

STAREBS VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

QUANTITATIVE SOCIAL SCIENCE

Conference Programme

13–14 December 2026 | Virtual Mode

Organized by the School for Training and Analytical Research in Economics, Business and Society (STAREBS), Kolkata, India

CONFERENCE ORGANISING TEAM

Role	Name	Affiliation / Designation
Conference Chair	Prof. Sugata Marjit	Director, STAREBS
Conference Advisor	Prof. Kausik Gupta	Honorary Academic Advisor (Conferences and Collaborations), STAREBS; Professor, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta; Former Vice Chancellor, West Bengal State University
Conference Convenor	Dr. Saswati Chaudhuri	Honorary Advisor (Training Programmes), STAREBS; Associate Professor, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata

DAY I — 13 DECEMBER 2026

Foundations, Methods and Contemporary Applications of Quantitative Social Science

Time	Session	Details
9:00 – 10:00 AM	INAUGURAL SESSION	Welcome Address – Dr. Saswati Chaudhuri, Conference Convenor Address by Conference Advisor – Prof. Kausik Gupta
10:00 – 10:40 AM	INAUGURAL LECTURE	Conference Chair – Prof. Sugata Marjit Suggested theme: Quantitative Social Science: New Directions in Research and Analysis
10:40 – 11:00 AM	Conference Orientation	Overview of the conference structure, thematic tracks and technical sessions
11:00 – 11:45 AM (7:02 AM CEST)	SPECIAL LECTURE I	Resource Person: To be Announced Suggested theme: Institutions, Public Policy and Economic Performance: Quantitative Perspectives
11:45 – 12:00	Virtual Break	Tea / networking break
12:00 – 12:45 PM (7:30 AM BST)	SPECIAL LECTURE II	Resource Person: To be Announced Suggested theme: Development, Finance and Macroeconomic Transformation: Evidence from

		Emerging Economies
12:45 – 1:15 PM	Interactive Discussion	Q&A and discussion with invited speakers
1:15 – 2:00 PM	Lunch Break	—
2:00 – 3:30 PM	TECHNICAL SESSIONS I	Selected Paper Presentations Themes: Society, Culture and Human Development; Economy, Politics and Public Policy
3:30 – 3:45 PM	Virtual Break	—
3:45 – 5:15 PM	TECHNICAL SESSIONS II	Selected Paper Presentations Themes: Technology, Data and Quantitative Social Science; Quantitative and Statistical Methods
5:15 – 5:45 PM	DAY-I PLENARY REFLECTION	Key observations, discussion of emerging research questions and synthesis of Day I
5:45 PM	Closing Remarks – Day I	—

DAY II — 14 DECEMBER 2026

Evidence, Policy and Emerging Frontiers in Quantitative Social Science

Time	Session	Details
9:00 – 10:00 AM (9.30 PM MDT 13 th December, 2026)	SPECIAL LECTURE III	Prof. John Gilbert, Utah State University Suggested theme: International Trade, Economic Integration and Quantitative Policy Analysis
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Virtual Break	—
10:15 – 11:00 AM (1:45 PM KST)	SPECIAL LECTURE IV	Prof. Gouranga G. Das, Hanyang University, South Korea Suggested theme: Infrastructure, Regional Development and the Changing Global Economy
11:00 AM – 11:30 PM	Interactive Discussion	Q&A and discussion with invited speakers
11:30 – 12.15 PM (3:00PM JST)	SPECIAL LECTURE V	Resource Person: To be Announced Suggested theme: The Future of Quantitative Social Science: Integrating Theory, Data and Evidence
12:15 – 1.45 PM	Lunch Break	—
1.45 – 3:30 PM	TECHNICAL SESSIONS III	Selected Paper Presentations Themes: Society, Development, Labour, Gender and Human Development
3:30 – 3:45 PM	Virtual Break	—
3:45 – 5:00 PM	TECHNICAL SESSIONS IV	Selected Paper Presentations Themes: Technology, AI, Data, Environment, Population and Sustainable Futures
5:00 – 5:30 PM	GRAND PLENARY	Emerging Frontiers in Quantitative Social Science
5:30 – 5:50 PM	Conference Synthesis	Key Takeaways and Future Directions for Quantitative Social Science
5:50 – 6:00 PM	VALEDICTORY SESSION	Valedictory Remarks and Vote of Thanks

Note: The titles of invited lectures are indicative and may be revised in consultation with the respective speakers. Session timings and paper allocations may also be adjusted by the Organising Committee.