Manpreet Singh Dhillon](#)

Theme: Informal Housing, Dispossession, and Politics of Space

- *Politics of Policy Categories: Informal Settlements in Guwahati City* – **Bristi Bannerjee** | Discussant: [Anwasha Ghosh](#)
- *Does Training Farmers on Multiple Technologies Improve Adoption?* – **Tinotenda Chidhawu** | Discussant: [Sattwick Dey Biswas](#)

- *Politics of Urban Formality: the effects of climate change on female home-based workers in Delhi* – **Morvi Gupta** | Discussant: [Dhivya Janarthanan](#)
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1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch | *Training Centre Canteen*

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Afternoon Session | **Young Scholar Session**
Seminar room, Training Centre, Ground Floor

Moderator - [Aniket Nandan](#)

Theme: Capitalism, Real Estate, and Urban Governance | *Seminar room, Training centre, Ground Floor*

- *Challenges in low-income shared rental housing (LI-SRH) markets in India: A case study of two formally operated shared rental housing suppliers in Bengaluru* – **Sai Rama Raju Marella** | Discussant: [Chetan Choithani](#)
 - *Limits of the Growth Machine in the Periphery of Capitalism: Reflections on Conflicts in the Production of Urban Megaprojects in Rio De Janeiro and Johannesburg* – **Joao Paulo Constantino** | Discussant: [Sony Pellissery](#)
 - *Tenurial predicaments in a spatially polarized city: Housing regulation, tenure security and the politics of informal housing production in India* – **Devansh Shrivastva** | Discussant: [Ashima Sood](#)
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3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Tea & Networking Break

4:00 PM- 6:00 PM Visit to CDD

This is a voluntary studio event to understand nature-based solutions for wastewater management. We are organising a visit to <https://cddindia.org/>, which is six kilometers away from NLSIU

Day 3: 7th March 2025

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast | *Training Centre Canteen*

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Morning Session** | *Seminar room, Training Centre, Ground Floor*

Expert Panel 2: Social and Economic Dimensions of Urban Housing

Speakers: [Anjali Karol Mohan](#), [Tikender Singh Panwar](#), Sheema Fatima, [Jayprakash Chadchan](#)

Moderator: [Sushmita Pati](#)

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM Tea & Networking Break

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Mid-Morning Session | **Young Scholar Session**

Seminar room, Training Centre, Ground Floor

Moderator - [Gayathri Naik](#)

Theme: Informal Housing, Gentrification, Urban Vacancy and Inclusive Development |

- *Creation of the 'Other' in Urban Discourse – A Case Study of Kochi City, Kerala – Sankar Varma* | Discussant: [Jayprakash Chadchan](#)
- *Challenges of Gentrification and Housing Deprivation among Transgender Communities in Bengaluru, India – Swarupa Deb* | Discussant: Sheema Fatima
- *Waiting, Anxiety and Fear: (Re)Housing the Urban Poor through the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Model in Contemporary Delhi– Rajshree Chowdhary* | Discussant: [Anjali Karol Mohan](#)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch | *Training Centre Canteen*

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Afternoon Session | **Young Scholar Session**
Seminar room, Training Centre, Ground Floor

Moderator: [Rinku Lamba](#)

Theme: Housing Rights, Social Justice, and Economic Policy

- *Illuminating Inequality: Intra-State Economic Convergence and Regional Disparities in Karnataka – Mohammed Hashim* | Discussant: [Sudheesh R C](#)
 - *Gender-based Property Tax Discounts: Role in bargaining power of women in household and intergenerational educational outcome – Faiyaz Julfikar* | Discussant: [Karthik Suresh](#)
 - *Unlocking Housing Capital: Semi-Legal Titles & Informal Credit in Delhi's unauthorised colonies – Divya Sharma* | Discussant: [Neethi P](#)
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3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Tea & Networking Break

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM Valedictory Lecture | Speaker: [Shailaja Fennell](#) | Allen & Overy
Topic: Urban inclusion and housing as a form of agency

5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Closing & Vote of Thanks

Closing Address by [Sony Pellissery](#), Professor & Director, Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion

Day 4: 8th March 2025

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM – Breakfast | *Training Centre Canteen*

By 11:00 AM – Check-out for all

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