Sunday, December 15th
Arrival of Participants
19:00 Welcome Dinner

Monday, December 16th
09:15 Introducing the Roundtable and Welcome Addresses
Karl-Heinz Spiegel
Director, Akademie Frankenwarte
Dr. Felix Schmidt
Resident Representative, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, New Delhi
Prof. Dr. Heidrun Brückner
Chair of Indology & Würzburg Centre for Modern India, University of Würzburg

10:00 Session I: Competition for Resources, Sustainable and Inclusive Development: Global and National Issues
Chair: Prof. Dr. Ronald Bogaschewsky
University of Würzburg

11:30 Coffee Break

11:45 Session II: Growth, Regional and Rural-Urban Disparity, Environmental Sustainability
Chair: Prof. Dr. Michael von Hauff
University of Kaiserslautern

15:45 Coffee Break

16:00 Session IV: India’s Domestic Challenges of Poverty, Unemployment and Inequality
Chair: Prof. Dr. Felix Schmidt
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, India

17:30 End of first day
18:00 Dinner at Akademie Frankenwarte
(Visit of the Christmas Market in Würzburg)

Tuesday, December 17th 2013
09:00 Session V: Issues of Governance, Social Disparity
Chair: Prof. Dr. Ummu Salma Bava
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

10:30 Coffee Break

10:45 Session VI: Socio-Cultural Impact of Economic Development: Overview of Global Experience and Indian context
Chair: Stefanie Moser
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin

12:15 Closing remarks and end of roundtable
Dr. Stefanie Moser
FES Berlin
Dr. Barbara Lotz
University of Würzburg

12:30 Lunch
14:00 Departure of Participants
The Indian economy is projected to grow at 6 to 7 percent per annum in the next three decades, despite its temporary slowdown in recent years. The growth rate is likely to be about twice that of the global rate. Yet, as grand as India’s growth potential are the political, social and cultural challenges and questions related to this scenario.

While economic growth is predicted to result in the emergence of a strong middle class and the reduction of poverty, it is also associated with growing rural-urban as well as regional inequalities. Traditional patterns of socio-economic discrimination in India, particularly those related to religious and social values and institutions, are interacting with the economic development and might act as a drab on India’s growth potential. Furthermore, India is not only emerging as a global economic power but also a major source of pollution, due to its large population and the absolute size of the economy.

India’s rise to a global power is closely interlinked with its integration into the global economy. Therefore the above mentioned challenges should be analyzed both from a domestic and an international perspective, putting local developments into a global context. A European-Indian Dialogue on the Indian economy opens up new perspectives and potential for comparative analysis. The present workshop would focus on these critical issues and examine the convergence and conflict between the changes in the political economy and the socio-cultural processes of the country.

Organizers:

Location:

Akademie Frankenwarte
Gesellschaft für Politische Bildung e.V.

Bus No. 35 (from ‘Sanderring’ to ‘Frankenwarte’, leaving 08:40, 09:42, 10:42, 11:42, 12:42; Sunday hourly at xx:50)

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