

Indian Participation in SAESM 2011

Students studying for bachelors' major in Economics are invited to apply for selection as well as participation in the 8th edition of SAESM to be held in New Delhi from October 29-31, 2011.

There are three competitions in SAESM 2011

1. Research Paper presentations
2. Budding Economist of South Asia
3. Inter country economics quiz



Eligibility for competition I

There are eight research paper themes which have been divided amongst participants from different zones- North, South, East and West. Students from the different zones can compete through contributing the research paper allocated to the zones

Zones	States
North	Delhi, UP, Punjab, Himachal, Uttaranchal and Haryana
South	South Zone- Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala

East	Bengal, Bihar, Assam including Northeast, Orissa and Tripura
West	Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Goa,

Zones	Research themes
North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jobs, Labor Regulations and Labor Rights: The theme covers issues relating to work and labor – forms of work, labor regulations, labor rights and labor standards – and their relevance to economic growth and welfare, particularly in the context of economic transformations in South Asia. The domain of labor rights and regulations has been a field of intense debate in the context of globalization and economic liberalization programs. On the one hand rigid labor laws and inability to ‘exit’ have been cited time and again as fundamental hindrances not only to economic growth but also to employment creation. On the other hand growing informality, unstable jobs, absence of ‘decent work’ norms and effective regulation and weakening trade union strength have been seen as creating increasing insecurities and vulnerabilities, excluding or marginalizing a large section of the population from the fruits of economic growth ▪ Appropriate Technology: The theme may examine any of the following issues: high productivity in the manufacturing as well as agricultural sectors South Asia is associated with capital intensive techniques. Does this impose social costs in the process of development? Are ‘state-of-art’ technologies <i>the</i> most appropriate for South Asia? Is it possible to resolve the tradeoff between high productivity and the labor-intensity of technology? What impedes the development of appropriate/indigenous technology on the subcontinent? Are there barriers to access as far as ‘appropriate’ technologies are concerned? What role is played by existing intellectual property rights regimes in the development and dissemination of appropriate

	technologies?
South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Globalization of Production: The theme covers the role played by multinationals in South Asia, particularly in the context of production for exports and international value chains, and the place that South Asia occupies in global production chains and the long term implications of these structures on the nature and content of economic growth and development trajectory. Papers may also study specific issues relating to the impact of globalized production structures on technology transfers, learning-by-doing, industrial organization, foreign direct investment, balance of payments etc. Papers may also examine the social and economic costs and benefits of international integration in specific sectors. ▪ Environment: This theme focuses on the concern for the environment in the development process. While widespread poverty leads to damages to the environment, does economic growth itself result in environmental degradation? What are the links between industrialization and environmental degradation? What will be the impact of climate change on South Asian countries? How and what types of market based instruments can we incorporate in a policy framework designed to address the environmental issues?
East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Migration: The theme focuses on migrations across geographical spaces, both domestic and international. Papers may examine the nature of these migrations and their implications for South Asian economies. To what extent are specific migrations permanent or long term? What is the impact when a specific cohort moves temporarily: women, young men, workers with specific skills, etc? What is the impact of long term domestic/international migrations on the source as well as destination regions/economies? What are the issues pertinent to international migrations from South Asia, specifically in the context of increasingly regulatory immigration regimes on the one hand and globalization on the other? Is there a necessity for framing international legal norms for the security of the migrants? Papers could also examine issues such as Papers could also look at the role of diasporas' in South Asian development.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financing the Rural Economy: The theme covers rural households' access to formal and non-formal financial institutions in South Asia. Papers may examine the determinants of household access to credit, the social and private cost and benefits of this credit and constraints specific to rural credit markets in South Asia. How do these impact household behavior and overall economic welfare? Is microfinance largely a poverty alleviating tool in South Asia, or does it have larger capability creating or entrepreneurial potential? How are the formal and non-formal credit markets linked, if at all? How has technology impacted costs of providing credit to the rural economy – what implications does this have for extending formal sector credit to this section of South Asia?
<p style="text-align: center;">West</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discrimination- social identity, gender and ethnicity: The theme covers issues relating to various kinds of discrimination faced by people based on ethnicity, social identity and gender and its translation into differential outcomes for them in employment, education, health, credit, etc in the region of South Asia. Analyses of how specific identities of people affect their roles and rewards in the economy have challenged overarching views of development and helped bring out the impact of social structure on economic development. Papers could look at any of these issues for South Asia. How have these discriminatory practices and ideologies interacted with processes of globalization? What are the implications for inequality in South Asia? How do we need to modify theoretical approaches that are relevant for analyzing the specific forms of discrimination? What are the empirical issues that need to be addressed? How do specific policies in South Asia need to be modified in the context of this discrimination to make them more effective as tools for development? ▪ Urbanization: The theme covers the linkage between urbanization and economic development. South Asia's towns and cities have expanded rapidly as increasing numbers migrate to towns and cities in search of economic opportunity. What specific challenges does this pose for development in South Asia? How can South Asia solve issues arising out of Todaro's Paradox? What are the

	<p>demographic implications of the nature of urbanization that South Asia has witnessed? Meeting the needs of urban population will need addressing issues like governance, urban planning, critical infrastructure, and rapidly deteriorating environment. Papers may also look at specific challenges to urbanization in South Asia in areas of housing, service delivery, urban transportation, planning and infrastructure. Papers may also examine conflicts over land-use and resources as cities expand by engulfing rural or agricultural spaces often by dislocating the existing inhabitants and the 'environment' around them. Papers can also deal with impact on rapid urbanization on changing aspirations, spending habits and consumption patterns, creating new cultures of consumption.</p>
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Note:

- Students can send entries on any of the allocated research themes.
- The selected students will be shortlisted on the basis of (1) one page summary of the issues that the paper will cover and (2) one page detailed structure of the paper including an outline of various sections of the proposed research paper.
- **Each student must also fill up a form (provided) and send along with the research paper proposal**
- The last date of submission of the research proposal is 30th June 2011
- Submissions should be sent to saesm2011@gmail.com
- All queries can be addressed to saesm2011@gmail.com
- Selection of research papers will be announced on website on 15th July 2011
- Selected research papers will be sent guidelines for developing the full papers.
- Submission of final paper is on 15th September 2011

Eligibility for competition II

Students, who wish to participate in the “Budding Economist of South Asia” competition, will have to write an essay and submit to be selected for the competition. The details of the competition can be checked from the website, www.saesm.com

<p>ESSAY THEME</p> <p>“Access to financial services for households as well as firms is critical for South Asia's development”</p>

Note:

- The selected students will be shortlisted on the basis of (1) one page summary of the issues that the essay will focus upon and (2) one page detailed structure including an outline of various sections of the proposed essay
- **Each student must also fill up a form (provided) and send along with the essay summary**
- The last date of submission of the essay proposal is 30th June 2011
- Submissions should be sent to saesm2011@gmail.com
- All queries can be addressed to saesm2011@gmail.com
- Selection of essays will be announced on website on 15th July 2011
- Selected essays will be sent guidelines for developing the essay
- Submission of essay is on 15th September 2011

Eligibility for competition III

Students who wish to participate in the Inter-country South Asia Economics Quiz must submit a copy of their CV including examination grades in economic theory (Microeconomics and Macroeconomics), Mathematical Economics and Statistics.

Note:

- The selected students will be shortlisted on the basis of a telephonic quiz contest
- **Each student must also fill up a form (provided) and send along with the CV**
- The last date of submission of the CV with marks is 30th June 2011
- Submissions should be sent to saesm2011@gmail.com
- All queries can be addressed to saesm2011@gmail.com
- Selection of students will be announced on website on 15th July 2011

Additional information

- ✓ All applicants must provide proof of being a bona fide student of the college in the form of scanned college identity card.
- ✓ There is no restriction on the number of applicants from any college

Application form

8th South Asia Economics Students Meet 2011

New Delhi 29-31 October

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Competitions:

TICK the necessary one

- Budding Economist**
- Research papers**
- Economics Quiz**

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