



FORUM FOR GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING

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(Knowledge Forum)

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INTRODUCTION

Forum for Global Knowledge Sharing (Knowledge Forum) is a specialised, interdisciplinary global forum. It deals with science, technology and economy interface. It aims at providing a platform for scholars belonging to different institutions, universities, countries and disciplines to interact, exchange their research findings and undertake joint research studies. It is designed for persons who have been contributing to R&D and publishing their research findings in professional journals. Its registered office is housed at the Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi. However, its members and office bearers are from various institutions and countries (see the list of Governing Council Members) and function from their respective institution. Knowledge Forum was registered on August 25, 2005. We regularly hold annual conferences where the members present their research papers, share research findings with other members and interact. Knowledge Forum annual international conferences have been well attended and the papers have been of a high quality.

At present there is no inter-disciplinary forum for persons belonging to different disciplines like business schools, economics, basic sciences and technology to interact, collaborate and share their knowledge on the problems involved in technology creation and transfer, and other issues relating to global business. It was felt that in the current era of globalisation and fast technological change the creation of such a forum is vital.

Economists have been working on themes relating to technology creation and transfer without having an in-depth knowledge of science and technology. Likewise, technologists have also been working on these themes without much or any knowledge of their economic viability. Therefore, some of us felt the vital need for a forum where technologists and social scientists could meet and interact. The membership to the Forum is open to all scholars who have been publishing in refereed professional journals.

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RESEARCH PAPERS

An important part of our website is the folder on “*Working Papers*” <https://fgks.co.in/index.php/working-papers> All the registered members are allowed to submit their research papers. The submitted papers are refereed (peer reviewed) and the accepted papers are uploaded on the website. Placing the paper in our website does not prevent the authors from publishing it in any journal. These are not considered as publications. We have now about 300 Working Papers in the website. eSocialSciences <http://www.esocialsciences.org> has also been giving wide publicity to our papers and programmes. In addition to Working Papers we also have folders on *conference papers* <https://fgks.co.in/index.php/conference-papers> where presentations by non-members are also placed and one on *Communications* <https://fgks.co.in/index.php/communications> which provides a short list of conference papers that are published in journals. Conference papers published in conference volumes are listed under books. In this folder members also share important developments in science, technology, economy and research methodology. We also have a folder on *Books* <https://fgks.co.in/index.php/books> where our publications are listed with abstracts.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

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Note: Professor P. V. Indiresan was the founder President and remained President till October 2008. During the General Body Meeting (October 17, 2008), Professor P.V. Indiresan expressed his desire to be relieved from the post of the President. Consequently, the Governing Council elected Professor S R Hashim President. During the Governing Council Meeting of 15 November 2018, Professor Hashim expressed his desire to be relieved from the Post of the President and the Governing Council elected Professor N. S. Siddharthan as the President of the forum.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of KNOWLEDGE FORUM is open to any individual with a research publication record in professional forums or holder of patents and who is in agreement with the objectives of KNOWLEDGE FORUM and who is prepared to work for their furtherance.

In addition, there is also a provision for *Corporate Membership* and corporate institutions (including registered bodies and trusts) can become members and nominate their executives to take part in the activities of Knowledge Forum.

Membership Fee:

- Individual Members, lifetime fee of rupees one thousand (INR1000)
- International Members, lifetime fee of US dollars one hundred (\$100)
- Indian Corporate Members, onetime fee of rupees hundred thousand (INR100,000.00). International Corporate Members, onetime fee of US dollars ten thousand (\$10,000.00)
- To become a member visit our website, < <https://fgks.co.in> > login and register
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CONFERENCES/SEMINARS HELD

We have been regularly holding our annual conferences. The participation rates in the conferences have been high.

Dates	Hosts	Themes	Outcome/Publications
December 5-6, 2025	IIT Indore	<i>Innovation and Economy</i>	
December 6-7, 2024	TISS Mumbai	<i>Technology and Green Economy</i>	
November 25-26, 2023	IIT Bombay	<i>Technology, Economy and Sustainability</i>	Select papers in peer reviewed journals
December 16-17, 2022	Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi	<i>Technology and Economy</i>	Select papers in peer reviewed journals
February 19, 2021	IIT Bombay [Online Seminar]	<i>Covid-19 and its impact on the Economy</i>	Select papers in peer reviewed journals
October 11-13, 2019	IIT Madras	<i>Technology and Economy</i>	Select papers in peer reviewed journals
November 16-18, 2018	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	<i>Technology and Employment</i>	Book by Springer Nature India Ltd.
August 11, 2018	MSE Chennai	<i>Technology and Development</i>	Select papers in <i>Innovation and Development</i> , Routledge
February 24, 2018	Centre for Policy Studies, IIT Bombay	<i>FDI: Issues and Policy</i>	Policy Brief
November 10-12, 2017	NCDS Bhubaneswar	<i>Changing Paradigms in Technology, Trade and Development</i>	Book by Springer Nature India Ltd.
December 3-5, 2016	IIT Madras	<i>Globalisation of Technology and Development</i>	Book by Springer
March 18, 2016	IIT Bombay	<i>Creation and Diffusion of Technology</i>	Book by Springer
November 27-28, 2015	NIAS Bangalore	<i>Technology, Growth and Sustainability</i>	Different Professional Journals
March 7, 2015	TISS Mumbai	<i>Harnessing Technology for Challenging Inequality</i>	Book by Springer
October, 27-29, 2014	NIAS Bangalore	<i>Technology: Corporate and Social Dimensions</i>	Book by Springer and some papers in <i>Journal of Industrial Statistics</i>
October 25-27, 2013	IIT Bombay	<i>Emerging Technologies and Development</i>	Book by Springer
November 30 - 2, December, 2012	Symbiosis, Pune	<i>Technology Intensity and Global Competitiveness</i>	Special issue of <i>Innovation and Development</i> , Routledge
November 18-20, 2011	Goa University	<i>Agglomeration, Technology Clusters and Networks</i>	Special issue of <i>Science, Technology and Society</i> , Sage
July 15-16, 2011	Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai	<i>Academic Ethics</i>	Report in <i>Current Science</i>
November 11-12, 2010	IIT Bombay	<i>Human Capital and Development</i>	Book by Springer and some papers in <i>Contributions to Indian Social Science</i>
March 19 -21, 2010	MSE, Chennai	<i>Frontier Issues in Technology, Development and Environment</i>	Special issue of <i>Science, Technology and Society</i> , Sage

October 9-10, 2009	TISS Mumbai	<i>Science, Technology and Economy: Emerging and Developed Countries</i>	Different Professional Journals
October 17-18, 2008	ISID, Delhi	<i>Globalisation of Knowledge Development and Delivery</i>	Different Professional Journals
November 2-3, 2007	IIT Bombay	<i>Globalisation of Chinese and Indian Enterprises</i>	Book by <i>Routledge</i>
October 6-7, 2006	IHD and IIC, Delhi	<i>Knowledge Based Industries, Employment and Global Competitiveness</i>	Book by <i>Routledge</i>



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19th Annual Conference of Knowledge Forum Conference Theme: “Innovation and Economy”

Dates: October 29 to 31, 2026

Hosted by: Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras

Call for Papers

Themes for discussion:

Under the overall theme of “Innovation and Economy” papers are invited relating to the following topics. Technology dimension will be common to all the topics and therefore is not mentioned separately.

- AI, Robotics and Employment
- Climate Change
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Creative Industries
- Econophysics
- Energy Transition & Net Zero Emission
- FDI and Trade
- Frugal, Grassroot and Open Innovations
- Gig Economy
- Public Policy towards Innovation
- Space Economy
- Sustainability

Conference Format

The conference will have an introductory session followed by Competitive Sessions.

In the competitive sessions all the papers will be refereed before accepted for presentations. Case Studies from Technologists on any of the sub-themes of the Conference would also be considered for presentation.

Last date for submission of title of papers and abstracts: May 31, 2026

Last date for full paper submission: July 31, 2026

Send the abstracts and paper to: fgksindia@gmail.com

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