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Lecture Series by

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Inaugural Lecture

First talk in the series will be delivered by Dr. Celine Tan from University of Warwick on the topic:

Towards A New Architecture of International Public Finance in the COVID-19 Era

Details about the talk:

Platform: Zoom | Date: 30 October 2020 | Time: 7:30 p.m. IST

Abstract

The COVID-19 pandemic is rapidly resetting the international development agenda. There is an urgent need to massively scale up resources needed to tackle both the immediate health, social and economic impacts of the pandemic and the longer-term recovery measures once the crisis abates. This is much more acute for developing countries that have entered the pandemic in much more fragile and perilous economic conditions. However, despite an initial flurry of financial commitments and early but limited initiatives on sovereign debt relief, traction on global coordinated action appears to have slowed considerably. This presentation will examine how the challenges to mobilise international financial relief for developing countries in the COVID-19 era is based on the problematic governance and regulatory shortcomings of the international architecture for public finance and what steps we should take to reform this architecture to better respond to crisis and enable sustainable development.