

SANDEE-ICIMOD Karl-Göran Mäler Memorial Lecture 2022

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LECTURE 1

Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Nepali agricultural firms



Biswo Nath Poudel

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Biswo Nath Poudel is the Chairperson of the ICIMOD Board of Governors, Vice Chairperson of the National Planning Commission, Nepal, and president of the Colombo Plan Council. He holds a PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of California at Berkeley.

Dr Poudel's lecture will focus on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on different performance indicators of agricultural firms in Nepal and how they compare with the performance of non-agricultural firms, using panel data collected during the lockdown. The lecture will also discuss possible mechanisms through which such differential impacts were realised and the Nepal government's policy responses to mitigate the impacts and possible ways in which they affected the firms' outcomes.

Success and failure of communities managing natural resources: Static and dynamic inefficiencies



François Libois

Researcher, French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment, Professor, Paris School of Economics

François Libois is an applied microeconomist, working at the intersection of environmental, development and institutional economics. More than half of his research time is devoted to projects dealing with Nepal, mostly around issues related to forest management and energy access. Dr Libois is involved in projects on small-scale fisheries and on the provision of public goods by non-governmental organizations. He has been a

SANDEE faculty advisor for the past few years.

Why do some communities manage natural resources successfully, while others fail? In his lecture, Dr Libois will explore a classic Ostrom conjecture based on his recently published [research](#). Using a finite-number-of-player, two-period non-cooperative game, where a community can impose an exogenous amount of sanction, he will demonstrate how in a common-pool resource, it is easier to solve the within-period distributional issue than the between-period conservation problem.



MODERATOR

Pranab Mukhopadhyay

Pranab Mukhopadhyay is a Professor of Economics at the Goa Business School and the Program Director for Economics at Goa University, India. He is a Fellow of SANDEE and has been associated with SANDEE at various capacities. Dr. Mukhopadhyay was also the President of the Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE) from 2016-18. His research is focused on the interface between environment and development issues. Dr Mukhopadhyay studied in Presidency College, Kolkata and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

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