

Current Affiliation

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta.
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Teaching Fields

Economics of Institutions, Development Economics, Economic History.

Research Fields

Development Economics, Economic History.

Nationality

Indian

Education

Ph.D in Economics: University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, 2004-2010
M.Sc in Economics University of Calcutta, India, 1998-2000
B.Sc in Economics (Honours) Presidency College, Calcutta, 1995-1998

Professional Experience:

- **Maheshtala College (University of Calcutta), India, 2002-2004**, Lecturer in Economics
- **Department of Economics, University of British Columbia**, Lecturer; (Courses taught: Econ 341: Economic Development of Asia, Sep-Dec 2009)
- **Globsyn Business School, Kolkata, 2010-11**, Assistant Professor, (Courses taught: Managerial Economics)
- **Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, 2011-2013**, Assistant Professor, (Courses taught: History of Economic Development (July-Dec, 2011), History of Economic Thought (January-April, 2012), Introductory Econometrics (January-April 2012))
- **University of Calcutta, 2013-present** (Courses taught: Development Economics, History of Economic Ideas, Globalization and Economic Order, Frontier of Economic Theory, Economics of Institutions)

Academic Publications:

- **Class or caste? A study on the role of caste and wealth status in school choice decision** (*with Sukanta Bhattacharya, Aparajita Dasgupta, and Kumarjit Mandal*). Forthcoming in Review of Development Economics (Wiley Online, Impact Factor 0.841).

- **Formal contract enforcement and entrepreneurial success of the marginalized** (with Tanika Chakraborty, Reema Kumari and Sarani Saha) Simanti Bandyopadhyaya and Mousumi Dutta (Eds) Opportunities and Challenges in Development (Springer)
- ***Stigma of sexual violence and women's decision to work*** (with Tanika Chakraborty, Sarani Saha and Swapnika Reddy Rachapalli) World Development (Elsevier, Impact factor 3.869), Volume 103, March 2018, Pages 226–238,
- **Evolution of Credit Institutions in India: The Case of Nattukottai Chettiars** Social Science History (Cambridge Core, Impact Factor 0.170), Volume 41(2), summer 2017, pp 333-359.
- **Court-ship, Kinship and Business: A study on the interaction between the formal and informal institutions and its effect on entrepreneurship”** (with *Tanika Chakraborty and Sarani Saha*)
- IZA Journal of Labor and Development (Springer), December 2015 4(7)
- **A critique of Macroeconomics curriculum in India** (with *Rajesh Bhattacharya*) International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education; 2013, Vol 4, No.4

Working Papers:

- **Land Acquisition, Markets and Networks: Evidence form the Indian Sundarbans** (with Prasenjit Sarkhel) (Revised and resubmitted, August, 2020).
- **Caste, court and Business** (with Tanika Chakraborty, Sarani Saha and Divya Shukla)
- **Identity and Learning: a study on the effect of student-teacher gender interaction on student's learning** (with Sukanta Bhattacharya, Aparajita Dasgupta, and Kumarjit Mandal)
- **Political Economy of identity formation: theory and evidence from India** (with Sourav_Bhattacharya and Soham K Paul)
- **Motherhood and labor market penalty: a study on the Indian labor market** (with Sukanya Sarkhel)
- **Institutional barriers to technology adoption: the case of silk technology in colonial India.** (with Subhasree Sarkar)
- **Community identity and skill mismatch: A study on the Indian labour market** (with Sourabh B Paul)

Newspaper articles and other popular writings:

English:

- **The burden of netrality in an intolerant age**, WION, 16/11/2016
- **Court congestion, caste identity and business performance**, (with Tanika Chakraborty, Sarani Saha and Divya Shukla), Ideas for India, 14/05/2020
- **What we talk about when we talk about Economics**, ABP Education, 30/05/2020

বাংলা

- দেশপ্রেম কী? চিহ্নে পরিচয় --- এই সময়, 26/02/2016 (শর্মিষ্ঠা দত্তগুপ্ত ও তৃণা নিলীনা বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায় সম্পাদিত বিপ্লব সময়ঃ বর্ণবাদ, জাতীয়তাবাদ, বাকস্বাধীনতা ও আজকের ভারত গ্রন্থে প্রকাশিত। (প্রকাশকঃ এবং মুশায়রা)
- সিডিকেট অনৈতিক, অহেতুক নয় ---- আনন্দবাজার পত্রিকা 23/08/2016
- শক্তিমান রাষ্ট্রকে সামলাতে পারলে হয় --- আনন্দবাজার পত্রিকা, 30/11/2016
- চিকিৎসা সঙ্কট কাটাতে বাজার কাজে লাগতে পারে --- আনন্দবাজার পত্রিকা, 7/07/2017
- ধর্ষণের চিত্রনাট্য ও সামাজিক মূল্যবোধঃ একটি আলোচনা -- নন্দঘোষ লেন, শারদোৎসব সংখ্যা, ২০১৮
- ইন্দির ঠাকরুনরা কেমন আছেন? আনন্দবাজার পত্রিকা 18/12/2018
- অর্থনীতিতে নীতি --- বর্তমান, 20/10/2019
- শুধু কর্মক্ষেত্রেই নয়, সমস্যাটি পারিবারিক (সহলেখিকা সুকন্যা সরখেল) -- এই সময়, 29/10/2019
- চটজলদি বিচার কিংবা এক নতুন ফ্র্যাঙ্কেনস্টাইন --- এই সময়, 16/12/2019
- কোনও প্রমাণ আছে যে রাজ্যে অনুপ্রবেশ বাড়ছে --- এই সময়, 6/2/2020
- অনুপ্রবেশ বিপুল? তথ্য সেকথা বলছে না ----- এই সময়, 12/03/2020
- এই সংকটে সকলেই সকলকে আড়চোখে দেখে --- এই সময় 10/04/2020
- রাষ্ট্রিকতা ও ভারতীয় সমাজ --- আরেক রকম, অষ্টম বর্ষ, একাদশ সংখ্যা, ১৬-৩১ অগাস্ট, ২০২০

Conference presentations and invited lectures:

- Conference presentations at Canadian Economic Association Meetings, Southern Economic Association meeting, Economic History Association meeting (poster presentation), Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development organized by Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, Society for Economic Research (SERI) conference, Jadavpur University conference.
- Invited lecture at Delhi School of Economics, Shiv Nadar University, Ashoka University.

Awards and fellowships:

- **Exploratory Travel and Data Grant**, Economic History Association, 2008.
- **University Graduate Fellowship** (partial), University of British Columbia, 2005
- **Graduate Entrance Scholarship**, University of British Columbia, 2004
- **Minor Research Project Grant**, University Grants Commission, India, 2003
- **Junior Research Fellowship**, Indian Statistical Institute, 2001
- **Junior Research Fellowship**, Indian Institute of Management, 2001
- **Junior Research Fellowship**, University Grants Commission, India, 2001

Completed Projects:

- A study on the interaction between the formal and informal institutions and its effect on entrepreneurship (Co-PI, Funding Agency: ICSSR)
- History of Technology Adoption and Development: the case of silk industry in colonial India (PI, Funding Agency INSA)
- Courts, networks, and start-ups: Institutions matter for South Asian small enterprises (Consultant, Funding Agency IDRC, Canada)