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## Rajagiri Conference on Economics and Finance

**Theme**

**“Sustainable Finance: The Role of Green and Transition Finance”**

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**Under the aegis of the RAJAGIRI CONFERENCE**

**“International Conference on Multidisciplinary approaches to SDGs & International Partners Meet”**

# About The Conference

The 5th Rajagiri Conference on Economics and Finance (RCEF'24) under the theme **“Sustainable Finance: The Role of Green and Transition Finance,”** organized by Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (RCSS) and Rajagiri Business School (RBS) in association with SolBridge International School of Business, South Korea invites submissions on a broad range of topics in economics and finance. Sustainable finance involves considering environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors when making investment choices within the financial sector. This approach encourages long-term investments in economically sustainable activities and projects. It encompasses two main components: Green Finance, which focuses on financing environmentally-friendly initiatives, and Transition Finance, which supports investments that aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental impacts while transitioning to a climate-neutral and sustainable economy. The role of sustainable finance is crucial in achieving climate and sustainability goals set by nations. It accomplishes this by directing private investments towards a climate-neutral, climate-resilient, resource-efficient, and equitable economy, working alongside public funding.

The purpose of this conference is to bring together both national and international scholars working in the field of economics and finance in the broadest sense of words, with a special focus on Sustainable Finance. The conference is structured around several thematically focused sessions. Extended abstracts followed by full research articles in the fields of economics and finance are invited from academicians, researchers, doctoral students, and practitioners. Presented full-length papers will be evaluated for publishing in reputed journals.

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# About Rajagiri Business School

Established in the year 2008, Rajagiri Business School (RBS) is part of Rajagiri Group of Institutions and functions as an autonomous institution. The business school is located in the Rajagiri Valley in Kakkanad, close to the IT hub of Kochi, Info Park, and to the integrated business township, Smart City Kochi. The campus, where the managers of tomorrow hone their skills, has been well-planned preserving the natural splendor of the environment to allow for academic development in communion with nature. In 2022, Rajagiri Business School got full accreditation by AACSB, a globally renowned accreditation agency, and also, recently the PGDM program of RBS is accredited by EFMD, one of the highly reputed international accreditation agencies.

To equip students with the right conceptual foundation, analytical skills, and knowledge application ability, the curriculum at RBS is kept relevant with the dynamics of the changing business environment. With social sensitivity at its core, the emphasis is on experiential learning and holistic development. Case method, simulation, and lectures are the chief pedagogical tools used at the School.



# About Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous)



Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (RCSS) was established as a result of the indefatigable industry and foresight of CMI Congregation. It is located on two picturesque campuses- the Hill Campus at Kalamassery and the Valley campus at Kakkanad in Kochi, in the state of Kerala. RCSS has been placed 27th in the country in the 'Colleges' category by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2022, MHRD, Govt of India.

The College had its origin as a pioneer in professional social work education starting with a Diploma in social service way back in 1955 and adding on Masters in Social Work (MSW), the first of its kind in Kerala State and one of the very few in South India. The specialization PM & IR then offered in the MSW program gave way for an additional Program -Masters in Personnel Management & Industrial Relations which is the present MHRM offered on campus.

RCSS was selected and granted 'College with Potential Excellence' (CPE) status by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India in 2016. The institution was reaccredited in the fourth cycle with an A++ grade and with CGPA of 3.83 by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The College is presently offering 17 Programs (Graduate, Postgraduate, Postgraduate Diploma and PhD) under 8 Departments

# About SolBridge International School of Business, South Korea



SolBridge International School of Business is a renowned and highly regarded institution of higher education that specializes in business and management education. Established in 2007, SolBridge is located in Daejeon, South Korea, and has earned a reputation for excellence in the field of international business education. SolBridge prides itself on offering a global perspective in its education. It attracts students, faculty, and staff from all over the world, creating a diverse and multicultural

learning environment. This global atmosphere is designed to prepare students for careers in an increasingly interconnected and globalized world.

SolBridge holds several prestigious accreditations, including accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). This accreditation reflects the institution's commitment to maintaining high academic standards and ensuring the quality of its programs. SolBridge had initially bagged the AACSB accreditation in 2014 and again in 2019, SolBridge was re-accredited with AACSB.

SolBridge offers a range of undergraduate and graduate programs in business and management. These programs cover various areas, including marketing, finance, entrepreneurship, and international business. The curriculum is designed to provide students with a strong foundation in business principles while also fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills. SolBridge encourages students to gain international exposure through study abroad programs and exchange partnerships with universities around the world. These opportunities allow students to broaden their horizons and experience different cultures while continuing their education.

# Keynote Speakers



**Dr. Murali  
Jagannathan**

*Professor and Associate Dean  
for Faculty and Research,  
Binghamton University, USA*

Murali Jagannathan is an Associate Dean for Faculty and Research and a Professor in Finance at the School of Management, Binghamton University, Binghamton, New York. He obtained a Ph.D. in Finance at the Virginia Tech University in 1996. His research has been published in highly reputed journals such as the Journal of Financial Research, Financial Review, Journal of Corporate Finance, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Accounting Literature, Journal of Investment Management, Financial Management, Journal of Finance, Applied Economic Letters and Journal of Investment Management. Currently, he is a Co-editor of Journal of Financial Research (ABDC - A category journal). He is a renowned academician and a researcher who has extensively contributed to the area of corporate finance and his works have been extensively cited.



**Dr. Chia-Hsing Huang**

*Professor and Associate Dean of  
Research, SolBridge International  
School of Business, South Korea*

Chia-Hsing Huang is a professor at SolBridge International School of Business, Korea. He has a Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania USA in 1994, and an MBA degree from the University of Connecticut USA in 1990. Professor Huang has 20 years of teaching experience at the Undergraduate, MBA, EMBA, and Ph.D. levels in a number of the leading universities in America, Kazakhstan, Taiwan, Vietnam, and Thailand.

He was elected to be the finance department chairman and worked as an advisor on finance, investment, merger and acquisition, real estate, and strategic planning and implementation to many companies and institutions both in private and public sectors, such as construction company, security firm, bank, TV, computer network, and city government. He also had work experience in investment analysis of TV talk shows and radio call-in programs. Professor Huang has published several books and several papers in leading international journals.

# Panel Discussion- Session Experts

## Dr. Nilanjan Sen

*Professor, University at Albany – State University of New York (Moderator)*



Nilanjan Sen, Ph.D., CFA is a Professor (Finance) in School of Business at the University At Albany, State University of New York, after serving as the school's dean for five years. Professor Sen received his Ph.D. from Virginia Tech and was previously Associate Dean at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, and a tenured faculty member at Arizona State University.

Prior to his deanship, his primary area of research and teaching interest were in areas of mergers and acquisitions, dividend policy and corporate governance. He has published extensively in academic and practitioner journals.

Dr. Sen has conducted training programs for several corporations, banks, and government agencies. He has taught courses at various universities in China, Italy, India, Ireland, Norway, Spain and Switzerland. Dr. Sen is also the Principal Advisor of Wingsure, which has developed a unique application of deep-tech that straddles the Agtech & InsureTech sectors in India.

Dr. Sen is a Board Member of Junior Achievement of Northeastern New York and the American Red Cross (Northeast Division). He is a regular blood donor. He enjoys reading, traveling, and meeting people from diverse cultures.

## Mr. Rajeev Peshwaria

*CEO of Stewardship Asia Centre, President of Leadership Energy Consulting*



Rajeev Peshwaria is CEO of Stewardship Asia Centre Singapore and President of Leadership Energy Consulting Company Seattle; Former CEO of The Iclif Leadership & Governance Centre; Former Chief Learning Officer: Coca-Cola and Morgan Stanley; Former Head, Pine Street Europe & Asia, Goldman Sachs; Global Keynote & TEDx Speaker; Author of 3 books including Open Source Leadership - a Wall Street Journal bestseller. He is an expert in Talent management, Leadership Development, Executive Coaching, Corporate Sustainability and Stewardship.

## Mr. Debashish Biswas, *Partner, Deloitte*



Debashish is a Partner with Deloitte's consulting practice and is the Leader in Economic Development and Government/ Urban Transformation practice. He has around 20 years of experience. Besides India, his experience spans several countries including the USA, Japan, Russia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Botswana, and UAE. His clients include government ministries/ departments, public sector undertakings, donor/ multi-lateral agencies, foundations, government institutions, private sector, among others. Debashish did his Fellow Program in Management (doctoral program) from IIM Ahmadabad. He holds a Masters degree in Urban Planning and a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the Indian Institute of Engineering, Science and Technology (IIST), Sibpur, West Bengal.

# Panel Discussion- Session Experts

## CA Mohan R Lavi

*Partner @ K.P Rao & Co.*



CA Mohan R Lavi is a partner at K.P Rao & Co, Chartered Accountants. He specializes in global accounting standards, GST, and ESG reporting. With over 30 years of post-qualification experience across different industries, he has extensive knowledge and skills in financial accounting, audits, and costing. He has also authored books on IFRS, the Sarbanes Oxley Act, and Service Tax. His mission is to provide high-quality and reliable accounting and advisory services to our clients and to contribute to the development and dissemination of accounting knowledge and best practices.

## Ms. Ayushi Bainwala

*Consultant, PwC*



Ayushi Bainwala is a Consultant at PwC New York's Sustainability and Climate Change practice. Before this, she served as an Assistant Manager at PwC Singapore's Asset and Wealth Management (AWM) and ESG Advisory practices. An economist, with a focus on AWM, alternatives including private equity and hedge funds and other global financial institutions, she has 5+ years of experience in areas pertaining to ESG strategy, products, distribution, policy, regulations, market intelligence, sustainable finance, and impact investments. She holds a Master's degree in Applied Economics from the National University of Singapore and a Bachelor's degree in Economics with first-class honors from Jadavpur University, India. She is an FSA SASB Credential holder.





# Submission Streams

RCEF'24 solicits submission of research papers under various sub-themes in the field of Finance and Economics, such as

## Finance

- Sustainable finance- the roles and impacts of different financial services actors and institutions
- Social dimension of sustainable finance
- Sustainable Financial performance
- Sustainable investment in and by emerging market actors
- Green Taxation
- Green Finance/ Green Investments/ Green Bonds
- Corporate Social Responsibility and Finance
- Environmental Impacts and Benefits of Green Energy Markets
- ESG and the best practices
- The role of financial, non-financial institutions and fintech companies in the mobilization of resources for energy transition
- Green and sustainable financial instruments for energy transition.
- Sustainability Reporting

## Economics

- Sustainable Micro-finance and Rural Development
- Innovative economic strategies for Financial Inclusion
- Economic growth and energy consumption
- Sustainable trade practices
- Carbon taxes
- Monetary policy operations and green/energy finance
- Renewable Energy investment under interest rate uncertainty
- Corporate energy investments and interest rate risk
- Environmental impact and climate change

The list of topics mentioned above is indicative and research papers on other related topics of Finance and Economics are also welcome.



# Submission Guidelines

# Key Dates

Extended abstracts (minimum 2000 words) are to be submitted as a single file, preferably in PDF format. The font size for the body of the text should be 12-point Times New Roman. The submission should contain the title, name(s) of the author(s), affiliation(s), keywords, JEL classification codes, and e-mail address of the corresponding author. Please name the manuscript as “Last Name\_ First Name” of the submitting author.

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Submission Deadline  
**30 November 2023**

Acceptance of extended abstracts for the conference:

**Within 15 days of Abstract submission**

Submission of full papers:  
**15 December 2023**

Last date of Early bird registration:  
**10 December 2023**

Conference Date:  
**10-11 January 2024**



# Publications

Paper presented at the conference will be considered for publication in reputed indexed journals. However, papers must fulfill the journal's quality standards. Papers for special issues must fit within the scope and goal of the special issue. For each journal, only one manuscript per author/co-author will be considered. Where appropriate, authors have to bear the publication/submission fees. Selected papers are required to mention that the paper was presented at the 5th Rajagiri Conference on Economics and Finance (RCEF'24). Papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication after the peer review process in the following journals:

1. The International Journal of Accounting (TIJA -ABDC A)
2. Journal of Emerging Market Finance (Scopus – Q2)
3. Cogent Economics and Finance (Scopus Q3)
4. Advances in Decision Sciences (Scopus Q3)
5. Rajagiri Management Journal (UGC-CARE)

# Best Paper Award



The Best Paper Award will be presented for outstanding research work. The awardee will be decided by a committee of experts. Details of the platform and panels will be communicated at a later date.

# Registration Fee

## National Participants

Category	No. of conference Days	Early Bird Registration	Late/Spot
Indian Professionals/ Academicians	4 Days	Rs. 4000*	Rs. 4500
	3 Days	Rs. 3000*	Rs. 3500
	2 days***	Rs. 2000*	Rs. 2500
	1 Day	Rs. 1000**	Rs. 1500
	Half-day	Rs. 600**	Rs. 900
Indian Students	4 Days	Rs. 3500*	Rs. 4000
	3 Days	Rs. 2500*	Rs. 3000
	2 days	Rs. 1500*	Rs. 2000
	1 Day	Rs. 750**	Rs. 1250
	Half-day	Rs. 500**	Rs. 800

\*Registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, tea, dinner, and conference kit.

\*\*Conference kit won't be provided. Tea, lunch/dinner will be provided as applicable.

\*\*\* For RCEF 2024, 2 days are applicable. If somebody wants to be part of the main SDG conference for more than two days, they can do so.

# Registration Details Cont.

## International Participants

Category	Early Bird	Late/Spot
Foreign Professionals/ Academicians	\$ 350	\$ 400
Foreign Students	\$ 250	\$ 300
SAARC Countries' professional/ Academicians	Rs. 10000	Rs. 10500
SAARC Countries Students	Rs. 8000	Rs. 8500

Registration fee includes accommodation (during conference days), breakfast, lunch, tea, dinner, and conference kit.

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The payment particulars should include the participant's name in FULL followed by RCEF'24.

Upon completing the registration process, kindly make the registration fee payment through a bank transfer. Once the payment is successfully made, please proceed to upload the receipt on our website, and wait for confirmation. We will promptly confirm your payment and registration.



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