



## **Climate Change, Development, and the Natural Capital Conundrum: The Role of Economics**

**Book Discussion | *Environmental Economics in Developing Countries: Issues and Challenges* (Routledge, 2023)**

**3.30 – 5.00 pm | Friday, September 29, 2023 | ORF Kolkata**

### **About the book**

The COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare the vulnerabilities of socio-economic systems globally and exposed the risks that natural capital degradation imposes on human health, economy, and society. *Environmental Economics in Developing Countries: Issues and Challenges* (Routledge, 2023), edited by Achiransu Acharyya, studies the environmental challenges faced by developing economies in a post-COVID-19 world.

Exploring diverse case studies from South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, the volume discusses the impact that economic development and, recently, COVID-19 has had on the environment, ecology, and economy of these regions. It analyses nature conservation policies aimed at minimizing ecological damage arising from economic development and discusses the policy objectives of sustainable development. It also highlights the significant role that environmental economics networks have played in capacity building, framing policies using ecological economics tools, and training local leadership to address sustainability issues.

### **About the editor**

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PROGRAMME	
	<b>Inaugural</b>
3.30 – 3.35 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome remarks:</b> Anirban Sarma, Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (ORF) Kolkata</li> </ul>
	<b>Book Discussion and Q&amp;A</b>
3.35 – 3.50 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair and moderator:</b> Nilanjan Ghosh, Director, ORF Kolkata and President, Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE)</li> <li>• <b>Anchor presentation:</b> Achiransu Acharyya, Editor, <i>Environmental Economics in Developing Countries: Issues and Challenges</i> (Routledge, 2023)</li> </ul>
3.50 – 4:40 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Book discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Discussants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sugata Hazra, Professor of Oceanography, School of Oceanographic Studies, Jadavpur University</li> <li>- Jeena T Srinivasan, Associate Professor, Centre for Economic and Social Studies</li> <li>- Pranab Mukhopadhyay, Professor of Economics, Goa Business School</li> <li>- Sumana Bandyopadhyay, Professor, Department of Geography, Calcutta University</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.40 – 4.55 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Q&amp;A</b></li> </ul>
	<b>Valedictory</b>
4.55 – 5.00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vote of thanks:</b> Debosmita Sarkar, Junior Fellow, ORF Kolkata</li> </ul>
Tea and Refreshments	