

Workshop on Environmental and natural resource economics

10–14 March 2020, Yangon, Myanmar

Application submission deadline:
20 February 2020

**THIS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS IS ONLY FOR
MYANMAR NATIONALS CURRENTLY BASED
IN MYANMAR.**

Background

The Yangon University of Economics ([YUE](#)), the South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics ([SANDEE](#)) – International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development ([ICIMOD](#)), Duke University ([DU](#)), and Innovations for Poverty Action ([IPA](#)) are jointly organizing a workshop on “Environmental and natural resource economics” from 10 to 14 March 2020 in Myanmar.

About the workshop

The workshop has the following objectives:

- Introduce researchers to the scientific literature on the economics of environment and energy
- Familiarize researchers with quantitative tools and techniques for conducting empirical research on environmental and natural resource economics
- Teach researchers how to conduct non-market valuation to estimate the costs and benefits of environmental and energy projects
- Teach researchers about the nuts and bolts of techniques to measure the impacts of programmes and policies and apply causal inference
- Provide hands-on training for conducting empirical research on environmental economics

The workshop will provide practical training on both theoretical aspects as well as techniques for conducting empirical research in economics in general and environmental economics in particular.

Who will teach at the workshop?

The following distinguished scholars will teach the course:

- A K Enamul Haque, Professor of Economics, East West University, Bangladesh
- Mani Nepal, Programme Coordinator – SANDEE, and Lead Economist – ICIMOD
- Subhrendu K Pattanayak, Oak Professor of Environmental and Energy Policy and Director of Public Policy, Duke University, USA
- Jie-Sheng Tan Soo, Professor, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

Other invited scholars will also share their expertise in specific topics.

Who can apply?

- Researchers (Myanmar nationals) currently based in Myanmar with at least a master’s degree in economics, natural resources and environmental

management, business and environment, or similar academic fields, along with a minimum of two years of research experience, can apply.

- Some background and understanding of economics is necessary given the workshop's focus.
- Quantitative skills and previous research experience would be beneficial.
- A strong command of both spoken and written English is necessary.
- Women and junior to mid-career professionals teaching economics at various universities in Myanmar are encouraged to apply. Candidates with a PhD or working towards or with future plans for a PhD degree are encouraged.

How to apply

To be considered for the workshop, please review the submission procedure and submit the [application form online](#) by 20 February 2020. Your application should include the following (with one-inch page margin and 12-point font):

- **A cover letter (no more than one page)** describing how this workshop would help you in your ongoing research work or future career
- **A short CV (no more than one page)** highlighting your academic background and research and teaching experience

Funding

The workshop will be fully residential and the organizers will provide accommodation, meals for the workshop's duration, and necessary course materials. The organizers will also reimburse reasonable travel costs for the most direct and economical mode of transport from your current location to Yangon upon submission of original receipts. Participants need to cover their additional personal expenses and healthcare costs, if any.

Selection process

A total of 15 participants will be invited to the workshop. Selection of the participants will be based on prior background and academic qualifications.

Contact

For further queries or clarifications, please write to Neesha Pradhan at sandee@icimod.org

About the organizing institutions

The Yangon University of Economics is one of three economics-focused universities in Myanmar. The university promotes state-of-the-art applied research through high-quality teaching and training and by developing new generations of economists committed to bringing about change. The university also collaborates with local and international stakeholders to advance knowledge and prioritizes internationalization along with environmental responsibility.

SANDEE is an initiative of ICIMOD under the Mountain Knowledge and Action Networks (MKAN) Regional Programme. SANDEE is a research capacity-building network that works in South Asia and the Hindu Kush Himalayan region, supporting researchers from the region and institutions interested in understanding the inter-connections between economic development, the environment, and the use of natural resources.

Duke University consistently ranks among the very best in the world; its graduate and professional schools — in business, divinity, engineering, the environment, law, medicine, nursing, and public policy — are among the leaders in their fields. Duke's policy school prioritizes improving lives around the world by researching the most pressing public policy issues and preparing students for lives of leadership, civic engagement, and public service.

Innovations for Poverty Action is a non-profit research and policy organization that discovers and promotes effective solutions to global poverty problems. IPA brings together researchers, development practitioners, and policy makers to design, rigorously evaluate, and refine these solutions so that the evidence created is relevant, accessible, and used by decision makers to improve the lives of people. In this way, IPA is helping to create better programmes and policies and is ultimately building a world with more evidence and less poverty.

East West University, rated among the top private universities of Bangladesh, is an institution that promotes eastern culture and values and meaningfully blends the eastern and western thought and innovation. It strives not only to maintain high quality in both instruction and research but also rendering community service through the dissemination of information, organization of training programmes, and other activities.

The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy is an autonomous postgraduate school of the National University of Singapore. The mission of the School is to be the leading global public policy school in Asia, developing thought leadership, improving standards of governance, and transforming lives for a more sustainable world.

