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INTRODUCTION

Sustainable economic growth is one of the principal objectives of the developing world. The major precondition for attaining this goal, however, is the availability of infrastructure in the economy, both in passable quantity and quality. Infrastructure is considered as the wheel, if not the engine of development. The deficiency of infrastructure will certainly hamper sustainable economic growth. In most of the developing countries including India, the status of infrastructure is low as compared to the need of the respective countries. While the demand for infrastructure is growing at a much faster rate, supply is more or less stagnant. This is mostly due to the rapid urbanization and globalization taking place across the world.

The major hurdle for closing this demand and supply gap is the non-availability of finance for infrastructure creation. Despite the large number of projects that are either in progress or in the pipeline, India is continuously challenged to cope with an increasing demand for infrastructure services. The government has put together an ambitious plan to upgrade and expand infrastructure with special focus on urban infrastructure, particularly transportation, power, water, etc. Within this context the private sector is expected to provide the necessary investment through privatization and PPP schemes. The development of this sector is anticipated to stimulate economic

growth, create jobs, diversify economy and improve the quality of life in the country.

The aim of this International Conference on 'Frontiers of Infrastructure Finance' is to bring together different stakeholders from various parts of the world to a single platform to exchange views and share knowledge so as to build a road map for infrastructure creation and its management.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The objective of this conference is to present a platform for academicians, researchers, engineers, business analysts, financial analysts, statisticians, econometricians, economists, corporates, industry professionals and policy makers to deliberate, debate and work out the strategy for infrastructure financing and its creation.

BROAD THEMES

Section A: Financial Infrastructure

- Financial Markets and Capital Markets
- Forecasting Volatility
- PPP Model
- Financial Modelling
- Financial and Contractual Design
- Infrastructure Leasing
- Islamic Finance
- Financial Derivatives
- Options and Future Markets

- SWAPS
- Financial Inclusion
- Taxation and Subsidy
- Vulnerabilities in emerging market economies and policy strategies
- Monetary policies and fiscal policies, their Integrations and effects

Section B: Social Infrastructure

- Water Sector Finance
- Housing Finance
- Education and Health
- Social Capital and Social Media
- Public Distribution System
- Sustainable Development

Section C: Transport Infrastructure

- Aviation Sector
- Roads and Railways
- Inland Waterways and Ports
- Telecommunication
- Satellite and Internet
- Transport and Financial Markets

Section D: Energy Infrastructure

- Energy Consumption
- Energy Production
- Energy Distribution
- Energy Regulation
- Energy Pricing
- Energy and Financial Markets

- Energy Corporate Finance
- Carbon Finance and Carbon Pricing
- Green Bonds and Investment

Section E: International Finance

- International Financial Markets
- Synthetic Finance
- Foreign Exchange Market
- FDI and FII
- Special Purpose Vehicle
- Global Financial Crisis
- Portfolio Management
- Valuation of Intangible Assets
- Valuation of Techniques for M & A
- Valuation of Hedge Funds
- IPO Valuation
- Credit Assessment
- Applied Financial Econometrics

Section F: Strategy for Infra Finance

- Private Company Valuation
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Budgetary Financing
- Debt and Equity Financing
- Public Private Partnerships
- Third Party Financing
- Project Financing
- Contractor Financing
- Customer Financing
- Credit Enhancement
- Investment and Trading

Section G: Project Finance

- Islamic Project Finance
- Power and Desalination Projects
- Cost Recovery Challenges and Subsidies Resource Allocation
- Resource Leveling
- Risk Management
- Special Purpose Vehicle
- Project procurement and Appraisal
- Market Microstructure
- Risk Hedging Techniques
- Corporate Finance and Governance
- Innovation/Technology Management & Financial Markets

Section H: Micro Finance

- Urban Micro Finance
- Social Performance
- Responsive Micro Finance
- Micro Finance Institutions
- Investment Opportunities
- SHG Bank Linkage Programme
- Micro Insurance
- Financial Literacy
- Technology in Microfinance

Section I: Infra Policy and Other Issues

- Public Policy Issues
- Urbanization & Urban Development
- Good Governance
- Human Development
- Economic Development
- Climatic Change

- Special Economic Zones
- Prudential Regulation and Super Visions
- Legal Issues of Infrastructure
- Socio- Economic Policies
- Industrial Policies and Business Policies
- Other related Policies

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Participation in the conference will enormously benefit academicians, corporate analysts and consultants, economists, statisticians, engineers, policy makers, trade and business observers, young researchers, and persons in media & public life who are dealing with aspects and issues related to the themes of this conference. Research papers and cases based on research, experience, or promising ideas focusing on any of the stated objectives and themes of the conference are invited. The papers will be selected on the basis of their potential to contribute towards infrastructure development and financing. All papers will be assessed by a panel of experts.

Interested participants may please submit the full paper by IEEE format (see in attachment) on or before October 30, 2017. The paper should be in MS Word (Word 2003 and above) format with double space, Times Roman font and font size 12 on single side of the paper. The paper should have an abstract of not more than 200 words and the

full paper should be within 5000 words including tables and figures. Each paper should contain a title page specifying the title of the paper, full name, affiliation, telephone/ fax number and the e-mail address of the authors.

The papers must be sent via e-mail to **rudrap@vgsom.iitkgp.ernet.in/**
pradhanrp@gmail.com

Authors of all papers accepted for the conference will be required to give copyright declaration in the format to be supplied later. The selected papers will either be published in a special issue of an Econ Lit- indexed journal or in an edited volume by a reputed publisher. Detailed information about the submission guidelines can be found at the following link:

<http://www.som.iitkgp.ernet.in/isfif2017/>

<https://sites.google.com/site/isfif2017/>

Please note that only the papers of the authors who complete the registration process by November 15, 2017 will be considered for publication.

REVIEW CRITERIA

The paper/ abstract must give a clear indication of the objective, methodology, major results, implications, and key references. All abstracts will be blind reviewed and only those abstracts approved by the reviewers will be selected. At least one of the authors will be required to

register and attend the conference to present the paper. The criteria for evaluation by the reviewers are as follows:

Relevance:

Does the subject of the paper appeal to the interest of the conference attendees?

Methodology:

Does the paper use appropriate method (s)?

Originality:

Does the paper add new findings, insights, or knowledge to the body of literature?

Research:

Does the paper compare and weigh the material against the work of others?

Conclusions:

Are the conclusions sound and justified as per the problem discussion?

Policy/ Managerial Implications:

Are the policy implications relevant and useful for the problem demonstrated?

BEST PAPER AWARD:

All submissions will be considered for three best paper awards. The winners will be given citations at the conference and their full registration fee will be refunded.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Submission of Paper: October 30, 2017

Acceptance of Paper: November 10, 2017

Registration Deadline: November 15, 2017

Note:

Letter of invitation/ acceptance letter can be

used for obtaining grants or VISA, will be sent on request.

REGISTRATION FEE

For National Participants:

Corporate and Industry Professionals

Rs. 5000/-

Academics

Rs. 3000/-

Students

Rs. 2000/-

For International Participants:

Corporate and Industry Professionals

USD 450

Academics

USD 300

Students

USD 150

Note: For international participants, travel between Kolkata airport and IIT Kharagpur campus will be arranged by the organizer.

Registration fee (non-refundable) includes conference materials, refreshments, lunch and dinner on conference days. Registration fee for accompanying spouse is Rs. 2000/- for Indian delegates and USD 150 for foreign delegates. The spouses will be entitled to all conference facilities except conference kit. Please note that registration fee does not include accommodation. However, we will arrange nominal accommodation to all registered

participants. The details of accommodation are given below.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be arranged at the Guest Houses of IIT Kharagpur Campus. The arrangement is on payment basis; room rent is very nominal and varies from Rs. 150 to Rs. 1500.

Note: We will book accommodation as per the request of delegates. However, you have to settle the bill at the corresponding guest house during the conference time. Please note that no accommodation booking will be entertained after November 15, 2017.

MODE OF PAYMENTS

Payments can be made through electronic fund transfer. For this, the bank details are as follows:

Account Name: CEP-STC, IIT Kharagpur

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Payments can be made through crossed demand draft drawn in favour of "CEP-STC, IIT Kharagpur", payable at State Bank of India, IIT Kharagpur (Bank Code: 0202) and sent to the convenor of the conference.

Note: We prefer electronic money transfer. Please submit a copy of money transfer record with details of bank name, amount, transaction number and date. The bank proof must be attached with registration form.

CERTIFICATE

Certificate will be issued to each participant from the Office of Dean (CE), Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India.

CONFERENCE CONVENORS

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