

**Centre for International Trade and Development  
School of International Studies  
Jawaharlal Nehru University**

**Workshop on "Transforming Agri-food Systems: Global Perspectives"**

Date: Thursday, 8 August 2024.

Time: 9.30 am -1.30 pm

**Venue: Room # 344, SIS II**

**Concept Note:**

The growing world population, economic growth, urbanization, technological advancement, globalization, and changing food preferences have led to transformative changes in the way our food is produced, processed, supplied, and consumed. These changes in agricultural production and food systems have resulted in impressive growth in agricultural production and productivity accompanied by an increased share of processed and energy dense foods in our diets having implications for food security, nutrition, and environmental sustainability. The world faces various forms of malnutrition with 828 million undernourished people, about 1.9 billion overweight and obese people, and a large population with micro-nutrient deficiencies. The effects of these changes in agri-food systems are heterogenous across nations-while many developing countries are facing hunger and starvation and emerging economies such as India are facing double/triple burden of malnutrition, developed countries are struggling with overnutrition. The challenge for agri-food systems is to provide nutritious and healthy diets to growing population in an environmentally sustainable manner. This workshop aims to delve into some of these questions, understand how agri-food systems influence health and nutrition, and what strategies can be developed to promote better health, nutrition, and environment.

Distinguished scholars will share perspectives from different parts of the world and also discuss how multiple goals of nutrition, health, equity, and environmental sustainability can be simultaneously achieved. This workshop will provide an opportunity to faculty and students to learn from and interact with leading researchers in the field.

**Distinguished Speakers**

1. Dr. Yanhong Jin

Professor

Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, USA

2. Dr. Sara Savastano

Director of IFAD's (The International Fund for Agricultural Development) Research and Impact Assessment Division, Rome, Italy

3. Dr. Jose M. Gil

Director of CREDA (Centre for Agro-Food Economics and Development) and Professor of Agricultural Economics at the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC). Barcelona, Spain.

4. Dr. Uma Lele (TBC)

President IAAE and University of Delhi, India

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<b>9:30 AM – 9:50 AM</b>	<b>Inaugural Session</b>	
Opening Remarks by Prof. Sangeeta Bansal, CITD		
Special Remarks by Prof. Mandira Sarma, Chairperson, CITD		
Welcome Address by Prof. Amitabh Mattoo, Dean, School of International Studies		
<b>9.50 AM -11:20 AM</b>	<b>Session I</b>	<b>Chair: Prof. Amit S. Ray, CITD</b>
1. Dr. Yanhong Jin, Professor, Rutgers University, USA Title: Impact of GMO on agricultural productivity in a global perspective		
2. Dr. Jose M. Gil , Director CREDA, Professor, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), Barcelona, Spain. Title: Market potential for sustainable packaging for baby lettuce using an experimental auction		
<b>11:20 AM – 11:40 AM</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
<b>11:40 AM – 01:20 PM</b>	<b>Session II</b>	<b>Chair: Dr. Priya Bhagowalia</b>
1. Dr. Sara Savastano, Director of IFAD’s (The International Fund for Agricultural Development) Research and Impact Assessment Division, Rome, Italy Title: Evidence-based Policy: IFAD’s Impact Assessments for Food Systems Transformation		
2. Dr. Uma Lele, President IAAE, and University of Delhi, India (TBC) Title: TBD		
<b>1:20 PM – 2.20 PM</b>	<b>Lunch and Interaction</b>	