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Title:” India’s climate policy so far and what to look forward to?”

Speakers: Dr. Sravanthi Choragudi and Dr. Shoibal Chakravarty

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Abstract: India is a fast-growing economy on one hand and the largest democracy in the world still grappling with growth, poverty and inequality concerns on the other. India struggles to encompass this duality by designing and implementing climate policies that are simultaneously compatible with its aspirations at international climate negotiations as well as with its growth and development objectives at the domestic front. India has achieved considerable success in this effort as demonstrated by progress towards meeting our Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) made during The Paris Agreement in 2015. In this talk we shall take stock of India’s climate policy-governance and institutional building; sectors in focus; and goals achieved and missed. In doing so, we make suggestions to design a climate system that accounts for India’s socio-economic and political idiosyncrasies. Further, in the light of a global call for Net Zero Emissions by 2050, we briefly consider the different options that India faces. We discuss the climate policies that India can implement in the short term that build on past successes, and will likely contribute to more ambitious NDCs, and a future Net Zero Emissions target.

Speaker Bios:

Dr. Sravanthi Choragudi (sravanthic@iisc.ac.in) is a research associate at Divecha Centre for Climate Change, Indian Institute of Science. Her research interests lie in the intersection of sustainable and inclusive development with focus on policy and institutions. She is presently working on issues pertaining to energy access and equity; gender and energy; energy data in India’s national surveys. In future, she plans to examine what India’s climate actions means to its poverty, inequality and welfare concerns at the sectoral level. She has a Ph.D in Economics from Jawahar Lal Nehru University.

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