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GUJARAT VIDYAPEETH, AHMEDABAD

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RESEARCH (GIDR), AHMEDABAD

The Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE)

The Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE), established in September 1998 and registered under the Societies Act in January 1999, is a regional society affiliated to The International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE). INSEE's aim is to further the cause of Sustainable Development by providing a forum for continuous dialogue among scholars, practitioners, and policy analysts working on different aspects of the economy, the ecology, and the environment. It seeks to fulfil the need for a body that would facilitate interaction between scholars from various disciplines, particularly economics and ecological sciences. In the process, it strives to promote new thinking and better understanding on a range of issues of national and international interests, such as instruments for natural resources management, energy analysis and policy, environment and trade, toxic waste management, environment and development, valuation and accounting of ecosystem services, and climate change and the global commons. Through conferences, workshops, networking, and publications, INSEE works to disseminate the results of research and its policy implications to national and international bodies; governmental and non-governmental.

INSEE's activities include:

- Organising biennial conferences
- Organising seminars, workshops, and training programmes
- Networking—both nationally and internationally
- Publishing newsletters and books on new developments in ecological economics, and newsletters on INSEE's activities and achievements.

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The Fifth Biennial Conference of INSEE

The Fifth Biennial Conference of INSEE will be held in **Ahmedabad** at Gujarat Vidyapeeth in collaboration with Gujarat Institute of Development Research, (GIDR), Ahmedabad, from January 21 to 23, 2009. The main theme of the conference will be **“Environmental Governance.”** The conference has been planned to include plenary sessions on important problems and policy issues related to environment and natural resources, and lectures and technical sessions on nine sub-themes. In addition, a roundtable on “Environmental Challenges in Gujarat” will also be held. The call for papers elicited an encouraging response as a large number of abstracts were submitted for approval. About 70 papers are likely to be selected for presentation at the conference, in addition to the invited addresses and roundtable presentations. The papers deal with a range of sub-themes outlined below.

Sub-themes:

- Emerging concepts and applications of interdisciplinary knowledge involving ecology and economics
- Regulatory institutions, regulatory failures, pollution control boards, EIA debate, etc.
- Institutions for natural resources management and needs for innovation
- Markets and environmental governance, carbon credits, etc.
- Information, knowledge and IPR regimes for environmental governance
- Gender issues in environmental governance
- Law, judiciary and environmental governance
- Global environmental governance – climate change, WTO, etc.
- Alternate frameworks for environmental governance – Green parties, Green consumerism, etc.

Pre-conference Workshop

A pre-conference workshop will be held on **January 20, 2009 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.** The topic is **Introduction to Theoretical Ecological Economics: Analytical Study**

of Scale. Details will be available on the INSEE Web site from the third week of October 2008.

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Conference Hosts

Gujarat Vidyapeeth

Gujarat Vidyapeeth is a deemed university. It was founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1920 as a national university. It is located in the heart of Ahmedabad on a 25-acre campus. The uniqueness of the Vidyapeeth lies in the way it tries to put in practice the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. The Vidyapeeth imparts education in the Gandhian way through sheer force of tradition. The emphasis and insistence on dignity of labour, propagation of khadi and village industries, and commitment to Gandhian values have been weaved in the mode and content of teaching. The potential to mould the young generation in Gandhian ways and means is huge and gains immense importance in the present approach of the Vidyapeeth. The pedagogy includes community living and spinning, in addition to the conventional modes of teaching and research. Life on the campus is very simple and in great contrast to the world outside; for example, vegetarianism is adhered to, and environment made smoking free.

Gujarat Institute of Development Research

GIDR, established in 1970, is a premier research organisation recognised and supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research and the Government of Gujarat. The major areas of research at the institute are natural resource development and management, human development, and industry and finance. In natural resource development and management, the institute's faculty has carried out studies on agriculture, irrigation, watershed, forestry and common property. The research on human development focuses on population, labour, the informal sector, and poverty issues that relate to quality of life, education, social infrastructure, diversification of economic activities and migration. The research on industry focuses on the response of small enterprises to changing government policies and issues on intellectual property regimes. The institute also undertakes collaborative research and has a network with NGOs, international organisations, governments, and academic institutions.

Conference Organising Committee

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Registration and Membership:

Academics, NGO representatives, and Policymakers can register for INSEE's Biennial Conference. Registration form and details of arrangements are available on the INSEE website (www.ecoinsee.org). The registration fee structure is given below.

Category	Amount in Indian Rupees	
	Before December 31, 2008	From January 1, 2009
INSEE Members	700	1000
Non-Members	900	1100
Students	350	500

Note: Person/s accompanying the registered delegate/s will have to pay the same registration fee as that of the registered delegate/s.

Arrangements for accommodation will be made by the organisers only for invited resource persons and paper presenters. For all other registered participants, the organisers would make available detailed information about possible types of accommodation and tariffs. Such participants would have to make their own arrangements and bear the cost of accommodation and other expenses.

Non-member participants are required to join INSEE by paying an annual membership fee of Rs.200/- as an ordinary member or Rs.2000/- for life membership to avail of benefits available to INSEE members. For becoming INSEE member prior to the Conference you may contact Mr. Sushil Kumar Sen, Office Manager, INSEE, Institute of Economic Growth, University Enclave, Delhi-110 007; email: sushil@iegindia.org Fax: 011-27667410, Tel. No.011-27667101/011-27667288. In addition, provision will be made for becoming an INSEE member also at the Conference site. For more information and membership form please visit www.ecoinsee.org

Reaching the Conference Venue: Gujarat Vidyapeeth

Ahmedabad is relatively well-connected by air and rail with all parts of India. Direct international flights are also available from Dubai, London, and New York. The Gujarat Vidyapeeth campus at Ashram Road can be easily reached from the Ahmedabad airport, and railway station. At the airport, pre-paid taxis are available, and from the railway station taxis and auto-rickshaws are available. The Vidyapeeth is 4 km from the railway station and 7 km from the airport. Registration and other inquiries will be handled at the *Conference Hut*.

It is advisable to carry light woollen clothes because winter would have set in at Ahmedabad. The minimum temperature will vary from 14° C to 18° C, and at daytime it will vary from 23° C to 30° C. During the conference, the sale of the eco-friendly khadi and other handmade products will be organised in the campus.

Post Conference Visits:

Three post conference trips will be organised.

1. **Gir Lion Sanctuary and Somnaath Temple.** It will be a three-night and two-day trip. The trip will begin on 23rd January 2009 night and will end on 26th January morning.
2. **Shaame-Sarhad Desert Resort, Kachchh.** It will be a three-night and two-day trip. The trip will begin on 23rd January 2009 night and will end on 26th January morning
3. A One-day trip to **Sardar Patel Memorial Karamsad, Amul Dairy, Anand and to an organic farm** on 24th January.

The costs of these tour packages will be on website by October 31st, 2008. Please note that no post conference bookings will be entertained after 15th December 2008.

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Registration Form

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Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad, India)**

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Designation: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. (official): _____

(Residential) : _____

E-mail ID: _____

Fax No. _____

Area of specialization: _____

Institutional affiliation (If any): _____

Whether contributing a paper in the conference: Yes / No

If yes, please tick the appropriate box.

Paper contributor

Resource person:

Whether you require financial assistance for travel and local boarding/ lodging (only for paper contributor/ resource person): Yes/ No

Number of accompanying person(s):

Registration

The duly completed registration form should be accompanied by a demand draft in favour of **Gujarat Vidyapeeth** and payable at Ahmedabad and sent to:

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Last Date for receipt of Registration form and the Fee: December 31, 2008.

Late Registration: January 1, 2009 to January 21, 2009.

Last date for Pre-Conference Workshop: December 31, 2008

Last Date for Post-Conference Tour Bookings: December 15, 2008