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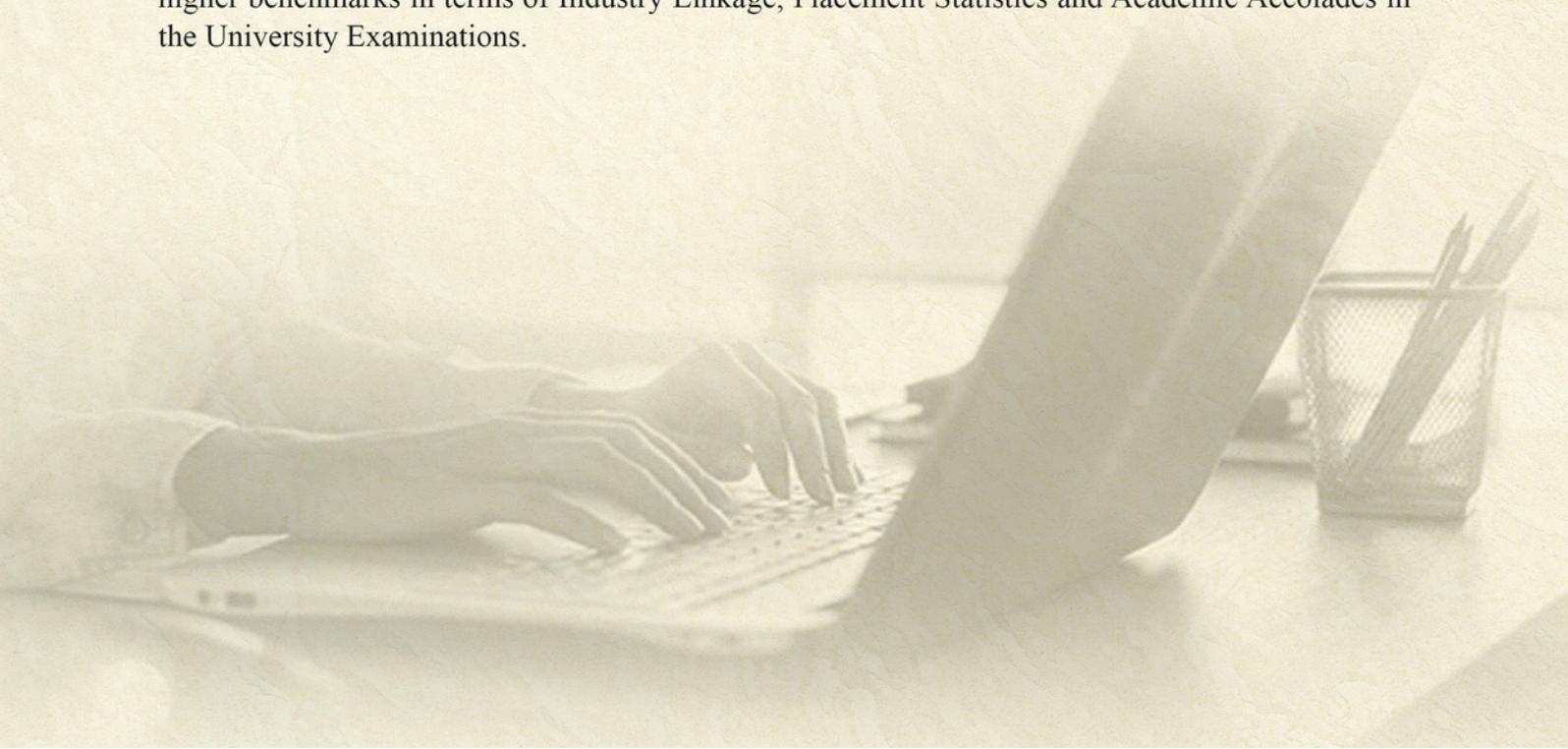
Sustainable Development: Views from Different Perspectives 2.0.

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THE THEME

This 2025 conference examines sustainable development at a critical juncture where traditional approaches face unprecedented challenges and opportunities. As an inherently interdisciplinary field spanning social sciences, economics, public policy, and ethics, sustainable development requires renewed examination given the dramatically shifting global, economic and political landscape.

With nation states demonstrating unsatisfactory progress on climate action—arguably the most pressing sustainable development challenge—and the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals falling significantly off-track, this conference explores whether recent global transformations have accelerated progress or triggered a regressive return to "business as usual." The theme encompasses four pivotal dimensions: first, assessing the current trajectory of sustainable development goals against the backdrop of recent global upheavals; second, investigating how the rise of artificial intelligence as a disruptive technology will reshape sustainable development prospects; third, examining the implications of growing authoritarianism for environmental and social progress; and fourth, exploring the encouraging emergence of grassroots community engagement and local innovation in sustainable practices, which may offer pathways forward, independent of national political frameworks.

Together, these elements reflect the urgent need for scholars and policymakers to develop a nuanced understanding of sustainable development's evolving complexity in our rapidly changing world.



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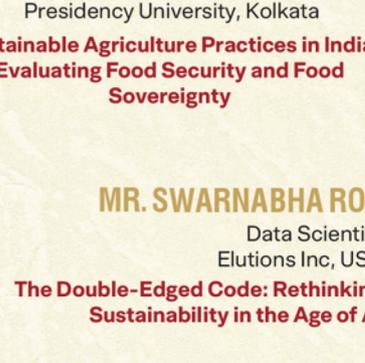
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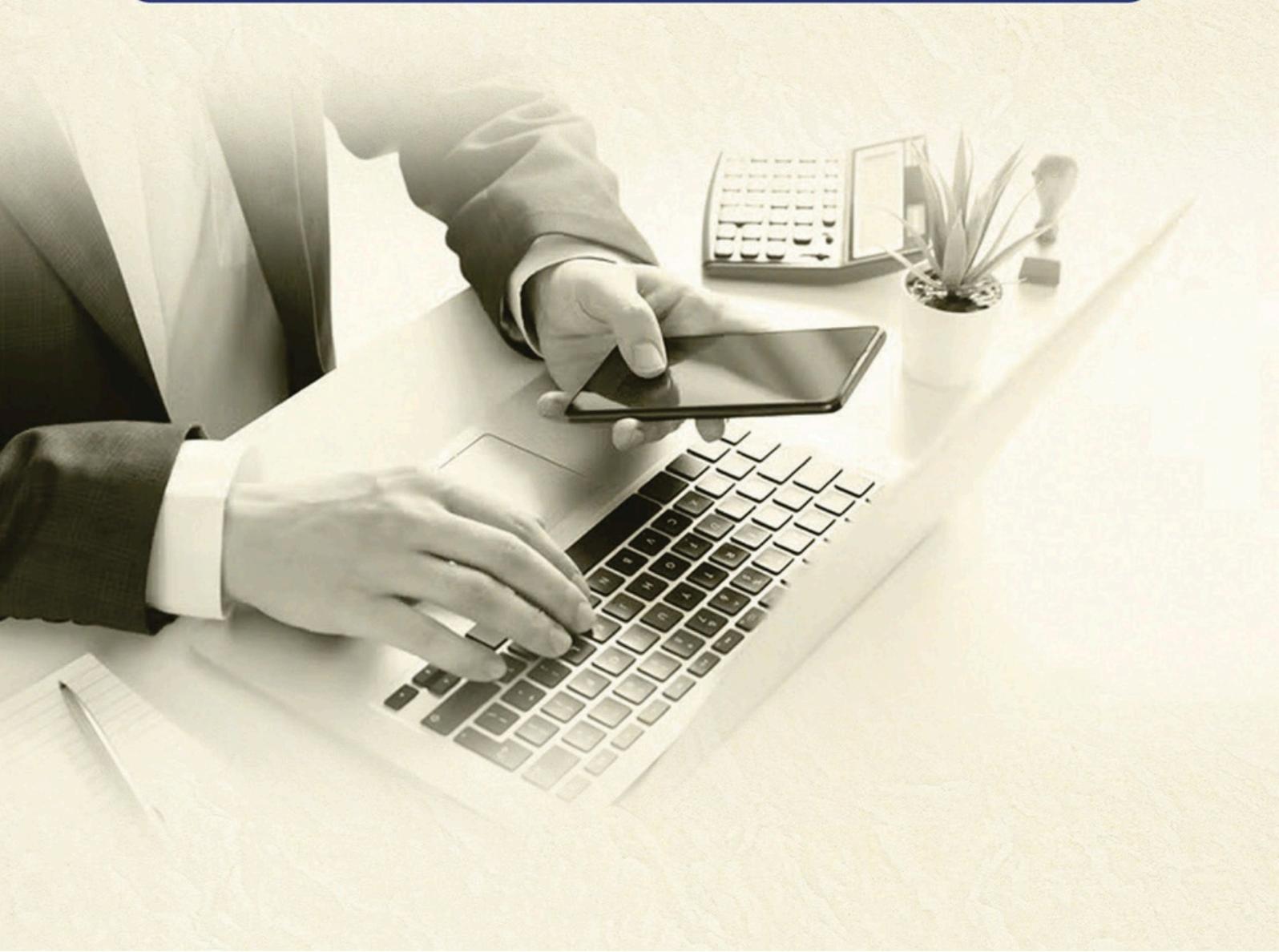
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