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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

38TH PROF CZ SCARIA MEMORIAL LECTURE

GLOBALISATION, INCLUSION AND SUSTAINABILITY
Explorative Reflections on Recent Tendencies

PROF ASHWANI SAITH

Professor Emeritus, Erasmus University Rotterdam,
Netherlands

Former Professor, London School of Economics and Political
Science, UK

27TH MARCH 2026

6:00 PM IST

<https://meet.google.com/bcf-wuyn-zng>



Invitation

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the Department of Economics, St Berchmans (Autonomous) College, Changanassery.

We are pleased to announce the **38th Annual Prof CZ Scaria Memorial Lecture**, scheduled for **27th March 2026** at **6:00 PM**.

This year, we are honoured to host **Prof Ashwani Saith**, Professor Emeritus, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam and former Professor, London School of Economics and Political Science, as the distinguished speaker. He will deliver a lecture on: "**Globalisation, Inclusion and Sustainability: Explorative Reflections on Recent Tendencies**".

On behalf of the faculty and students of the Department of Economics, we cordially invite you to participate in this memorial lecture and contribute to the discussions.

Kindly join the meeting using the provided Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/bcf-wuyn-zng>

Best regards,

Dr Anila Skariah

Head, Dept of Economics & Coordinator

Prof Dr Teddy Kanjooparambil

Principal

Abstract

The talk will offer an open-ended commentary on contradictions inherent within contemporary neo-liberal globalisation, engaging especially with its interface with the dimensions of inclusion, participation and sustainability. Arguably, in many economies, the era of globalisation has witnessed almost unprecedented increases in inequality, environmental stress, and jobless or job-loss growth processes even in the face of impressive GDP growth rates. These simultaneous tendencies induce larger sustainability-related questions about the compatibility of neoliberal globalisation with more inclusive growth and meaningful participatory frameworks of decision-making. Under what conditions could win-win outcomes become achievable? Illustrations will be drawn from the recent experience of a range of developed and developing economies. The talk will explore such questions without dispensing any quick-fix solutions to structural problems

Welcome

Dr Anila Skariah
Head, Department of Economics

Presidential Address

Rev Prof Dr Teddy Kanjooparambil
Principal

Remembering Prof CZ Scaria

Sr Rose Cherian Vachaparambil
Superior, Medical Mission Sisters, Kottayam

Memorial Lecture

Prof Ashwani Saith

Discussions

Presentation of Prof CZ Scaria Memorial

Endowment Award

Ms Meera Jose
Ms Liya Martin
Toppers, MA Economics 2023-25

Vote of Thanks

Mr Johnson K Joice
Assistant Professor





PROF ASHWANI SAITH

Prof. Ashwani Saith is Emeritus Professor at the International Institute of Social Studies (Erasmus University Rotterdam), The Hague, and Honorary Professor at the Institute of Human Development, New Delhi. He studied economics at St Stephen's College, Delhi, and the Delhi School of Economics, and completed his PhD at Trinity College and the Faculty of Economics and Politics, University of Cambridge.

He has held distinguished faculty positions at the Delhi School of Economics; the Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge; Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford; and the London School of Economics, where he served as Professor and Head of the Development Studies Institute. More recently, he served as Dean Emeritus at the School of Liberal Studies, BML Munjal University, Gurugram.

Prof. Saith has also held several visiting professorships and served on the editorial boards of leading international and Indian academic journals. His research spans a wide range of themes in the political economy of development. His work includes contributions to development theory; comparative economic development, with particular focus on the distinct trajectories of China and India; and critical analyses of official poverty measurement methods and the Millennium Development Goals.

He has also examined issues of extreme inequality, globalisation, and the gradual shift from democracy towards plutocracy. His work further covers agrarian change, rural industrialisation, longitudinal village studies, and patterns of international and internal migration, along with the role of information and communication technologies. More recently, his research has focused on the history of economic thought, particularly the decline of radical heterodox traditions and the rise of mainstream neoclassical economics that underpins contemporary neoliberal ideology.



PROF CZ SCARIA

Cheruvallathu Zacharias (CZ) Scaria hails from Arakulam, Moolamattom, Idukki District. "CZ", as he was known, received his schooling at Kolapura Government School, Aramkulam, and St. Mary's High School, Palai. He had his BA (Hons) with first rank from St Joseph's College, Trichy. He joined the Department of Economics, St Berchmans College in 1949 and became its head in 1967. Endowed with remarkable intellect, sharp wit, deep scholarship, and, above all, a keen sense of vision and commitment, he mentored and inspired generations of students, including prominent politicians, bureaucrats, and economists. Along with the late Prof PR Krishna Iyer, the founder Head of the Department, he cradled and nurtured the Department to its present stature. He retired from active service in 1987.

Prof CZ was a gifted teacher and an eloquent orator. Though he taught a range of subjects over his long career, he was best known as a teacher of Microeconomics. Teaching was always a passion for Prof CZ, and, be it any topic, he communicated it effectively through the magic of his eloquence. As a teacher par excellence, he allowed his students to experience his amazing erudition, analytical mind, prodigious memory, and abundant sense of humour. He also made it a point to connect with the best minds in the field of economics of that period, like Joan Robinson, KN Raj, IS Gulati, etc., and could bring them to the department. Prof CZ Scaria had the rare honour of becoming a member of both the Senate and Syndicate of the University of Kerala for the longest period (1960-1984). He was also a member/chairman of various academic bodies, including the academic council, BOS, and BOE of Kerala, Calicut, and Madras Universities. He was always at the forefront, fighting for the rights and dignity of private college teachers in Kerala. He was the President of AKPCTA and the Founding President of PCTA. As a great educator, a visionary, and an institution builder, he strode the academic landscape of Kerala like a colossus. He was, above all, a good human being, full of warmth and affection. Prof CZ Scaria passed away on 7th March 2000.

Wife: Late Mrs Mary Scaria (Rajamma)

Children: Jollykutty Zacharias, Late Prof Thomaskutty Scaria, Dr Joshy Zacharias, Dr Siby Zacharias, Dr Prakash Zacharias, Dr Valsamma Baby, and Mrs Rani Philip.

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