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Rapid urbanization and industrialization-led economic growth are the quintessential features of developing country landscapes, particularly in South Asia. Urbanization brings about dramatic changes in local environments, occupying land and water bodies, creating air pollution and heat island effects. It places demands on regional resources such as water and agriculture. Urban areas and industry dump their solid waste and effluents onto peri-urban areas, remote islands or deep beneath the oceans. The growth of industry, which promises and at times provides more jobs, legitimizes this demand for resources, the creation of new slums and gentrified spaces, different gender relationships, lifestyle changes and health impacts. Urban lifestyles also set the benchmark to which others aspire, and therefore the ecological footprint they will generate.

INSEE's 8th Biennial Conference will focus on "Urbanization and the Environment". It will be held in the city of Bengaluru, once known as India's garden city, and now one of the world's most rapidly expanding metropolises and a microcosm of the socio-environmental challenges and responses that urbanization and industrialization engenders.

Who should participate?

The conference is open to anyone interested in rigorously exploring issues at the interface of ecology, economy, and society. It is expected to bring together more than 150 natural and social scientists, practitioners, and policy-makers from India and abroad. It will cover different interdisciplinary perspectives e.g., ecological and environmental economics, geography, political ecology, gender-environment studies, environmental governance, ecology, water and wastewater management, and energy studies.

Conference themes

- Urbanization, Industrialization and Climate change
- Culture, Consumption and Sustainability of Cities
- Urban Commons, Institutions and Movements
- Urban Environmental Governance and Technology
- Urban-Rural Environmental and Resource linkages
- Urban Water: from Source to Disposal
- Air Pollution, Solid Waste and Human health
- Urban Ecologies, Biodiversity
- Rural in the Urban: Agriculture in Cities

Pre-conference field trip to Jakkur Lake

Round table discussions

- Sustainable cities
- Interdisciplinarity in environmental research
- Waste-full cities
- Challenges in urban water management
- Resilient cities and transformative adaptation
- Urbanizing environments and the media

Plenary speakers

- Sunita Narain, Centre for Science and Environment
- Barbara Harriss-White, Oxford University
- Sarath Guttikunda, UrbanEmissions.Info
- Joan Martinez Alier, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Confirmed sponsors (as of October 2015)

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Getting there Please see

<http://ecoinsee.org/conference/2016/info-for-participants>

Weather In January, Bengaluru's temperature ranges from 15°C to 27°C. IISc is usually cooler than Bengaluru city, particularly in the evening and night. Please bring a shawl or light jacket.

Accommodation We hope to provide on-campus accommodation to most outstation participants. Limited travel support is also available for student presenters.

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Conference hosts

The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** was founded in 1909 and has become the premier institute for advanced scientific and technological research and education in India. Today, IISc has about 500 academic and scientific staff and 3500 students. The Department of Management Studies at IISc is one of the oldest management departments in India. It offers a PhD programme and a unique Master of Management programme with a focus on Technology Management and Business Analytics.

The **Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE)**, founded in 1996, is an applied research institute with a mission to promote socially just environmental conservation and sustainable development by generating rigorous interdisciplinary knowledge that engages actively with academia, policy makers, practitioners, activists, students and the wider public. It has 19 faculty, 80 research staff, 52 PhD students, and field stations and regional offices in the Western Ghats and Eastern Himalayas.

The **National Institute for Advanced Studies (NIAS)** aims to integrate the findings of scholarship in the natural and social sciences as well as technology, the humanities and arts through multi-disciplinary research on the complex issues that face Indian and global society, and to assist in the creation of new leadership by disseminating the conclusions of such research through publications, courses and dialogues with leaders and the public. NIAS has 31 faculty, 45 PhD students and 16 research staff.

Registration fee

Category	Early Bird (On or before 15 Nov 2015)	Regular (16 Nov–15 Dec 2015)	Late (After 15 Dec 2015)
Student	Rs 1,250	Rs 1,750	Rs 2,000
INSEE Regular / Life Member	Rs 2,000	Rs 3,000	Rs 4,000
Non-Student & Non-Member	Rs 3,000	Rs 4,000	Rs 5,000

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Additional participation fee for pre-conference field trip to Jakkur Lake on 3 January 2016 (afternoon)* Rs 300

*This activity will be held only if at least 10 persons register: in the event of cancellation, your participation fee for that activity will be refunded.

Conference Registration Form

Name:

Type of registrant (Tick one): Student / INSEE Life Member / INSEE Regular Member / Non-Student and Non-Member

Designation:

Institutional affiliation (If any):

Correspondence address:

City: Country:

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Are you presenting a full paper at the Conference: Yes / No

If you are a paper presenter, will you require financial assistance for travel and local boarding/ lodging?: Yes / No

Number of accompanying person(s) (if any):

(Registration fee for accompanying person is Rs 1500)

Duly completed registration form accompanied by a demand draft in favour of Indian Society for Ecological Economics payable at Delhi may be sent to: Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE), c/o Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi Enclave (North Campus), Delhi 110007 (India)

You can also register online at
<http://ecoinsee.org/conference/2016>

About INSEE

The Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE) is a professional society established in 1998 with affiliation to the International Society for Ecological Economics. INSEE's mission is to further the cause of sustainable development by providing a forum for dialogue among scholars, practitioners and policy makers working on different aspects of the economy, society, ecology and the environment. It seeks to fulfill the need for a platform that would facilitate interaction between scholars from various disciplines, particularly economics and the 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 institutions and instruments for natural resources management, energy analysis and policy, environment and trade, toxic waste management, environment and development, the valuation and accounting of ecosystem functions and services, climate change and the global commons. Through conferences, workshop, seminars, training programmes, round-tables, and networking, INSEE disseminates the results of research and its policy implications to national and international bodies, both governmental and non-governmental.

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