The Institute for Economic and Social Change (ISEC), in collaboration with Cornell University, Ithaca, USA organised a conference on ‘Development in Karnataka: A Multi-Disciplinary Perspective’ from June 10 -12, 2005 with the idea of providing a forum where research on a wide range of issues related to Karnataka could be shared with policy makers, researchers and civil society. Participants representing a range of social science disciplines came from different parts of India and also from Norway, Germany, UK and the US. The conference was inaugurated by the State Minister for Industry Mr PGR Sindhia, who also conveyed a written message from the Chief Minister, Mr. Dharam Singh.

**Papers presented**

**June 11th Saturday**

**Keynote address**

Political Selection and the Quality of Government: Evidence from South India

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**Technical Session 1: Economic and Political Dynamics**

Change in Rural Karnataka Over the Last Generation: Villages and Broader Context

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Political Leadership and Economic Development in Karnataka

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Ideological Elements and Political Instability in Karnataka: Janata Dal in the late 1990s

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Technical Session 2: Local Development
Dynamics of Local Governance in Karnataka
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Corruption and Local Governance: Evidence from Karnataka
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Choosing not to Participate—Evidence from the Drought-Prone Area Programme (DPAP) in Chitradurg
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Keynote address
Institutionalising Citizen Participation in Urban Governance
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Technical Session 3: Projects and Policies
Participation in a School Programme in Karnataka
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Agrarian Reform for a Liberal Pattern of Society? Karnataka’s Lad Policy and the New Dispensation.
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Technical Session 4: Projects and Policies (Continued)
The Karnataka Yeshasvini Insurance Scheme and Peasants: Towards a Comprehensive Health Insurance Coverage for Karnataka?
Sarosh Kuruvilla, Cornell University; Mingwei Liu, Cornell University and Priti Jacob, Narayana Hrudayalaya Hospital, Bangalore. Email:
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At Times When Limbs May Fall: social Security for Unorganised Workers in Karnataka
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Technical Session 5: Civil Society and the Public Sphere
Democracy and Evasive Silences: A Preliminary Report on the Public Sphere in Karnataka
Dattathreya Subbanarasimha, Columbia University, dcs117@columbia.edu Communication.
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Conceptualizing NGO-State Relations in Karnataka: Conflict and Collaboration amidst Organizational
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Keynote address
To be or not to be: Women’s Location in Public Policy
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Technical Session 6: Gender, Population and Health
Systematic Hierarchies and Systemic Failures: Gender and Health Inequities in Koppal District
Gita Sen, Asha George and Aditi Iyer, IIM Bangalore, gita@iimb.ernet.in

A Comparative Analysis of Fertility and Education in Parts of Karnataka, Maharashtra and AP that belonged to Hyderabad State.
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Reproductive Health Services and the Role of Panchayats in Karnataka
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Social Mobility in the Context of Occupational Health: the Case of Silk Reeling
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Technical Session 8: IT and ICT
Social Capital, Diversity ad (Economic) Development: Evidence from the Indian IT industry in Bangalore
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ICT Sector and Regional Economic Development: Evidence from Karnataka State
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