

## SUBHANIL CHOWDHURY

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### **Profile**

- Presently employed as Assistant Professor (Economics), Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK)
- Visiting Faculty, Department of Business Management, University of Calcutta
- External Consultant, ICRIER, New Delhi
- Before joining IDSK, worked as a Fellow at ICRIER from May 2009 to April 2010
- Worked as an Economist with Economic Research Foundation (ERF), New Delhi from August 2008 to April 2009.

### **Main Areas of Interest**

- Globalization and Impact on Developing Countries
- Recent Growth Processes in India and China
- Labour in West Bengal and India
- Macroeconomics

### **Academic Qualifications**

#### **Doctor of Philosophy (Economics), Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2008**

PhD Thesis title "Technological Progress and Persistence of Labour Reserves in Developing Countries: A Theoretical Cum Empirical Study"

Supervisor: Prof. Prabhat Patnaik, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning (CESP), School of Social Sciences (SSS), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

#### **Master of Philosophy (Economics), 2003 (CESP/JNU)**

Grade Point Average: 7.25 pts. on a scale of 9 (80%) and admitted to Direct PhD Programme in the Centre.

#### **Master of Arts (Economics), 2002 (CESP/JNU)**

Final Grade Point Average: 6.75 pts. on a scale of 9 (75%)

#### **Bachelor of Science (Economics Honours), 2000 (Presidency College, Calcutta)**

Marks Obtained: 65.13 per cent of total marks

#### **Higher Secondary Examination, 1997 (Ashutosh College, Kolkata)**

Marks Obtained: 78.1 per cent of total marks

#### **Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) Examination, 1995**

The Future Foundation School, Kolkata

Marks Obtained: 91.2%

## **Publications**

### **Chapter in Books:**

"Employment and Growth in India: A Critical Analysis", in Market, Regulations and Finance: Global Meltdown and the Indian Economy", Ratan Khasnabis and Indrani Chakraborti (Ed), Springer, 2014

### **Journals**

"Tripura's Tryst with Literacy" in Economic and Political Weekly, October 19, 2013

"The Political Economy of Shadow Finance in West Bengal" in Economic and Political Weekly, May 04, 2013

"Looking at the Economy", in Seminar, Issue on West Bengal, May 2013 (with Prasenjit Bose)

"Fiscal Problem in West Bengal: Towards an Explanation", in Economic and Political Weekly, March 31, 2012 (with Zico Dasgupta)

"Employment in India: What Does the Latest Data Show?", in Economic and Political Weekly, August 6, 2011

"India-Nepal Economic Cooperation: Towards a New Paradigm", (Co-authored with Nisha Taneja) India Quarterly, Vol 67, No. 2 (June 2011)

"Role of Treaties in Facilitating Nepal's Trade with India", (co-authored with Nisha Taneja), in Economic and Political Weekly, February 13, 2010

"Expenditure on Education In India: A Short Note" co-authored with Prasenjit Bose in Social Scientist, Volume 32, No. 7/8 July-August 2004, pp. 85-89

### **Others**

"Grain of Truth", (on the costs of Food Security Bill), in Asian Age, September 1, 2013

"A Repeat of 1991 Seems Imminent", (Debate on the looming economic crisis in India), in Asian Age, August 22, 2013

"Small Savings Schemes in India and the Saradha Scam", published in [www.macrosan.com](http://www.macrosan.com), April 29, 2013

"The Neo-liberal Paralysis", published in [www.macrosan.com](http://www.macrosan.com), March 6, 2013,

"FDI in Retail: Benefiting Neo-liberalism, Harming People", published in [www.macrosan.com](http://www.macrosan.com), September 26, 2012

"Will Have a Cascading Effect", (Debate on Hike of Diesel Prices), in Asian Age, September 21, 2012

"It will Raise Prices of Other Goods", (Debate on Diesel Price Decontrol), in Asian Age, May 24, 2012

"Employment and Growth under Capitalism: Some Critical Issues with Special Reference to India", IDSK Occasional Paper No. 27, July 2011

"India-Nepal Cooperation: Towards a New Economic Paradigm", Business Line, August 21, 2009

### **Research Projects**

#### *Ongoing:*

Working on a Research Project sponsored by the ICSSR on "Trade Unions and Collective Bargaining in Urban Labour Markets: The Case of West Bengal". The project began on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2014

#### *Completed*

"Imperialism in the Current Era: A Study with Special Reference to South Asia", funded by ICSSR

"Factors Impacting Growth of Non-agricultural Employment in West Bengal", funded by the Institute of Applied Man-power Research, New Delhi

"Determinants of Growth and Development in Indian States (Principal Co-ordinator), project report submitted to ICICI Foundation for Inclusive Growth (on behalf of ICRIER) on September 2010

"India-Nepal Economic Cooperation", (co-authored with Nisha Taneja) project report submitted to CII-FNCCI, completed in September 2009

"Mid-term appraisal of Tripura Plan" (worked with Prof. Achin Chakraborty, IDSK), submitted to Planning Commission in December 2010

### **Conferences and Seminars**

- Presented a paper on "Employment and Informalization of Labour in West Bengal" at the Conference on West Bengal Economy, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2015
- Presented a Paper on "Industries, Trade Unions and Industrial Relations: Shifting Patterns in Post-liberalization West Bengal", at the Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics, BIT Mesra, Ranchi, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> December, 2014
- Presented a paper on, "Imperialism in the Current Era" at IDSK, on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Presented a Paper on, "Is Imperialism a Relevant Concept in Today's World?", at the Annual Conference of Canadian Economics Association, Vancouver, May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> 2014
- Presented a paper on, "Non-agricultural Employment Growth in West Bengal: An Assessment", at the Young Scholars' Seminar at CESP, JNU, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March, 2014
- Presented a Paper on "Towards 21<sup>st</sup> Century Socialism in India: A Perspective", at the Delhi Historical Materialism Conference, JNU, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> April 2013 (with Srinivasan Ramani)
- Presented a Paper on "FDI in Retail Sector: Whose Benefit?", at the Annual Conference of the Forum for Development Economics, IDSK, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2013
- Presented a talk on "Hugo Chavez and His Legacy" at IDSK on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2013
- Presented a Paper on "Empire or Imperialism: How do we Characterize the Current World Conjunction" at IDSK, Seminar Commemorating Eric Hobsbawm, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2012
- Presented a Paper on "Employment, Growth and Inequality in India" at a Conference commemorating 40 years of CESP, at JNU, New Delhi, 10-12 December 2012
- Presented a paper on "Employment and Growth in India" at a Conference at IDSK on the theme "Macroeconomics of the Financial and Real Sector", March 2012
- Presented a paper on "Employment and Growth Under Capitalism: Some Critical Issues with Special Reference to India", at JNU, New Delhi, at the Conference on Accumulation, Immiserisation and Development, 7-9 March 2011
- Presented a paper on "Fiscal Problem in West Bengal: Towards an Explanation" at the Annual Conference of Forum of Development Economics, University of Calcutta, March 29, 2011
- Presented a paper on "Imperialism and Capitalism of Our Times" at the Centre for Marxian Studies, Jadavpur University, West Bengal, on 23 March 2011
- Made a presentation on "Role of Finance in Rural Development in India" at the International Conference on Role of Finance in Rural Development, Shanghai, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009, organized by European Commission and Ministry of Finance, China.

### **Teaching and Research Supervision**

*Courses Taught:*

*At IDSK*

- Labour Economics
- Globalization and Finance

*At the Department of Business Management, University of Calcutta*

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- Rationalization of Labour

### *Research Supervision:*

- Successfully supervised MPhil dissertation of the following students
  - Ms. Manasi Bera (2012), on Economic Development and Migration in West Bengal
  - Mr. Sourav Chakraborty (2014), on Urbanization in West Bengal

### **Achievements**

- Awarded National Scholarship from Calcutta University for securing more than 65% marks in BSc Honours in 2002.
- Awarded the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fellowship for pursuing PhD from the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund, Teen Murti House, New Delhi, in 2007

### **Membership of Professional Bodies**

- Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE)

### **References**

- Prof. Prabhat Patnaik, Emeritus Professor, CESP/SSS/JNU (Email: [prabhatptnk@yahoo.co.in](mailto:prabhatptnk@yahoo.co.in))
- Prof. Jayati Ghosh, Professor, CESP, SSS JNU (Email: [jayatijnu@gmail.com](mailto:jayatijnu@gmail.com))
- Prof. Achin Chakraborty, Director, IDSK, (Email: [achinchak@gmail.com](mailto:achinchak@gmail.com))