



SYMBIOSIS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

ECONOMIST OF THE YEAR 2025



**AI : ECONOMICS
AND THE ECONOMY**

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ABOUT SYMBIOSIS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Symbiosis School of Economics (SSE) established in 2008, is an integral part of the Symbiosis International University, which has been recently re-accredited by NAAC with Grade 'A++' and CGPA of 3.58 on a four-point scale. With more than four decades of contribution to the field of education, Symbiosis has emerged as an undisputed brand imparting quality education.

SSE is being recognized as an important institute, offering both undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in economics.

The BSc (Economics) - Honours / Honours with Research programme at SSE, is devised to create a new class of budding academicians and professionals, whose strong foundation is laid through the multi-disciplinary framework- which besides including pure Economics has a designed bent towards, Mathematics, Statistics, Finance, Environment, Law , and Politics.

The M.Sc. (Economics) programme offered at SSE since 2011, is quantitative in approach laying stress on Economic Theory, Mathematics, Statistics and Econometrics. The programme provides an all-inclusive path to meticulously understand and apply Economic Theories and their application to Economic Modelling and Forecasting in the real world.



ABOUT ECONOMIST OF THE YEAR

Symbiosis School of Economics' flagship event, Economist of the Year, tests the brightest economic minds of today. The contest offers a refined educational experience, delving into real-world economics. Knowledge, debating prowess, and public speaking skills will be showcased. Economist of the Year is judged by a panel of eminent judges and scholars who are prolific in various fields of economics.

The theme of this year's "Economist of the Year" conference, "AI and the Economy", delves into the transformative impact of artificial intelligence on economic systems worldwide. As AI technologies continue to evolve at an unprecedented pace, their influence stretches across various sectors, reshaping labor markets, industries, and global supply chains. Economics, the study of resource allocation, decision-making, and human behavior, is intrinsically linked to these advancements. From the automation of jobs to the creation of new markets and efficiencies, AI is altering the dynamics of production, consumption, and economic growth. Understanding the intersection of AI and economics is crucial for navigating the challenges and opportunities of this new era, as we explore how artificial intelligence can drive innovation while addressing its broader social and ethical implications.

ABOUT ECONOMIST OF THE YEAR

Over the years, the Economist of the Year themes have captured the pulse of the times, fostering critical dialogue and inspiring solutions. Starting with Employment Challenges for Millennials in 2017, each theme has highlighted key global and national issues, such as the economic tensions of Trade Wars in 2018 and the fiscal debates on Fiscal Space in India in 2019. The focus shifted to societal concerns with Gender Disparity in India in 2020 and the global call to action with climate change: The world, renowned in 2021. Subsequent years embraced multilateral cooperation with G20 and Multilateralism in 2022, imagined alternate futures with Dystopia: The Perfect Utopia in 2023, and delved into philosophical explorations with Isvara: A Solaris of Odyssey in 2024.

Building on this legacy, EOTY 2025, with the theme AI and the Economy, seeks to explore one of the most transformative forces of our era. By examining AI's impact on industries, employment, ethics, and global markets, this year's theme aims to navigate the opportunities and challenges of a rapidly evolving economic landscape. With a track record of impactful and thought-provoking themes, we are committed to making EOTY 2025 a success, fostering meaningful discussions that shape a sustainable and inclusive future.



ABOUT ECONOMIST OF THE YEAR

From the hosts and judges to the formidable number of contestants, Economist of the Year will be the economic event of the year to look forward to.

Our economists will be thinking on their feet. Participants will be guided through navigating a simulation game, facilitating practical application of economics, and having their skills tested hands-on. Contenders for Economist of the Year will showcase their talent, gain real-world experience, and network with enthusiasts, faculty, and professionals.

The event is an opportunity to win rewards and be recognised as the Economist of the Year champion. Join us as we navigate through this year's event, and brace yourself for an exhilarating adventure ahead!



ABOUT ECONOMIST OF THE YEAR

THEMES OF EOTY IN THE PAST YEARS

2017

Trade wars,
then and now: Strategies
for Developing Economies

Employment issues
for millennials

2018

2019

Future Perspectives of
Gender Disparity in India

India's Fiscal Space-
A Perennial Challenge?

2021

2022

G20-Multilateralism and
Inclusive Development

Climate Change-
The World Renewed

2023



GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- All decisions regarding eligibility and final judgment shall rest with the EOTY organizing team, and the organizer's decision will be considered final in all circumstances.
- The participants are required to maintain the decorum of the event. In case of any queries, please reach out to the organizers.
- **Eligibility: Open to all undergraduate or postgraduate students.**
- Participants must submit a scanned copy of their college ID upon request by the organizers at any round of the competition for verification purposes.
- Adherence to Rules: Any deviation from the event's guidelines will result in immediate disqualification. The organizers' decisions regarding disputes or rule enforcement are final and binding.
- By entering this competition, all participants will be deemed accepted and bound by the rules and any other requirements set out in the competition material.
- The organizing team of EOTY reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions at any time. By entering this competition, all participants will be deemed accepted and bound by the rules and any other requirements set out in the competition material.



ROUND 1: MCQ

Round 1 of the Economist of the Year 2025 competition tests your intellect, agility, and mastery of key disciplines. This opening round promises a thrilling challenge as participants navigate through a series of questions spanning economics, quantitative reasoning, artificial intelligence, and related fields. Based on the participants' accuracy and time consumed, the top 50 players will progress to Round 2.

DETAILS OF ROUND 1

- The quiz will be conducted on Unstop in an MCQ format.
- The quiz will be 20 minutes long and comprise five sections covering subject domains: AI, Economics and Finance, Quantitative Reasoning, Statistics, General Information and Current Affairs. The quiz will assess you on the world's varied yet equally important aspects.
- The test shall be proctored, so participants must have a stable internet connection and camera.
- There is no negative marking.
- Qualified participants will be notified via email with detailed instructions for the next stage.
- The top 50 players, based on the accuracy and time taken to answer, will progress to the next round.
- The organisers' decision shall be final and binding at all times under all similar circumstances if they arise.



ROUND 2: WARGAME SIMULATION

The vision of the Economist of The Year's Round 2 is to test the participants' understanding of game theory and policy decision-making through a strategic crisis simulation that explores the connection between emerging technologies and economic fluctuations. This round will help participants better grasp the role of technological advances and how crisis escalation works in an environment of capabilities and vulnerabilities. It delves into data-centred commonalities between traditional wargaming and academia, intending to expand wargaming beyond traditional military uses and solve complex problems in the global economy.

There shall be a two-member team for each game, where players shall assume the role of National Economic Policy Cabinet members. The players must develop a crisis response plan for two hypothetical scenarios based on this edition's theme "Economy in AI Revolution".





DETAILS OF ROUND 2

- The top 50 participants emerging from Round 1 shall be sorted randomly into 2-member teams, the notification for which shall be given to the said 25 teams on their respective e-mails. The participants shall also be added on a WhatsApp group for any further communication if required.
- Each team shall be given the same problem statement at the beginning of the round.
- Only one submission per team will be allowed.
- In case of any discrepancies between team members, the said member(s) may be allowed to participate in Round 2 individually, only if the issue is brought to the organisers' notice within 24 hours from the time of team sorting.
- Top 3 teams i.e., a total of 6 participants shall qualify for Round 3, and the judgement of the respective judges shall be final and binding.
- Qualified teams will be notified via email, with detailed instructions for the next stage.
- In case of any discrepancies that may arise during the course of the Round, the solution for which could only be pursued only if the issue has been brought to light in reasonable time.
- The decision of the organisers shall be final and binding at all times under all similar circumstances if they may arise.



ROUND 3: PRESENTATION ROUND

The Economist of The Year competition gets more intense and consequential as we go into the third round. Until now, the participants have showcased their intellectual prowess but must now prove their mettle to subject matter experts.

In Round 3, i.e, a Presentation Round, the advancing six contestants shall be called on to present a critical analysis of pressing issues in the global economy aligning with our theme of the year, "Economy in AI Revolution". Moreover, the academic rigour of the participants shall be put to test through a Question and Answers segment towards the latter part of the Round. The vision with this round is to provide budding economists with criticism, feedback, and suggestions from an esteemed panel of experts. In the past, we have had experts such as (insert names of any experts who have been).

DETAILS OF ROUND 3

- Ideas submitted as a part of a contestant's solution must present an original work.
- The decision of the panel of judges regarding the evaluation will be the final and binding.
- In case of any discrepancies that may arise during the course of the Round, the solution for which could only be pursued only if the issue has been brought to light in reasonable time.

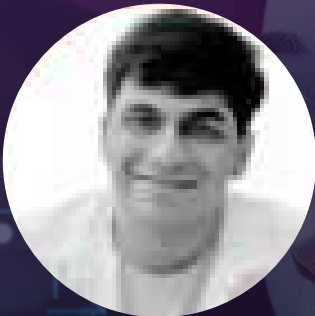




PREVIOUS WINNERS OF 'ECONOMIST OF THE YEAR'



Ratnab Mukerjei
2018 - Trade wars, then and now:
Strategies for developing
economies



Rajas Kolhatkar
2019 - India's Fiscal Space - A
Perrenial challenge?



Yusuf Mustafa
2021 - Future Perspectives of
Gender Disparity in India



Aishwarya Venkat
2022 - Climate Change - The World
Renewed



Divanshi Agarwal
2024 - Isvara - A Solar Odssey





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