

Micro-Economica Talks (MET)

Series#1 and Guest Lecture Series

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Just Transition & Climate Change

The Role of Social Protection and Impacts on Workers

In this session, **Ippei Tsuruga**, Social Protection Programme Manager at the International Labour Organization (ILO) Jakarta Office, shared insights on how existing social protection schemes can support a just transition and help address the risks of climate change. He highlighted both the opportunities and challenges in implementing these schemes, drawing on best practices from other countries while contextualizing the discussion to Indonesia's current landscape.

Qisha Quarina, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Gadjah Mada, joined as the discussant. She presented findings from her research on the labor impacts of the energy transition in Indonesia's coal sector, specifically in South Sumatra and East Kalimantan, the country's two largest coal-producing provinces. Her remarks emphasized the importance of aligning climate goals with labor policies to ensure no one is left behind in the transition process.





Micro-Economica Talks (MET) Series #1 and Guest Lecture Series, held on March 19–20, 2025, gathered over 100+ participants from diverse backgrounds, not only from the academic community of Universitas Gadjah Mada but also from the general public. The event was a vibrant platform for sharing insights, fostering intellectual dialogue, and exploring pressing economic issues from national and international perspectives. The enthusiastic turnout reflected a growing interest in critical economic conversations, setting a strong tone for future MET sessions.



“Just Transition isn’t just about shifting energy sources, it’s about people”

This session explored how social protection systems can support workers and communities impacted by climate action, such as in the event of natural disaster and during Indonesia's transition from coal to cleaner energy sources. Discussions covered key topics such as unemployment benefits, public employment services, and vocational training as tools for economic resilience. The forum also addressed policy gaps, funding mechanisms, and the importance of inclusive, lifecycle-based protection to ensure no one is left behind in the path to net-zero emissions.

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