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18th

**DOCTORAL
THESIS
CONFERENCE**
(Hybrid Mode)



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Hyderabad, India

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ICFAI School of
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In Collaboration with



**Indira Gandhi Institute of Development
Research (IGIDR) Mumbai**

About ICFAI School of Social Sciences (ISoSS), Hyderabad

ICFAI School of Social Sciences (ISoSS), Hyderabad is a constituent of the ICFAI Foundation of Higher Education (IFHE), a Deemed to be University as per the UGC Act 1956. IFHE has been awarded the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) rating of A++ and it is Category I Autonomous Institution. The School of Social Sciences offers BA Economics, B.Sc Economics and Data Science, B.Com, BSc Psychology, MSc Economics, and PhD in Economics (Full Time) and PhD in Development Studies and Public Policy for working professionals. It also offers courses at Business School for BBA, and MBA Programs. Faculty members have conducted quality research funded by national and international agencies. They publish the research output in reputed national and international journals and in books.

The mission of the institute is to offer high-quality education in the domain of economics and other social science subjects that equip students with the right knowledge, skills and attitudes required to succeed in a dynamic world.

About IGIDR, Mumbai

Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) is an advanced research institute established and fully funded by the Reserve Bank of India for carrying out research on development issues from a multidisciplinary point of view. Subsequently, the Institute was recognized as a Deemed University under Section 3 of the UGC Act. Starting as a purely research institution, it rapidly developed into a full-fledged teaching cum research organization when it launched a PhD program in the field of development studies in 1990.

About the Conference

The Doctoral Thesis Conferences (DTC) has received wide recognition from the researchers across various universities and institutions of repute in India and overseas since its inception in 2007. The enthusiastic and positive responses of the participants in the previous Doctoral Thesis Conferences inspire us to continue this effort. We are also pleased to inform that in the 18th Doctoral Thesis Conferences (Hybrid Mode) we are introducing a special and separate track for PhD Scholars who are at the initial stage of their program to present their PhD proposals. This would help them in streamlining their research thoughts and have a well-defined PhD proposal.

Objectives: The Doctoral Thesis conference is expected:

- To provide a platform for sharing the research ideas on an international level.
- To provide a platform to meet domain experts to discuss research ideas, methodologies and career issues.
- To provide a platform for scholars to make informal networks with their peers from other institutions.

Call for Papers: There would be two tracks in the 18th Doctoral Thesis Conference.

Track 1:

Research Design Presentation

Papers are invited from those scholars who are in their initial stages of PhD. Research scholars who have completed their course work and have made progress in research proposal are expected to participate. Participants in this track are not expected to present any estimation results and are requested to follow the following structure for paper submission: Introduction, Extensive literature survey, Research gaps, Objectives, Proposed Hypothesis, Proposed Methodology, Expected contribution to the literature.

Track 2:

Advanced Research Paper Presentation

Track two is for scholars who are in their advanced stages of thesis. Research scholars who have made progress in thesis work and are near to submission/submitted and waiting for defence are expected to participate. Participants are requested to follow the following structure for paper submission: Introduction, Extensive literature review, Research gaps, Objectives, Hypothesis, Methodology, interpretation of results, Conclusion and policy or managerial implications. managerial implications.

Main Themes / Domain

- Economics (All areas including Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics, Energy Economics, Environmental Economics, Financial Economics, Computational Economics etc.)
- Finance and Accounting
- Banking and Insurance
- Human Resource Management & OB
- Operations and Information Technology
- Marketing & Business Strategy
- General Management
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Political Science
- Entrepreneurship Development
- Law & Economics
- Public Policy

Paper Submission Guidelines

Kindly refer to the following guidelines before submitting your manuscript.

Cover Page: Each paper should include a cover page with title of the paper, abstract (not more than 200 words), author names and affiliations with full postal addresses, email and mobile number.

Structure of the Paper

Doctoral Proposal Track: Introduction, followed by literature survey, Research gaps, Objectives, Hypothesis, Methodology, and Expected contribution to the literature.

Doctoral Thesis Paper Track: Introduction, followed by literature review, Research gaps, Objectives, Hypothesis, methodology, interpretation of results, conclusion, and policy or managerial implications

Font: Times New Roman, **Size** 12, double space.

Maximum Words: 8000 (for Doctoral Thesis paper), 5000 (for Doctoral Proposal).

References: All papers should follow the APA 6th Edition style guide available at: <http://www.apastyle.org/manual/>

List the references in alphabetical order at the end of the paper. All references must be single spaced and must be distinguished by hanging indents.

Paper should be sent via mail to isoss@ifheindia.org

While sending the mail, the authors should mention the track and area (theme).

Possible Publication Opportunities:

Selected papers with the consent of the author will be sent for review to check the suitability and for fast-track review for possible publication in the following IUP journals:

- The IUP Journal of Applied Economics (ABDC-C)
- The IUP Journal of Corporate Governance (ABDC-C)
- The IUP Journal of Accounting Research & Audit Practices (ABDC-C & UGC-CARE)
- The IUP Journal of Marketing Management (UGC-CARE)
- The IUP Journal of Applied Finance
- The IUP Journal of Management Research
- The IUP Journal of Financial Risk Management
- The IUP Journal of Entrepreneurship Development
- The IUP Journal of Bank Management
- The IUP Journal of Operations Management
- The IUP Journal of Supply Chain Management
- The IUP Journal of Business Strategy

Important Dates	
Last date for submission of Full paper	30 April, 2026
Intimation on Acceptance	11 May, 2026
Last date for receiving Registration Form	18 May, 2026
Conference Dates	04 & 05, June 2026

Registration Process

No registration fee is charged for the full time as well as part time research scholars.

The filled-in registration form should be sent by mail to isoss@ifheindia.org

Travel and Accommodation

The ICAFI School of Social Sciences Hyderabad will reimburse to and fro 3rd AC train fare in shortest route within India for one of the authors (full time Research scholar) who will be presenting papers in the conference. The part-time research scholars shall not be given travel reimbursement. For getting travel reimbursement, the research scholar has to submit a certificate of bonafide candidature as a full-time research scholar duly signed by the Dean/Head of the respective department at the time of the conference. Free accommodation at the campus on a twin-sharing basis and other hospitality will be provided for the paper presenters (for full-time as well as part-time scholars).

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