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I Introduction

The Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) is now eleven years old. It was promoted by the Government of West Bengal as an autonomous centre of excellence in social sciences and founded in 2002 as a society with an autonomous governing body, Professor Irfan Habib as President, Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi as Director and with a Governing Council consisting of the current or former Vice-Chancellors of two leading Universities in West Bengal, namely Calcutta University and Jadavpur University. The new Governing Council was constituted in 2010 with Professor Prabuddha Nath Roy as President, Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi as Director, Professor Asis Kumar Banerjee as Secretary and Professors Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Atis Dasgupta, Subimal Sen, Ratan Khasnabis, Abhijit Chowdhury and Sarmila Banerjee as other members. On expiry of the tenure of Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi as the Director on 11 October 2012, Professor Asis Kumar Banerjee assumed the charge as the Officiating Director of the Institute.

The IDSK is devoted to advanced academic research and informed policy advice in the areas of literacy, education, health, gender issues, employment, technology, communication, human sciences and economic development. Other programmes include training of research scholars in the social sciences working towards an M.Phil or Ph.D. The Institute is committed to the dissemination of its research findings through workshops, seminars, publications in the media, and other public counselling and education programmes. During the eleven years of its existence, IDSK has made its mark in the world of research in social sciences and humanities in West Bengal. The Institute has also actively collaborated with the departments of history, economics, english, political science, philosophy, business management, the Science College, and the Centre for Urban Economic Studies and Women's Studies Research Centre of Calcutta University. The Institute has also organized a number of training and research programmes, generally in collaboration with other academic institutions.

The University Grants Commission(UGC) has sponsored the setting up of the Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies(RTCHDS)under the auspices of the IDSK through the University of Calcutta. An Advisory Committee has been constituted with the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta as Chairman, the Director of IDSK as Vice-Chairman and with other representatives from the IDSK and the University of Calcutta. The Committee has

formulated certain guidelines for the functioning of the RTCHDS. The academic scheme of the Centre includes a programme for PhD students, post-doctoral fellows and visiting academics at various levels. Details of activities of the Institute have been given in the body of the report during the year 2012-13.

II Research Programmes

A. Improving Health Status of Women and Institutional Delivery of Public Reproductive Health Services in Rural West Bengal (Phase-2)

The project on ‘Improving health status of women and institutional delivery of public reproductive health services in rural West Bengal’ sponsored by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin aimed to assess the level of contraceptive knowledge, factors determining contraceptive method choice, extent of gender inequality in contraceptive decision making, prevalence of contraceptive morbidity and associated treatment seeking behaviour among marginalized sections living in underdeveloped region of West Bengal. About 1300-1400 respondents from 45 villages of 3 blocks were selected in Birbhum district of West Bengal through multistage sampling procedure. Since utilization of traditional contraceptive method has been found to be higher in the state of West Bengal compared to all-India level, special emphasis has been given to understand the factors associated with the preference for using such methods. Besides, to understand provider’s perspective on the issues related to contraceptive supply, contraceptive counselling, informed method choice and contraceptive uses were also explored by interviewing around 48 grassroot level healthcare and contraceptive providers. The project was started from January 1, 2012 and continued up to December 31, 2012. The results were disseminated during end of the project at the district level as well as at the state level.

B. Evaluation of the Rural Health Care Providers Training Programme

This evaluation study started in August-September 2011 with a baseline survey which covered Rural Health Care Providers (RHCPs) from selected areas who were not covered by the training programme of the Liver Foundation till the time of survey. The average age of the RHCPs was found about 40 years. For most of the RHCPs, medical practice was found as a main profession and for those whose main profession was different were engaged in agricultural activities

including petty business, LIC agent, compounding etc. On an average they have about 12 years of schooling and about 13 years of experience as RHCP.

The level of awareness of the RHCPs (who did not receive the training by the Liver Foundation) with regard to possible reasons for many illnesses is poor. Almost all the surveyed RHCPs (who were not covered by the training programme) expressed the need for undergoing a training programme by qualified doctors for improving their current knowledge and services, although they did not express any willingness to pay for obtaining such training. Majority of the RHCPs who were willing to join the training programme did not have well specified goals on what they expect to learn from the training programme. A significant number of them expressed goals which are not deliberately covered under the training programme.

The evaluation exercise using semi-randomised experimental design shows that RHCPs who underwent the training programme (*i.e.* experimental group RHCPs) demonstrate additional empowerment over the RHCPs who did not go through the training programme (*i.e.* controlled group RHCPs) when assessed by certain indicators such as owning a clinic, less involvement in cross-practicing, average number of patients seen per day, number of home calls, remaining in touch with other RHCPs and procuring medicines directly from the dealers. The training has made RHCPs' understanding of possible reasons for illness more precise. However, the training does not seem to have improved RHCPs' understanding of doses of medicine.

In a nutshell, the training has been successful in achieving some of its objectives. However, there are few areas in which the training needs to shift its focus and emphasis on an urgent basis. Moreover, there is a need for rethinking about the criteria for coverage and selection of RHCPs as well as restructuring the course syllabus. Our evaluation study clearly finds that there is a strong demand for this training programme among RHCPs who have heard about its structure and contents. Our quantitative and qualitative analysis clearly finds that community leaders and government health workers find merits in the contribution of the training programme and they are in favour of RHCPs in their areas joining the programme.

The project report has been submitted to Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation.

C. Mainstream Migration, Scientific Diasporas and Development: Impact of Skilled Return Migration on Development in India

This two-year project is funded by the Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS) Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (Ecole Polytechnique Federale De Lausanne-EPFL), Switzerland and jointly conducted by the EPFL, Switzerland and IDSK along with the Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, and the International Migration Programme of the International Labour Office (ILO), Geneva, and the IRD, France. The coordinator of the project is Dr. Uttam Bhattacharya of IDSK along with the assistance of Dr. Subhanil Chowdhury and Dr. Zakaria Siddiqui of IDSK. The project has started from January 2011.

The objectives of the study is to gather information on the skilled return migration in India and study its impact on development in the country of origin; to explore strategies and measures to retain the skill; to formulate a policy oriented brain gain plan. The study has focused on the contributions of the high skilled returnees (and the diaspora communities) from four European Countries (viz. France, Germany, Netherlands and Switzerland) to home country (India) development. The findings are based on field survey data from five cities in India and said four European countries. The project report has been submitted to the SNIS on 30 March, 2013.

D. Factors Impacting Non-agricultural Employment Growth in India

This project has been completed and the Report submitted to IAMR, New Delhi. It was based on field survey in 7 districts in West Bengal classified to suit low, medium and highly industrial concentration to identify the factors influencing non-agricultural employment growth within the state.

E. Inequality to Access to Modern Energy Services: India Case

This is an on-going project to ascertain the inequality to access to modern energy in rural areas, primarily based in Bihar and Jharkhand. Village selection has been completed and pilot survey has also been done in Deoghar district of Jharkhand. Field survey will be completed in Deoghar and Bhagalpur (Bihar) during April-May 2013.

F. Exploring means of Democratic Transformation: Theory and Practice in South Asia

IDSK and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS) jointly implemented a project on 'Exploring means of democratic transformation: Theory and practice in South Asia' in January 2013. The purpose of the project is to systematically explore left concepts related to democratic transformation in order to examine the quality of Left politics in participation at the theoretical and practical level. The project aims to conduct a research based on available literature and interviews to arrive at a genuine definition of democratic transformation laying stress on universal suffrage and socio-economic equality, to conduct interviews of at least 10 eminent writers and artists, sociologists, political philosophers and politicians as well as economists from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nepal to document their thoughts and engagement which would act as a reference for practitioners of democracy, to invite at least 15 young scholars of different universities and research institutes from South Asian countries for preparing and presenting their papers in a conference cum workshop.

G. Land as Private Property: Land Relations in the Hill Areas of North East India

This is an ICSSR funded joint project with Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, project started in January 2013. Dr. Gorky Chakraborty of IDSK is the investigator of the project. An area of scholarship is often neglected in analyzing the transformation process in North East. It deals with identifying the causes as well as understanding the process of changes in Land Relations among the hill tribes of the region. A chapter underlying the Historical aspects related to privatization of land in the hill areas is being drafted along with finalization of the questionnaire for field survey among 14 hill tribes located in the 7 North Eastern states. Field survey will commence from April 2013.

H. Documents on Economic History during British Rule in India, Northern and Western India in the Late Nineteenth Century: Quality of Life

This is a four-year project sponsored by Indian Council of Historical Research with Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi as General Editor and Professor Arun Bandyopadhyay, Nurul Hasan Professor of History, University of Calcutta as Associate Editor. The project has commenced in March 2013.

The initial two volumes of the study will be on agriculture related aspects including productivity, land use and irrigation in Northern India in the late nineteenth century. There will be two

volumes, one related to the period 1860s-1870s and the other to the 1870s-1880s. A whole range of new questions such as exploitation of forest resources, impact of plantation and the opening of mines, siltation of rivers and disuse of tanks, the new irrigation works through civil engineering and the emerging links (non-links) of water and different groups of community, and the impact of the varying use of land on soil erosion, decline of fertility, public health, life expectation and mortality, occurrence of droughts and famines, and change in climate. Materials on non-agricultural production will also be included. It is obvious that documents relating to these subjects are to be studied from the perspectives of economic, social and environmental change under British rule.

I. Understanding Drishti : Early Indian Approaches to Ophthalmological Diseases & Treatments

Professor Ranabir Chakravarti, Visiting Professor, RTCHDS has undertaken a project *Understanding Drishti : Early Indian Approaches to Ophthalmological Diseases & Treatments* starting from July , 2010. The duration of the project was three years. The research project on Drishti (literally vision) was planned to undertake a thorough and elaborate study of ophthalmic diseases and their treatments in pre-modern India with a thrust on the early period of Indian history (up to c.AD 1300). The final report was submitted during June 2012 and an Occasional Paper was published in August 2012 from this report.

III Collaborations

a. Collaboration with the University of Calcutta

In 2006, IDSK launched a multidisciplinary M.Phil programme in Development Studies, in collaboration with the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH), University of Calcutta. The M.Phil degree is conferred by the University of Calcutta. Now the collaboration is between the Economics Department, University of Calcutta and IDSK. The first four batches of M.Phil students (2006-08, 2007-09, 2008-10, 2009-11, 2010-12, 2011-13) successfully completed their course and obtained their degrees. The sixth batch is busy in completing their dissertations and the seventh batch is doing their coursework. The teaching faculty mainly consists of the IDSK faculty and the University faculty. The details of the M.Phil programme are provided in the next section.

b. Collaboration with Monash Asia Institute, Monash University, Australia

The IDSK has entered into active collaboration with Monash Asia Institute in February 2011 for five years. Under this agreement collaboration will be made in exchanging scholars, students, and academic materials, organizing cooperative seminars, workshops and other academic activities and holding joint research activities.

c. Collaboration with Monash Sustainability Institute, Monash University, Australia

The IDSK has entered into active collaboration with Monash Sustainability Institute in areas of public health and environmental studies with particular reference to climate change. Under this programme a two-day workshop on ‘Managing Community Development in Response to Climate Change in the Ganga Basin’ supported by AusAID was held in Kolkata at the ITC Sonar Bangla on 12 and 13 March 2012.

d. Collaboration with University of Siena, Italy

Memorandum of Understanding has also been signed with the Faculty of Economics, University of Siena, Italy in December 2008. This agreement will be valid for five years. The areas of collaboration will cover exchanging research and teaching activities, faculty and students associated with the doctoral programme of Economics.

e. Collaboration with Roma Tre University

IDSK and Roma Tre University have entered into a collaborative agreement in July 2011 for three years. Under this agreement cooperation will be carried out in exchanging faculty members and researchers, scientific materials and other information, drawing up common study programmes aiming at joint degrees, participating in seminars and academic meetings and holding interdisciplinary and joint research or training programmes promoted by European Commission or by other bodies or foundations.

IV Teaching and Research Guidance

M.Phil in Development Studies

The M.Phil Programme in Development Studies is multi-disciplinary in nature, and designed to provide an understanding of various perspectives on development issues, through a rigorous course work and guided research. The perspectives are drawn from different disciplines, with a strong emphasis on the classics in social sciences and humanities. The curriculum emphasizes a heterodox perspective on social science paradigms and the methodological underpinnings of social science research. The strength of the course particularly lies in the balance it maintains between theory and hands-on training on tools of analysis – both quantitative and qualitative.

The duration of the entire programme is two years – equally divided between coursework and writing dissertation. The degree is conferred by the University of Calcutta and the programme conforms to the pattern of the existing M.Phil programmes offered by the University. The overall administration of the programme is run under the joint auspices of the IDSK and the department of Economics, University of Calcutta as per the Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Calcutta and IDSK. The teaching faculty mainly consists of the IDSK faculty and the University faculty. Eminent academicians from other institutions are also invited as guest faculty.

The M.Phil Committee comprises of the following members:

Chairman

Professor Asis Kumar Banerjee

Vice-Chairman

Professor Mahalaya Chatterjee

Joint Coordinators

Professor Ishita Mukhopadhyay (Calcutta University)

Professor Achin Chakraborty (IDSK)

Members

Professor Suparna Goptu (Calcutta University)

Professor Sanjukta Dasgupta (Calcutta University)

Professor Dipankar Sinha (Calcutta University)

Professor Dipankar Coondoo (IDSK)

Professor Basabi Sur (Calcutta University)

Dr. Ramkrishna Chatterjee (IDSK)

Dr. Subrata Mukherjee (IDSK)

Dr. Nandini Ghosh (IDSK)

Following students of sixth batch (2011-13) of the M.Phil programme are in their final phase of submission:

Sl. No.	Name of Student	Title of Dissertation	Supervisor
1.	Ankita Chakravarty	Ethical-legal issues in medical research : exploring the dynamics of clinical trials and regulatory systems in India	Prasanta Ray Nandini Ghosh
2.	Dyuti Sinha	Mapping the consumer society in West Bengal : over-consumers, sustainers & marginal : A study in the context of FDI in multi-brand retail trade	Debdas Banerjee
3.	Joy Karmakar	'Urban sprawl' and the changing socio-economic and environmental scenario : A case study from East Kolkata, Rajarhat	Jenia Mukherjee
4.	Dipparna Jana	'The nowhere children' : exploring the impact of CHILD TRAFFICKING in West Bengal	Nandini Ghosh
5.	Madhuparna Srivastava	Right to food and democratic participation	Achin Chakraborty
6.	Shreya Bhattacharya	Presenting "self" on the virtual realm	Bidhan Kanti Das
7.	Supriya Dutta	An enquiry into the standard of living : the role of the public expenditure versus private income	Indrani Chakraborty
8.	Sucheta Sardar	Impact of global financial crisis on Indian manufacturing and services : A study with selected industries	Debdas Banerjee
9.	Swarita De	Standard work and non-standard jobs : A study of flexible work arrangements in the knowledge economy	Debdas Banerjee

M.Phil programme in Development Studies for the seventh batch commenced from September 2012 with the enrolment of the following students:

Arunayan Sharma; Apurba Datta; Bharati Naskar; Binay Krishna Pal; Eshita Kundu; Gopi Kumar Verma; Jatoveda Guha Roy; Kakoli Das; Oindrila Chattopadhyay; Pragna Paramita Mondal; Rehana Sarkar; Saurav Chakraborty; Somashree Mukherjee Soumyajit Chakraborty; Sujata Hira; Ushasi Basu Roy Chowdhury

As a part of the coursework of the MPhil Programme the first year students conducted a detailed field survey on 'Health Insecurity and vulnerability across socio-economic classes' in Sarberia-Agarhati Gram Panchayat in Sandeshkhali I block of North 24 Parganas during 9-13 February, 2013 guided by the faculty members. A consolidated report of the field survey is under preparation.

PhD Programme

Following students are enrolled in the PhD programme under the supervision/co-supervision of IDSK faculty members including the students who are awarded the Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies (RTCHDS)* PhD Fellowship:

Sl. No.	Name	Research Topic	University	Supervisor
1.	Poulomi Lahiri	An analysis of the dividend behaviour of the corporate firms in India in the post-reform period	University of Calcutta	Indrani Chakraborty
2.	Bijaya Kumar Mohanty	The changing socio-political dynamics of rural India: A comparative study of two villages in Rajasthan and Orissa	Delhi University	Sangital Dhal, Delhi University Bonita Aleaz, University of Calcutta
3.	Anjan Ray Chaudhury	Horizontal inequality: The concept, measurement and determinants	University of Calcutta	Achin Chakraborty
4.	Anwesa Sarkar	Poetry and Gender	Jadavpur University	Subhoranjan Dasgupta
5.	Abhinab Ghosh	Corporate financing, ownership and firm behaviour : A study of Textile and ITES industries in India in the post-reform period	University of Calcutta	Indrani Chakraborty
6.	Jhuma Mukhopadhyay	Economic reforms and its impact on corporate firms' performance, productivity, competitiveness and structure in India	University of Calcutta	Indrani Chakraborty
7.	Aparna Banerjee	Changing profile of ports and its influence on port towns in India, 1980-2010	University of Calcutta	Uttam Bhattacharya
8.	Kumkum Basak	Innovation and patents in Indian firms and organisations - A study with reference to selected areas, 1990-2010	University of Calcutta	Uttam Bhattacharya
9.	Prasenjit Banerjee	Tenancy relations in backward agriculture: A study in West Bengal	Rabindrabharati University	Uttam Bhattacharya
10.	Debisree Banerjee	Agriculture, credit and insurance : A study with reference to the districts of West Bengal	University of Calcutta	Uttam Bhattacharya

* 1, 2 and 3 are RTCHDS Fellows

V Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and Lectures

National Conference on ‘Money, Finance and Macroeconomics of the Real Economy’

A three-day national conference on **Money, Finance and Macroeconomics of the Real Economy** was organized by IDSK from 26 to 28 April 2012. The speakers in the conference included Professor Dilip Nachane, Former Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Professor Pronab Sen, Former Chief Statistician of India, Professor Partha Ray, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, Professor Pulapre Balakrishnan, Director, Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, Professor Ratan Khasnabis, Former Professor of Business Management, University of Calcutta, Professor Pinaki Chakraborty, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, Dr. Subir Gokarn, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India, Dr. Rammanohar Reddy, Editor, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Dr. Kaushik Bhattacharya, Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow, Dr. Parthapratim Pal, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, Dr. Pranab Das, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, Dr. Rohit, South Asian University, New Delhi, Surajit Das, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, Dr. Surajit Mazumdar, Ambedkar University, New Delhi and Professor Indrani Chakraborty and Dr. Subhanil Chowdhury of Institute of Development Studies Kolkata. Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Director, IDSK delivered the inaugural speech.

Workshop on ‘Planet, People or Profit? The ‘Perilous Passage’ and the Capitalist Transformation of the Natural World’

IDSK organised a week-long workshop on **Planet, People or Profit? The ‘Perilous Passage’ and the Capitalist Transformation of the Natural World** from September 10 to 14, 2012 at the Salt Lake Campus of the Institute to familiarise as well as refresh the faculty members and research scholars from the discipline of history or from other disciplines interested in environmental studies. 40 participants from different parts of the country registered in the programme. It began with the welcome address of Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi who provided a broad outline of the entire course bringing out the inversely proportional relationship between advancing capitalism and environmental degradation. It was followed by the inaugural speech of Professor Mahesh Rangarajan. Eminent historians and environmental scientists reflected on 5 major themes (1. The Industrial Revolution and natural environment in the west, 2. Colonial capitalism and its impact on the natural landscapes of Americas, Asia, and Africa, 3.

Environment and environmentalism(s), post-WWII scenario, 4. Ecological thought (with emphasis on ecological materialism, 5. Ecological Practices) followed by case study based presentations from both the invited practitioners from the field and the participants themselves. The discussions were extremely interactive where both instructors and applicants engaged in brainstorming activities to sketch ecological alternatives for the betterment of our planet and emancipation of mankind.

Conference on ‘Interrogating Disability: Theory and Practice’

A three day conference on **Interrogating Disability: Theory and Practice** was held at IDSK in order to explore the varied issues within the field of disability, from problematizing the ways in which disability is conceptualised to understanding the everyday lived experience of disabled people in a society that is largely geared for able bodied people through structures that are exclusionary and discriminatory. Delivering the welcome address on 27th September 2012, Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Director IDSK spoke of the diversity of disability and impairment and the fact that all people stand the risk of becoming disabled at any point of their lives. Thus all people may be termed as TABs or Temporarily Able Bodied. Dr. Nandini Ghosh, Convenor of the Conference highlighted the fact that such academic social science conferences on disability are a rarity in India and hence it was a pleasure to be able to host such a path breaking conference at IDSK. The keynote address was delivered by Professor Anita Ghai of Jesus Mary College, New Delhi. She spoke about Disability Studies as a discipline which has been ignored by academic departments in India and relegated to the position of a marginalised and marginal area of study. She talked about the possibilities of disability studies research adding to the existing body of knowledge and theory and advocated for a robust theory of disability that can be used in the Indian context. The other speakers in the conference included Professor Maitreyee Bardhan Roy, Principal, Basanti Devi College, Professor Achin Chakraborty of IDSK, Dr. Renu Addlakha of Centre for Women’s Development Studies, New Delhi, Dr. Jagdish Chander of Hindu College, University of Delhi, Dr. Tanmoy Bhattacharya of University o Delhi, Dr. Rajib Bhattacharyya of University Law College, Guwahati University, Dr. Lakshmi Radhakrishnan of Lady Sriram College for Women, New Delhi, Dr. Madhura Nagchoudhuri of Centre for Disability Studies and Action, School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, Dr. Shilpaa Anand of Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, Dr. Daniel M. of Delhi School of Social Work, New Delhi, Dr. Asmita Bhardwaj of Amity School of Architecture and Planning, Amity University, Noida, Dr. Vanmala Hiranandani

of Centre for Disaster Management, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, Dr. A Gangatharan of Banaras Hindu University, Dr. Nandini Ghosh of IDSK, Mr. Santosh Kumar of Centre for Advanced Studies of Linguistics, University of Delhi, Ms. P. Deepa of Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Ms. Ipsita Sapra of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, Mr. Saptarshi Mandal, Legal Researcher, Ms. Jeeja Ghosh of Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, Kolkata Ankur Advocacy Group, Kolkata, Mr. Eshwer Kale of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and Ms. Bubali Bag of Jadavpur University.

On 29th September 2012, there was a panel discussion on *Inclusive Education: Debates and Possibilities*, which was moderated by Ruma Chatterjee. The panellists included disabled people themselves, disability activists, and teachers from mainstream and special schools that promoted inclusive education. The panellists all agreed that in the current scenario and with the legal policy frameworks inclusive education is the only mode of delivery of learning to children with disabilities. However they discussed different strategies that might be used to promote inclusive education in mainstream schools, which would lead to a better learning environment and outcomes for all children.

Workshop on ‘Human Development’

IDSK organised a week-long workshop on **Human Development** from December 3-7, 2012 for teachers in colleges, universities and research institutes in eastern India, and others interested in development issues, having at least a Master’s degree in any discipline from a recognized university, working in government and non-government organizations including the media. The objective was to help the participants develop adequate analytical capability to deal with development policy issues from the human development perspective, which is cross-disciplinary. Lectures referred to important studies of both theoretical and applied kind in order to provide an in-depth understanding of the issues, highlighting their contested nature. The topics included (1) Conceptual foundation, (2) Human development and national economic prosperity, (3) Issues in measurement, (4) Population dynamics and health, (5) Participation and empowerment, (6) Regional perspectives on human development in India. The resource persons included, besides the faculty of IDSK, Professor Amiya Bagchi (Emeritus Professor, IDSK), Professor S. Subramanian (Madras Institute of Development Studies), Professor Indraneel Dasgupta (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata), Professor Raghavendra Chattopadhyay (Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata), Dr. Manabi Majumdar (CSSSC), Mr. Kamal Pal (Director, Riddhi), Ms

Swati Bhattacharya (Chief Reporter, Ananda Bazar Patrika). Professor Sugata Marjit (Chairman, West Bengal Council for Higher Education) gave the keynote address. 56 participants registered for the workshop. Subrata Mukherjee, Saswata Ghosh and Achin Chakraborty coordinated the programme.

A day-long seminar in commemoration of Eric Hobsbawm

A day-long seminar was held on **Tribute to Professor Eric Hobsbawm** on 15 December 2012. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Asis Kumar Banerjee and the seminar was inaugurated by Professor Tapan Raychaudhuri. Other eminent speakers included Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Professor Malini Bhattacharya, Professor Sudeshna Chakraborti, Professor Hiten Patel, Dr. Subhanil Chowdhury, and Dr. Jenia Mukherjee. A panel was organized on the *Legacy of Hobsbawm* where renowned scholars like Professor Ashok Mitra, Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi and Professor David Washbrook shared their views.

Workshop on ‘Capacity Development for Young Health Researchers in Social Sciences’

IDSK organised a week-long workshop on **Capacity Development for Young Health Researchers in Social Sciences** during February 4-8, 2013. The workshop was designed with the objective to include those young health researchers in social sciences who showed keen interest in research capacity development in order to have better understanding on various health issues by drawing on knowledge from relevant disciplines related to health, quantitative and qualitative tools for health research and perspectives of different stake holders in the health sector. The intended target group of this workshop was MPhil and PhD students, young faculty members in colleges, universities and research institutions working or interested in health issues, persons working in NGOs, in governments and in Media. The workshop was designed for providing the participants a broad conceptual understanding of health related issues by equipping themselves with evidence and tools from multiple disciplines and by making them familiar with the perspectives of multiple stake holders of the health sector.

The workshop began by providing the participants an overview of important health issues which were crucial in India’s current socio-economic and demographic context. This was followed by sessions covering concepts and measurement of different health variables, philosophical issues in the measurement of health inequality, quantitative tools and qualitative methods health research, ethical issues in health research, development of survey instruments for health research, health

financing, evaluations of health interventions, interaction of medical and social perspectives in health research in the subsequent days. Apart from the introductory session, workshop included 15 sessions by the resource persons and 2 interactive sessions organised by the participants themselves.

The workshop relied on both internal (IDSK faculty members) as well as external resource persons (outside IDSK). The external resource persons were Professor T K Roy (former director of International Institute for Population Sciences), Mr Dilip Ghosh (former IAS, Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Mission Director, NRHM, West Bengal), Dr Abhijit Chowdhury (Professor, Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research, Kolkata), Dr N Devadasan (Director, Institute of Public Health Bangalore), Professor Barun Kanjilal (Institute of Health Management and Research, Jaipur) and Dr Arijita Dutta (Calcutta University). The IDSK faculty members who participated in the workshop were Professor Amiya Kumar Bagachi, Professor Achin Chakraborty, Dr Krishna Soman, Dr Nandini Ghosh, Dr Saswata Ghosh and Dr Subrata Mukherjee. Dr Subrata Mukherjee, an IDSK faculty member with specialization in Health Economics was the coordinator of the workshop

Seminar on ‘Contemporary Indian Economic Policies: Deprivation, Destitution and Debates’

IDSK in collaboration with the Forum for Development Economics Kolkata(FDEK), Department of Economics, University of Calcutta organised a two-day national seminar on 21-22 March 2013 on **Contemporary Indian Economic Policies: Deprivation, Destitution and Debates** and a special session on Foreign Direct Investment(FDI) in retail trade in India. The day two seminar, i.e., the special session on FDI in retail trade was held at the IDSK, Salt lake campus on 22nd March 2013. About 40 participants attended the session. The speakers were Professor Chalapati Rao, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), New Delhi, Professor K. Datta, Principal National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Haryana, Professor Abhee Dutt Majumder, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata, Dr. Siddhartha Gupta, Director of the Laboratory, Centenary hospital and Kolkata Port Trust, Dr. Dipankar Dey, Dean, IBS Business School Kolkata. Professor Ishita Mukhopadhyay and Dr. Subhanil Chowdhury, IDSK. Dr. Uttam Bhattacharya, Associate Professor, was the joint convenor of this two day seminar. There is a plan to publish selected lectures of the seminar.

Lectures delivered by visiting scholars

On 23 July 2012, Professor Prasannan Parthasarathi, Professor of History, Boston College, USA delivered the lecture on 'Why Europe grew rich and Asia did not?'

On 31 August 2012, Sri Agnirup Sarkar, Research Officer, ICSSR Project and associated with St. Xavier's College, Kolkata gave a talk on 'Financial intermediation and economic growth: The post liberalization Indian experience'.

On 17 September 2012, Ms. Aparajita Dasgupta, Department of Economics, University of California, USA gave a lecture on 'Can the major public works program in India buffer negative shocks in early childhood? Evidence from Andhra Pradesh'.

On 6 October, 2012, Dr. Anthony P D'Costa, Professor of Indian Studies and Research and Director, Asia Research Centre, Copenhagen Business School delivered a talk on 'Compressed capitalism in India: Is that another variety?'

On 7 November 2012, Professor D Narayana, Director, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala delivered a lecture on 'Health care insurance for the poor'.

On 30 November 2012, Dr. Taimur Rahman, Assistant Professor of Lahore University of Management Sciences, gave a talk on 'Class structure of Pakistan'.

On 14 December 2012, Professor David Washbrook, gave a lecture on 'The importance of being female: Demography and development in South India in 19th and 20th centuries'.

On 10 January 2013, Professor Sir James Mirrlees, Nobel Laureate in Economics and Honorary Visiting Professor, IDSK, delivered a lecture on 'Optimal growth in developing economies'.

On 30 January 2013, Professor Vijay Prashad, George and Martha Kellner Chair in South Asian History and Professor of International Studies, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, USA delivered a talk on 'Arab Spring and the role of the "Great Powers".'

Monthly Faculty Seminar

Sl. No.	Date	Speaker	Title
1	04.04.2012	Professor Achin Chakraborty	Transcendental Institutionalism and Some Aspects of Justice in India : Between Normative and Political
2	02.05.2012	Md. Zakaria Siddiqui	Inequality in access to Modern Energy Services : Evidence from Two Rounds of the NSS
3	18.05.2012	Professor Dipankar Coondoo	Socio-economic Impact Evaluations of a Highway Widening Project
4	06.06.2012	Dr. Jenia Mukherjee	Calcutta's Eastern Canal System: Exploring the Political Economy of Colonial Hydraulic Management

5	04.07.2012	Professor Achin Chakraborty	Theory and Application of Composite Indices: Will the Twain Ever Meet?
6	05.09.2012	Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi	Theorizing in a Hall of Prisms: Italy and the Origins of Contextual Political Economy
7	24.09.2012	Professor Subhoranjan Dasgupta	The Anti-War Message of Heroic Poetry
8	03.10.2012	Dr. Ramakrishna Chatterjee	The Burakumins: 'Dalits' in Japanese Society
9	16.01.2013	Dr. Subrata Mukherjee	Information Asymmetry and Principal-Agent Problem in Health Care Evidence from Inpatient Care Utilisation in Urban India
10	14.03.2013	Dr. Subhanil Chowdhury	Hugo Chavez and his Legacy

VI Participation in International and National Conferences

Travel Grants sponsored by IDSK

1. Dr. Krishna Soman, Associated Professor, IDSK presented a paper on 'Knowledge that withers, connects and travels: Criss-cross narratives of health culture and social change in India' at the international conference on Asian Studies, ICAS-2012 at Negombo, Sri Lanka on 26-27 July 2012.
2. Dr. Bidhan Kanti Das, Assistant Professor, IDSK presented a paper on 'Land acquisition and its impact on women: A case from semi-urban South Bengal, India' at the International Interdisciplinary conference on 'Issues of legitimacy, entrepreneurial culture, corporate responsibility and urban development' organized by IUAES Commission on Urban Anthropology at Naples, Italy from 11 to 14 September 2012.
3. Presented a paper on 'Can the simplified Heligman-Pollard model mortality schedule be fitted to the grouped data?' at the 2nd Asian Population Association (APA), Bangkok, Thailand during 26-31 August 2012.
4. Presented a paper on 'Economic reforms, business groups and changing pattern of distribution of profitability across corporate firms in India: A semi-parametric approach' at the Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, 2012 at Delhi School of Economics during December 20-22, 2012.

Travel Grants sponsored by RTCHDS

1. Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi visited Institute of Social Studies, The Hague and Cambridge to attend Editorial Board meetings of *Cambridge Journal of Economics* during the period 9 June – 22 July 2012. He gave a talk on *The origins of contextual political economy and the early Italian contribution* at the Cambridge seminar in the History of Economic Analysis at Clare Hall, Cambridge on 25 June 2012.
2. Professor Bula Bhadra, Department of Sociology, University of Calcutta presented a paper on *Cronies in gendered practices in the hey-day of globalization and new technology* at the 2nd ISA Forum of Sociology, Buenos Aires, Argentina between August 1-4, 2012.

VII Library

The **Library** began functioning from December 2002. It houses an impressive number of books, journals and magazines and primary documents focussing on various development research like Development Studies, Demography, Education, Public Health, Economics, Sociology , Political Sciences, Gender Studies, Anthropology, Ethnography, Environmental studies, Human Sciences and Globalization. It has a total collection of 11226 (processed) books till 25th March 2012. The library also subscribes to 78 foreign journals among which 29 are online journals and 42 Indian journals among which 4 are available in both print and online format and 1 has only online access. It also receives complementary copies of 19 more journals. The library has acquired 309 government and 144 other reports and 210 documents published from World Health Organization. It has acquired 346 non-book materials such as Compact Disc, Digital versatile Disc, Microfilms, Maps, Audio cassettes etc. documents which are also accessioned. The library also contains the archives of Rosa Luxemburg projects which include reports, booklets, posters, pats or scroll paintings, CDs, DVDs, audio cassettes, catalogues, transparencies and fact sheets. The library acquired 3473 books out of which 351 no. of e-books purchased perpetually from Cambridge University Press and subscribes 5 foreign journals for Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies.

Library has purchased different tools for processing the documents e.g. Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) 22nd and 23rd edition, Universal Decimal Classification, Standard edition, Anglo American Cataloguing Rules (AACR-2R), Sears list of subject headings 17th and 20th edition, C.A. Cutter's 3-figure Author table fully revised edition, American Library Association (ALA) filing rules. Library maintains an authority file.

The Library has established network connections with DELNET and is a member of Calcutta University's E-Journals under UGC INFONET Programme, Indiatat.com, Prowess, Capital line plus, Oxford e-bundle journals in economics, EPW online and Sage online for selected journals. Library is the institutional member of American Information Resource Centre Kolkata, Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata and The National Library.

The library is using SOUL version 1 (Software for University Libraries) for its on-going automation activities. Currently the library has entered and processed 11226 documents in SOUL. Library has

also started book charging and discharging with the help of SOUL SOFTWARE since January 2011. Users are getting benefit of that.

The Institute has been gifted with very valuable collections, that of the late Michael Sprinker, a leading radical literary theorist, Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi, Governor of West Bengal, and also a collection of about 1900 books from Shri Parimal Dasgupta, a leading journalist. These two gifts have been designated as the *Michael Sprinker* and *Parimal Dasgupta Collections* respectively.

The library is extending its service to outside research scholars, faculty members. Many visitors from India and outside India are visiting the library regularly. Information regarding the library has been incorporated in the website of IDSK (www.idsk.edu.in).

VIII Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Professor of Economics and Director (till 10 October 2012) and Emeritus Professor (from 11 October 2012 onwards)

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences, seminars and Committee meetings

Gave a talk on 'The origins of contextual political economy and the early Italian contribution' at the Cambridge seminar in the 'History of Economic Analysis' at Clare Hall, Cambridge, 25 June 2012.

Delivered lectures on 'Marx-Malthus debate' and 'Charles Darwin and the theory of coevolution' on September 10 and 13, 2012 at the workshop on 'Planet, People or Profit? The 'Perilous Passage' and the Capitalist Transformation of the Natural World' organized by IDSK from 10 to 14 September 2012.

Gave a lecture on 'Theorizing in a hall of prisms: Italy and the origins of contextual political economy' at IDSK on 5 September 2012.

Delivered the foundation day lecture of Goenka College of Commerce on 'Indian foundations of development studies', 27 November 2012.

Delivered the annual oration of West Bengal Academy of Science and Technology on 'Science and Human Development' at the J.C. Roy Auditorium of Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Jadavpur University on 5 December 2012.

Participated in the Expert Group meeting in ESCAP, Bangkok to discuss (a) Economic Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2012-13, ESCAP and (b) Green Growth, UNDESA, New York held on 12 and 13 December 2012.

Spoke as a panelist in a panel on 'Legacy of Hobsbawm' at a one-day seminar in commemoration of Professor Eric Hobsbawm organized by IDSK on 15 December 2012.

Participated in a meeting to finalize the Guidelines for the Amartya Sen Awards for contributions to Social Sciences at ICSSR, New Delhi on 19 January 2013.

Addressed the plenary session on 'Technologies for the future' at the 9th All India People's Technology Congress on 9 February 2013.

Attended the meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Department of Educational Finance, National University of Educational Planning and Administration on 25 February 2013.

Delivered the Presidential address on 'The need for and the pedagogy of development studies' at the Development meet organized by the Central University of Bihar in Patna on 1 March 2013.

Delivered the inaugural address at the conference on 'India's development strategy: Discourses on past, present and future', organized by Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi on 5 March 2013.

Gave a valedictory address 'Global economic crisis and the impact on China and India' at a seminar organized by Department of Economics, Visva Bharati University on 17 March 2013.

Publications

Book

Transformation and Development: The Political Economy of Transition in India and China, jointly edited with Anthony P. D'Costa, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2012.

Articles in English

1. 'Indian business history', *Indian Historical Review*, 39(1), June 2012, pp. 73-91.
2. 'De-centering European Liberalism in India's Democratic Struggles' Maulana Azad Lecture, National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi, November 2012.
3. Budget 2013-14: Artfully dodging the real issues in a desperate situation, *The Statesman*, editorial page, 6 March 2013.

Articles in Bangla

1. 'Subher sangrāme ek sāhosini bijoyinir jībanālekhyā' (Ālochito boi : Bina De: *Hāriye Jāoā Din*), School of Women's Studies Newsletter, Jadavpur University, December 2012, pp.21-35.
2. 'Hobsbawm-er kāche āmrā keno chirokritagna, ārek rokom (pakkhik patrika), prothom borso, prothom sankhya, 1 January 2013.

Association with other universities, research institutes, learned societies, policy-making organization

1. Adjunct Professor, Monash University, Australia.
2. Member of the Advisory Committee of the Department of Educational Finance, National University of Educational Planning and Administration.
3. Member of the Court and Executive Council, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Achin Chakraborty, Professor of Economics and Coordinator, M.Phil Programme

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Invited to present a paper on 'Public-private mix in education and health, and resource allocation priorities', at Azim Premji University, Bangalore on 9 August 2012.

Delivered a lecture on 'Reforming agrarian institutions: A tale of two Indian states', at state level seminar on 'Political economy of rural development: The Indian experience' at Purash-Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya, Howrah on 7 August 2012.

Presented a paper on 'Living arrangement and capability deprivation of the disabled in India' presented (jointly with Subrata Mukherjee) at the conference on 'Interrogating disability: Theory and practice', at IDSK, 27-29 September, 2012.

Gave a lecture on 'Theory and application of composite indices: Will the Twain ever meet?' at the XXII Annual Conference on Development Economics, Jadavpur University on 3 and 4 January, 2013.

Presented a paper on 'Elementary education in West Bengal' at the second workshop on 'Growth in West Bengal' at Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, 7-8 January, 2013.

Delivered a lecture on 'Theory and application of composite indices: Will the Twain ever meet?' at Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, 10 January 2013.

Spoke as a panelist in a panel discussion on 'Inclusive growth in India' at the Annual National Conference of Bengal Economic Association, Netaji Nagar Day College, Kolkata, 23 February, 2013.

Gave a lecture on 'Insecurities and the political economy of resource allocation priorities' at the seminar on *Insecurities*, Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University on 4 March 2013.

Invited to give a lecture on 'Theory and application of composite indices: Revisiting the recent debates' at the Seminar on 'Emerging issues in Development Economics', at West Bengal State University, Barasat on 20 March 2013.

M.Phil Supervision

Supervised two M.Phil dissertations(completed in 2012).

Publications

Articles

‘Revealed allocation priorities in the budget’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 30 March 2013.

[Jointly with Subrata Mukherjee] ‘Decentralisation and health in West Bengal: A study with reference to Community Health Care Management Initiative’, in *Decentralization, Governance and Development*, edited by Pranab Kumar Das, SAGE (forthcoming).

Association with other universities, research institutes, learned societies, policy-making organization

1. Took two sessions at the workshop for Ph.D. scholars at Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, 24 April, 2012.
2. Panelist in the panel discussion on PC & PNDDT Act at Town Hall, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal, 30 April, 2012.
3. Took two sessions at the Research Workshop at National Institute of Technology, Silchar, 24-25 July, 2012.
4. Took two sessions at the Workshop for the Officers of Indian Statistical Service, Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, 02 October, 2012.
5. Taught a course on General Equilibrium and Welfare Economics for M.Sc. in Economics at the University of Calcutta
6. Taught a course on General Equilibrium and Welfare Economics for M.Sc. (Integrated) in Economics at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.
7. Gave lectures at the refresher courses for college teachers at the Departments of Economics and Political Science, University of Calcutta.

Bidhan Kanti Das, Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on ‘Land acquisition and its impact on women: A case from semi-urban South Bengal, India’ at the International Interdisciplinary conference on ‘ Issues of legitimacy, entrepreneurial culture , corporate responsibility and urban development’ organized by IUAES Commission on Urban Anthropology at Naples, Italy from 11 to 14 September 2012.

Presented a paper on ‘Ignoring rights for rehabilitation: ‘Flood disaster displaces’ in a national park of Sub Himalayan West Bengal’ at the UGC- sponsored national seminar on ‘Development for the communities and country: Role of Anthropology’ at Mahishadal Girls' College, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal on 22- 23 March, 2013.

M.Phil Supervision

Supervising M. Phil dissertation work of Shreya Bhattacharya on “Presenting ‘self’ in virtual world” (session 2011-2013).

Upcoming Research programmes

A project on 'Post-coital method of contraception in West Bengal: Its usage, process and vulnerability' sponsored by Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi (jointly with Dr. Saswata Ghosh).

Revise the final draft of the paper 'Flood disaster displaces in a forest environment: Question of status and recognition'

Work on the paper 'Sustainable biodiversity conservation: Is ICDP approach a viable alternative in Indian perspective?'

Biodiversity Conservation: Current Approaches, Its Impact on Livelihood of Local People and Future Options with Reference to India edited jointly with Dr Ajit Banerjee to be published by Concept Publishing Co. Ltd, New Delhi in June 2013.

Publications

Articles

'Making women empowered in a forest environment: A self-help group approach in a National Park of India', *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*, vol. 47, no.3, pp. 293-312.

'Expanding 'Risk model' for development forced displacement to disaster forced displacement in a National park environment: An exploration' in *Social Change*. [Forthcoming]

Future plans of organizing seminars/conferences/workshops/training programmes etc.

Proposed a two day national level seminar on 'Revisiting community and development' to be held during November-December 2013.

Debdas Banerjee, Professor of Economics

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Delivered the Bijoy Chawdhury Memorial lecture on 'Global financial crisis and Indian economy' organized by Nagarik Mancha at Birla Planetarium seminar hall on 21 September 2012.

M.Phil Supervision

Supervised three M.Phil dissertations.

Upcoming Research programme

Continue with the work on the manuscript on *Development Economics* (in Bangla).

Publications

Article

'Recasting workers' rights in the era of neoliberalism: Industrial restructuring to the subtleties of global inequality', in Sunanda Sen and Anjan Chakrabarti (eds.) *Development on Trial*, Orient Blackswan, 2013.

Association with other universities, research institutes, learned societies, policy-making organization

Continued to be on the Editorial Board of *Working USA: The Journal of Labour Society* (Wiley)

Gorky Chakraborty, Associate Professor of Economics

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on Look East Policy: Understanding rhetoric and analysing reality in a national seminar on 'NEI in transition: Understanding changes and transformation since 1985' at North Guwahati College, 22-23 June, 2012.

Gave a lecture on 'Land in char areas of Brahmaputra in land, language and metaphor' at OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, 21-23 January 2013.

Presented a paper on 'Identity issues and the emerging reality in North East India in a national seminar on 'Democratization process and the Zomis' at ICSSR-NERC, Shillong, 19-20 March 2013.

Presented a paper on 'Look East Policy and North East India: Space, region and existing realities' in an international seminar on 'India's Look East Policy and North East: Strengthening the continental route', North Eastern Council-ICSSR, Shillong 21-22 March 2013.

M.Phil Supervision

Supervised the M.Phil dissertation of Mr. Himanshu Prasad on 'Contract farming with reference to West Bengal agriculture'.

Research Project

A project on 'Inequality to Access to Modern Energy Services: India Case'

Working on a collaborative project with OKD Institute of Development and Change, Guwahati, 'Land as Private Property: Land Relations in the Hill Areas of North East India', sponsored by ICSSR.

Upcoming Research Programme

Finalizing a project proposal on 'Look East Policy: Cross Border Ethnic Groups in a Conflicting Space' mainly based on the Chin-Kuki-Naga tribes in the Indo-Myanmar Border in North East India.

Publications

Articles

'Border trade and North East India' in Hazra, Chandrasekhar (ed.) *Experiencing Globalization*, Ashabari, 2012.

'The Ubiquitous Bangladeshi', *Economic and Political Weekly*, September 22, Vol. 47, No. 38, 2012.

'The char dwellers of Assam: Flowing river floating people', Prasad, Eklavya et.al. (eds.) *Agony of Floods: Flood Induced Water Conflicts in India*, Forum for Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India, 2012.

Joint paper on 'Employment in West Bengal: Insights from the latest data' [sent to *Economic and Political Weekly*].

Report

Jointly prepared with Subhanil Choudhury 'Factors affecting non-agricultural employment growth in West Bengal' for Institute of Manpower Planning, Planning Commission, New Delhi, 2013.

Association with other universities, research institutes, learned societies, policy-making organization

Scholar-in-Residence at OKDISCD, Guwahati, a programme sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi from December 9-16, 2012.

Steering Committee Member of Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India, 2012.

Indrani Chakraborty, Professor of Economics

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on 'Economic reforms, business groups and changing pattern of distribution of profitability across corporate firms in India: A semi-parametric approach' at a national conference on 'Money, Finance and Macroeconomics of the Real Economy' held at IDSK during 26-28 April, 2012.

Presented a paper on 'Economic reforms, business groups and changing pattern of distribution of profitability across corporate firms in India: A semi-parametric approach' at the Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, 2012 at Delhi School of Economics during December 20-22, 2012.

Presented three lectures on Time-series Econometrics at the ICSSR sponsored workshop on 'Research Methodology' organized by the Economics Department of Assam University, Silchar during March 6-15, 2013

Expected participation in conferences /seminars

Paper on 'How does corruption influence corporate governance? A cross-country perspective' has been accepted for presentation at the 8th Annual International symposium on Economic Theory, Policy and application to be held during 22-25 July at Athens, Greece.

M.Phil and PhD Supervision

Supervising following Ph.D dissertations:

Poulomi Lahiri: 'An analysis of the dividend behaviour of the corporate firms in India in the Post-reform period', Department of Economics, University of Calcutta

Abhinab Ghosh: 'Corporate financing, ownership and firm behaviour : A study of textile and ITES industries in India in the post-reform period', Department of MBM, University of Calcutta

Jhuma Mukhopadhyay: 'Economic reforms and its impact on corporate firms' performance, productivity, competitiveness and structure in India', Department of MBM, University of Calcutta.

Supervising one M.Phil dissertation on 'An enquiry into the standard of living: the role of public expenditure versus private income'.

Publications

Editing a book (jointly with Professor Ratan Khasnabis) based on the papers presented at the conference on 'Money, finance and macroeconomics of the Real economy' at IDSK during 26-28 April, 2012.

Article/Mimeo

'Does capital structure depend on group affiliation? An analysis of the Indian firms', *Journal of Policy Modeling*, 2013, 35(1), Jan-Feb., Elsevier.

'How does corruption influence corporate governance? A cross-country perspective', 2013.

'Economic reforms, business groups and changing pattern of distribution of profitability across corporate firms in India: A semi-parametric approach', *Applied Financial Economics*, 23 (7), 2013 (forthcoming).

'Effects of Changing Pattern of Corporate Savings on Firm Profitability in India: A New Approach' in my edited book jointly with Professor Ratan Khasnabis on the papers presented at the conference on 'Money, finance and macroeconomics of the Real economy' at IDSK during 26-28 April, 2012.

Jenia Mukherjee, Assistant Professor of History

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Delivered a talk on ‘Calcutta’s Eastern canal system: Exploring the political economy of colonial hydraulic management’ at IDSK in June 2012.

Presented a paper on ‘History of waters in colonial India’ at the week-long national workshop on ‘Planet, people or profit? The ‘Perilous Passage’ and the capitalist transformation of the natural World’ (funded by Indian Council of Historical Research) at IDSK in September 2012.

Presented a paper on ‘Why Marx? Relevance of the Hobsbawmian paradigm in history’ at the one-day seminar on *Homage to Hobsbawm*; organized by the Corpus Research Institute, Kolkata in October 2012.

Presented a paper on ‘Women-led water governance for sustainable irrigation in West Bengal’ (with S. Halder) at the national conference on ‘Women-led water management’ organized by IRRAD and UNICEF in Gurgaon, Haryana in November 2012.

Presented a paper on ‘Historical materialism as a methodology: Relevance of the Hobsbawmian paradigm in history’ at the one-day seminar on ‘Tribute to Hobsbawm’ organized by the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata on 15 December 2012.

Presented a paper on ‘Sustained or sustainable urbanization? A critical exploration of the spatial expansion of Kolkata (India) since the post-colonial era’ at the international conference of World Social Science Fellows on Sustainable Urbanization: Innovative approaches to understanding urbanization in the 21st century; organized by the International Social Science Council (ISSC) and sponsored by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) at the Universidad Andina Simon Bolivar, Ecuador (Quito) (March 2013).

M.Phil Supervision

Supervised the M.Phil dissertation of Satabdi Datta of IDSK on ‘Exploring the dynamics of community water resource management: A case-study of Mathurapur Block, Sundarbans, West Bengal’ (jointly with Uttam Bhattacharya). [Degree awarded]

Supervising the M.Phil dissertation of Joy Karmakar of IDSK on ‘Tracing Kolkata’s urbanization: Case-study Rajarhat’.

Upcoming Research Programmes

Editing a book from the various lectures and case-study presentations delivered at the training workshop on *People or Profit? The ‘Perilous Passage’ and the Capitalist Transformation of the Natural World*. The draft proposal (ICHR report) has been submitted to Routledge (New Delhi) for consideration.

Compiling a book as an outcome of the seminar held in commemoration of Professor Eric Hobsbawm. This (transcription, etc.) would tentatively start from mid-2013.

Editing a book from the presentations made by the junior research scholars in a seminar organized by CRI. This has already started and 23 articles have been selected for publication.

Research on sustainable urbanization with the aim of writing research papers in this particular area. This will include a thorough revision of one significant aspect of my PhD thesis on the rapid urbanization of eastern Calcutta since the last few decades.

Publications

Articles in English

‘Indigenous ‘adaptation’ to imperial forestry: A study of the southern Awadh Province between late eighteenth and early nineteenth century’ (with Owafi Biswas), *CLIO: An Annual Interdisciplinary Journal*, vol. 12, no. 12, Jan-Dec, 2012.

‘Mega-urbanization in Eastern Kolkata: Vision and reality’ (jointly with Amlan Kanti Ray), *Mega-Urbanization and Human Rights: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities*, Commission on Urban Anthropology (CUA) (forthcoming)

Article in Bangla

‘Eric Hobsbawmer itihāshcharchā o oitihāshik bāstubād’ (in Bengali), *Paschim Banga Itihash Sansad* (Smaranika), January 2013.

Translation

Bengali translation of Irfan Habib, *Man and Environment: The Ecological History of India* (with Swagatalaxmi Majumder) (forthcoming).

Report

‘Environmental Security in the Ganges ‘Chars’, West Bengal, India’, submitted the final report to IUCN as a part of the project on *Ecosystems for Life: A Bangladesh-India Initiative*

Future plans of organizing seminars/conferences/workshops/training programmes etc.

To organize a workshop on *Sustainable Urbanization: Problems and Prospects for the Developing World* where colleagues/students as participants would get the opportunity to learn about the concept from experts; there would be interactions and discussions between experts and participants to generate unexplored areas of research interest in this field.

To evolve *People or Profit? The ‘Perilous Passage’ and the Capitalist Transformation of the Natural World* as an annual course with emphasis on particular theme(s) for each year.

Association with other universities, research institutes, learned societies, policy-making organization

Visiting lecturer in the post-graduate evening course on Environmental History and Twentieth Century World Jadavpur University, Department of History.

Visiting lecturer in the post-graduate course on Environmental History Vidyasagar University, Department of History

Life member, Indian Association of Hydrologists

Life member, CUA-IUAES Commission of Urban Anthropology

Life member, Indian Historical Studies (life member)

Member, Indian History Congress.

Krishna Soman, Associate Professor of Public Health

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences, seminars and Committee meetings

Presented a paper on ‘Knowledge that withers, connects and travels: Criss-cross narratives of health culture and social change in India’ at the international conference on Asian Studies, ICAS-2012 at Negombo, Sri Lanka on 26-27 July 2012.

Chaired a session on ‘The Indian health care system & the diversity of traditional medicine in India’ at the international workshop on ‘Integrating traditional South Asian medicine into modern health care systems’ held on 4-6 October 2012 organised by the Centre of Social Medicine & Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Germany, Foundation for Revitalising Local Health Traditions, Bangalore and the India Chapter of International Association for the Study of Traditional Medicine on 5 October 2012.

Participated as a discussant in a session on ‘Integration in Practice and Health Service Delivery’ at the international workshop on ‘Integrating traditional South Asian medicine into modern health care systems’, held on 4-6 October 2012, organised by the Centre of Social Medicine & Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Germany; Foundation for Revitalising Local Health Traditions, Bangalore and the India Chapter of International Association for the Study of Traditional Medicine on 6 October 2012.

Attended the second meeting of ‘EPI-4 India: Network’ as a member of the Working Group on Maternal Health in Gujarat at the Indian Institute of Public Health, Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 9 October, 2012.

Presented a paper on ‘User Fees’ Through Gender Lens: Reflections’’ at the national workshop on ‘User charges, public health facilities and universal access’, jointly organised by the Centre for Women’s Development Studies & Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 7-8 December 2012.

Participated in ‘Commercialization of surrogacy in India: A film and discussion’, JUWS, 21 December 2013.

Participated at the international conference on ‘Feminist inscriptions in social theory’, organized by the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta on 22-24 February 2013.

Attended a consultative meeting on ‘Women in India – Articulating a Vision for 2030’, organised by the High Level Committee on Women and UNDP, New Delhi, on 21-22 March 2013.

Expected Participation in conferences / seminars

Third Euro-India International Conference on Integrated Medicine, in Kerala, organised by the Institute for Holistic Medical Sciences and Ayurveda-Und Venen klinik, Austria to be held on 6-8 September 2013.

Sessions on ‘Modern Medicine & Yoga’ at the World Yoga Convention at Bihar School of Yoga, Munger, India to be held on 22-26 October 2013.

Annual conference of Women’s Health Network, UK on 29 August – 1 September 2013.

PhD Supervision

Viva of Kamalini Mukhopadhyay of Jawaharlal Nehru University on ‘A sociological study of the phenomenon of suicide in Burdwan District of West Bengal’ [Degree awarded]

Upcoming Research Programme

Book Publication Project on Traditional systems of medicine

Publications

Articles

‘Pluralism, popularity and propaganda: Narratives of lay practices of homeopathy in India’ to be published by the Institute for History of Medicine, Stuttgart, Germany. [forthcoming]

‘Traditional midwives in social reproduction: Changing landscape in 20th century Bengal’, accepted for publication in the *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*.

Association with other universities/ research institutes, learned societies, policy making organisations

Institute for History of Medicine, Stuttgart, Germany.

Expert on the Institutional Ethics Committees on Research on Public Health Foundation of India, New Delhi, Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata, Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata.

Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University.

Visva-Bharati, Department of Social Work.

Banaras Hindu University, Department of Ayurveda (Prasuti Tantra), Varanasi.

Bihar Yoga Bharati / Bihar School of Yoga (Deemed University)

National Institute of Homeopathy, Kolkata

Institute for Holistic Medical Sciences, Kerala.

Kerala Council for Historical Research, Kerala.

The Arya Vaidyasala, Kottakkal, Kerala.

Centre for Women Development Studies, New Delhi.

Indian Institute of Public Health – Gujarat.

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.

Centre for Development Studies, Kerala

Indian Public Health Association

Medico Friend Circle.

Editorial Board Member, *Journal for Social Work & Social Development*.

Department of Women and Child Development, Government of India / National Commission for Women.

Nandini Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on 'Higher education oriented towards employment opportunities for female students with special needs' at the seminar on 'Higher education for persons with special needs – Looking through the Gender Lens' organised by the Xavier's Centre for gender Studies and the Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College on 15 September 2012.

Presented a paper on 'Disabled people's organisations: Assertions and angsts' at the national conference on 'Interrogating disability: Theory and practice' at IDSK from 27 to 29 September 2012.

Presented a paper on 'Supporting sexuality and reproductive rights at community level: Experiences from Bengal' at the Post-Congress workshop on 'Going beyond the taboos in CBR' organised

jointly by AIFO/ITALY in collaboration with WHO/DAR, GLOBAL CBR NETWORK, IDDC & DPI-AP in November 2012.

Presented a paper on 'Challenging gender ideologies through CBR' presented at the CBR World Congress held at Agra from 27 to 29 November 2012.

Presented a paper on 'Gender and disability: Ideology and representation' at the seminar on 'Dignity in disability: Women in focus' organised by Jadavpur University and NIOH on 10 December 2012.

Presented a paper on 'Anxieties of Dis/Ability: Gendered reflections' at the national seminar on Insecurities organised by Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University on 4 March 2013.

M.Phil Supervision

Supervised the M.Phil dissertation of Anwesha Paul of IDSK. [Degree awarded]

Supervising the M.Phil dissertation of Dipparna Jana of IDSK.

Upcoming Research Programme

Planning a study on access to health care services for persons with disabilities.

Publications

Articles

'Bhalo meye: Cultural construction of gender and disability in Bengal' in Renu Adlakha (ed) *Disability Studies in India: Global Discourses, Local Realities* published by Routledge India. 2013.

'Doing feminist ethnography: Exploring lives of disabled women' in *Indian Anthropologist*, Vol. 42 No. 1 2012.

Association with other universities/ research institutes, learned societies, policy making organisations

Teaching Master's degree course and diploma in Applied Sociology in department of Sociology, Jadavpur University.

Engaged in reframing curriculum of Grassroots Level Disability Workers for international agency funded by Miseror Germany.

Executive Committee Member of Disability Activists Forum West Bengal.

Saswata Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Demography

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on 'Can the simplified Heligman-Pollard model mortality schedule be fitted to the grouped data?' at the 2nd Asian Population Association (APA), Bangkok, Thailand on 26-31 August 2012.

Participated in the national conference on 'Inclusive growth: Opportunities for the elderly' organized by UNFPA and Planning Commission at Hotel The Ashok, New Delhi on 19-20 November, 2012.

Presented a paper on 'Health communication and behavioural change: An exploratory study among marginalized communities in rural West Bengal, India' at the conference organized by Indian Association of Study of Population held in Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics, Pune, on 13-15 December 2012.

Presented and participated in the discussion on research proposal "Exploring the 'Underlying Mechanism' of differential utilization of maternal & newborn care services among vulnerable population living in hard to reach areas" in the Protocol Development Workshop organized by the World Health Organization (WHO), Monteux, Switzerland, between 25 and 29, January 2013.

Research Project

Coordinator of a research project on 'Improving health status of women and institutional delivery of public reproductive health services in rural West Bengal (Phase-2)' sponsored by Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Germany.

Upcoming Research Programmes

A research project on 'Exploring the 'Underlying Mechanism' of differential utilization of maternal & newborn care services among vulnerable population living in hard to reach areas' funded by Implementation Research Platform (IRP) of World Health Organization (WHO) as principal investigator.

A research project on 'Post-coital method of contraception: Its usage, processes and vulnerability' funded by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) as principal investigator.

Publishing a volume from the conference papers of the South Asian conference held in 2011 on *Reproductive Morbidity and Treatment Seeking Behaviour: Role of Demographic, Socioeconomic and Cultural Correlates* on 15-16 December, 2011 at the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK).

Publications

Articles/Papers

'Demographic and socioeconomic vulnerability of urban children in India: A distinction between slum and non-slum areas' (jointly with Srimoyee Bose), *Internationales Asienforum*, 43(1-2): 47-59, 2012.

'Ultramodern contraception' re-examined: Cultural dissent, or son preference?'(jointly with Zakir Husain and Mousumi Dutta), *Asian Population Studies*. (forthcoming)

Report

'Improving Health Status of Women and Institutional Delivery of Public Reproductive Health Services (Phase 2)' jointly with Manashi Saha and Subhoranjan Dasgupta, 2012.

Subhanil Chowdhury, Assistant Professor of Economics

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on 'Employment, growth and inequality in India' at the seminar commemorating 40 years of CESP at JNU on 12 December 2012.

Presented a paper on "Empire or imperialism: How do we characterize the current World conjuncture?" at the seminar commemorating Eric Hobsbawm at IDSK, 15 December 2012.

Presented a paper on 'Employment, growth and inequality in India: Some critical issues' at IIM-Calcutta on 16 January 2013.

Gave a talk on 'Hugo Chavez and his legacy' at IDSK on 14 March 2013.

Presented a paper on "FDI in retail trade: Whose benefit?" at the Annual Conference of the Forum for Development Economics at IDSK on 22 March 2013.

M.Phil Supervision

Supervised the MPhil dissertation of Manasi Bera of IDSK, on 'Economic development and migration in West Bengal: Characteristics and pattern (1991-2007)', 2012. [Degree awarded]

Research Projects

Working in a project on 'Migration, Scientific Diasporas and Development Impact of Return Skilled Migration on Development in India' funded by Swiss Network for International Studies.

Working in a project on 'Imperialism in the Current Era: A Study with Special Reference to South Asia' funded by ICSSR.

Upcoming Research Programmes

Planning to work on the persistence of labour reserves in developing countries with special focus on India and China.

Planning to undertake a research project on the agrarian crisis in India with special reference to West Bengal.

Publications

Articles

‘Employment, growth and inequality in India: A critical analysis’ to be published in a book comprising of collection of papers presented in the conference on ‘Macroeconomics of finance and real economy’, held at IDSK on March 2012.

‘Employment in West Bengal: Insights from the latest data’, (jointly with Gorky Chakraborty), *Economic and Political Weekly*. [forthcoming]

Subhoranjan Dasgupta, Professor of Human Sciences

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on ‘The quest for peace in heroic epics’ at a seminar at IDSK on 24 September 2012.

Presented a paper on ‘Partition and forced migration’ at a conference organised by the Calcutta Research Group on 30 September 2012.

M.Phil and Ph.D Supervision

Supervising the M.Phil dissertation of Prajna Paramita Mondal of IDSK

Guiding the Ph.D dissertation of Anwesa Sarkar of Jadavpur University on ‘Poetry and gender’

Research Project

Project manager of a research project on ‘Improving health status of women and institutional delivery of public reproductive health services in rural West Bengal (Phase-2)’ sponsored by Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Germany. The project has been completed in December 2012.

Coordinating the project ‘Revolutionary Democracy – Theory and Practice’ sponsored by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin.

Publications

Articles/Papers

‘Utopia and dystopia in Akhtaruzzaman Elias’ Khowabnama in Barnita Bagchi ed. *The Politics of the Impossible*, Sage, 2012.

‘Tagore’s nationalism’ in Sanjukta Dasgupta and Chinmoy Guha eds. *Tagore at Home in the World*, Sage, December 2012. Another version of the paper on Tagore was included in the collection *A Tribute -150 Years* published by the Tagore Society, Jamshedpur.

Edited Occasional Papers published by the Institute.

Edited the final report of the RLS project.

‘The aesthetic thinking of Rosa Luxemburg’ to be published in the volume *Marxism and Beyond* edited by Amiya Kumar Bagchi

Two texts on the *Creativity of Bonbehari Mukhopadhyay* will be published as Occasional Paper

Editing of a volume on Tagore based on the papers submitted at the international conference on ‘Rabindranath Tagore in the World’ organised by IDSK.

Future plans of organizing seminars/conferences/workshops/training programmes etc.

To organize a conference-cum-workshop programme of the RLS Project on ‘Revolutionary democracy’ in November 2013.

Subrata Mukherjee, Assistant Professor of Economics

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on ‘Information asymmetry and Principal-Agent problem in health care: Evidence from inpatient care utilisation in urban India’ at the 49th annual conference of the Indian Econometric Society held at Patna University, January 9-11, 2013.

Expected Participation in conferences / seminars

Paper has been accepted for the 9th world congress of the International Health Economics Association.

Expected to participate in the second conference of the Indian Health Economics Association to be held in Chennai, May 2013.

M.Phil Supervision

Supervised the MPhil dissertation of Shiney Chakraborty of IDSK on ‘Gender-based wage difference in Indian labour market’. [Submitted in August 2012]

Supervised (along with Saswata Ghosh) the MPhil dissertation of Sarajit Ankura of IDSK on ‘Child immunisation in West Bengal’. [Submitted in August 2012]

Supervising (along with Jean-Frederic Levesque) the dissertation of David Loutfi (Masters Programme, Faculty of Medicine, University of Montreal, Canada), on ‘The differential effects of the presence of an elderly person in a household on factors that affect catastrophic health expenditure’. [To be submitted in mid-2013]

Research Project

Completed a project on 'Evaluation of the Rural Health Care Providers Training Programme' funded by Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, USA.

Upcoming Research Programmes

Completing two research proposals to undertake (depending upon the availability of funds)

Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana in West Bengal

Role of Primary Health Care System in Universal Health Coverage: Potentials and Challenges

Publications

Articles

(jointly with KS Mohindra, Shamshad Khan and CU Thresia) 'Towards the next generation of public health research in India: a call for a health equity lens', *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health* (Online first publication reference no 10.1136/jech-2011-200372) 2012.

(jointly with Jean-Frederic Levesque) 'Morbidity and outpatient care for the elderly in Kerala, South India: Evidence from a national population based survey', *Journal of Population Ageing*, vol. 1, no. 1, published online July 13, 2012.

(jointly J.-F. Levesque, D. Grimard, A. Boivin and S. Mishra) 'Measuring the prevalence of chronic diseases using population surveys by pooling self-reported symptoms, diagnosis and treatments: results from the World Health Survey of 2003 for South Asia', *International Journal of Public Health*, February 23, 2013.

Future plans of organizing seminars/conferences/workshops/training programmes etc.

To organize Capacity Building Workshop for the Young Health Researchers in Social Sciences, currently contemplating a similar programme with longer duration with much broader coverage both in terms of course contents and participants.

To organize a short-course on health research for the research coordinators and officers functioning in the health departments at the districts and state levels.

Association with other universities/ research institutes, learned societies, policy making organisations

Elected Joint Secretary of the Indian Health Economics and Policy Association

Worked as an honorary advisor to Society for Health and Demographic Surveillance.

Taking two sessions in the short-term course on Research Methodology in Social Sciences organized by the Economics Department of Calcutta University, March 19-25, 2013.

Provided academic support to Pratichi Institute in the preparation of the report titled '*Non-Communicable Diseases: A Preview from West Bengal*' for the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal.

Invited to become Honorary Fellow of the Pratichi Institute for a period of two years (2013-14).

Uttam Bhattacharya, Associate Professor of Economics

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences , seminars and Committee meetings

Participated in a workshop on 'Strategic management of IPR: Industry – Innovation research opportunities' organized by the department of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council and Biotech Consortium India Limited (BCIL) on 18 July 2012.

Participated in the international conference on the 'Viswakabi and internationalism: Rabindranath Tagore in the contemporary world' organized by the The Jadavpur Association of International relations, Ministry of Culture, Government of India (Under Tagore Commemoration Grant Scheme (TCGS)).

Presented a paper on 'Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprise (MSME) in West Bengal: A study with respect to innovation, R&D and competitiveness' and also chaired a session on MSME at the UGC sponsored national conference on 'Problems and prospects of MSMEs in India in the era of globalisation' organized by Maharaja Manindra Chandra College, Department of Commerce, University of Calcutta and Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Ahmadabad, Gujarat, 28-29 July 2012.

Presented a paper on 'Education for child labour: Challenges towards rehabilitation, a study in the context of the State of West Bengal' at the Annual International Conference 2012 on 'Comparative Education Society of India (CESI): Education for a changing world' organized by the University of Jammu and CESI, 10-12 October 2012.

Participated in the colloquium on 'Remembering Tapas Mazumdar: A colloquium on discourses across boundaries' organized by Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi on 15 October 2012

Presented a paper on 'Challenges towards food security in India: A study in the context of agricultural productivity and financial capital' at the 72nd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics organized by the Department of Agricultural Economics, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi and Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, Mumbai, 17-19 November 2012.

Attended the Board meeting of the Central Advisory Board on Child Labour (CABCL), Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India at Shramasakti Bhavan, New Delhi on 21 December 2012.

Participated in the round table discussion on the findings of the research project 'Migration, Scientific Diasporas and Development: Impact of Skilled Return Migration on

Development in India' organized by Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi on 4 January 2013.

Participated in the second workshop on 'Economic growth in West Bengal: Human development' at Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, 7-8 January 2013.

Participated in the final round table discussion on the research findings of the project 'Migration, Scientific Diasporas and Development: Impact of Skilled Return Migration on Development in India' organized by Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS), Ecole Polytechnique Federale De Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland, and ILO, Geneva. Switzerland.

Presented a paper on 'Looking North East: Rising prospect of tourism in north east' at Assam University, Silchar organized by the Department of Business Administration, Assam University and Indian Council of social Science Research , New Delhi, 8-9 March 2013.

Participated in the seminar on 'Contemporary Indian economic policies: Deprivation, destitution and debates and FDI in retail trade' organized by Forum for Development Economics, Kolkata and IDSK, 21-22 March 2013.

M.Phil and PhD Supervision

Supervised the M.Phil dissertation of Satabdi Datta (jointly with Jenia Mukherjee) of IDSK on 'Exploring the dynamics in community based water resource management: A study of Mathurapur I and II Blocks of West Bengal', 2013.

Supervised the following PhD dissertations:

- i) Aparna Banerjee: Changing profile of ports and its influence on port towns in India, 1980-2010, Economics Department, University of Calcutta(Associate Supervisor,).
- ii) Kumkum Basak: 'Innovation and patents in Indian firms and organisations- A study with reference to selected areas,1990-2010', Economics Department, University of Calcutta.
- iii) Prasenjit Banerjee: 'Tenancy relations in backward agriculture: A study in West Bengal', Department of Economics, Rabindra Bharati University (Joint Supervisor,)
- iv) Debisree Banerjee: Agriculture, Credit and Insurance : A study with reference to the districts of West Bengal , Department of Master of Business Management, University of Calcutta (Associate Supervisor)

Research Project

Completed the project on 'Migration, Scientific Diasporas and Development Impact of Return Skilled Migration on Development in India' funded by Swiss Network for International Studies, Ecole Polytechnique Federale De Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland and International Labour Organisation (ILO), Geneva, Switzerland in March 2013.

Upcoming Research Programme

Study on the role of the WTO and Sustainable Development issues, small and medium scale enterprises in the context of the West Bengal economy, Study of the Indian Business Houses.

Publications

Articles

‘Challenges towards food security in India: A study in the context of agricultural productivity and financial capital’, (jointly with Debisree Banerjee) *Indian Journal of Agricultural Research*, Vol. 67, No.3, July-September 2012.

‘Valuation of ecosystem services in Indian land- use plans’, (jointly with others) *Indian Journal of Agricultural Research*, Vol. 67, No.3, July- September 2012.

‘Does patent scenario in India indicate growth in innovation? A review of Indian patents’ (jointly with Kumkum Basak), *Journal of Economics, Rabindrabharati University*, Vol. 5, March 2011 (published in October 2012).

‘Agricultural insurance in India’ jointly with Debisree Banerjee) *Journal of Economics, Rabindrabharati University*, Vol. 5, March 2011 (published in October 2012).

Future plan of organising seminars/ conferences/ workshop/ training programmes

Going to be one of the members of the organising committee to organise the International Conference 2013 in Kolkata of the Comparative Education Society of India (CESI) in December, 2013.

Association with other universities/ research institutes, learned societies, policy making organisations

Department of Economics and the Department of Master of Business Management (MBM), University of Calcutta (for Ph.D supervision).

Guest teacher, Department of Economics, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.

M.Phil examiner, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University and Rabindra Bharati University.

Life member, Asiatic Society, Kolkata, Comparative Education Society of India (CESI) and Indian Science Congress.

Member, Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, Mumbai, and the Indian Society of Labour Economics, New Delhi.

Member, Central Advisory Board on Child Labour (CABCL), Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India.

Dipankar Sinha, Honorary Visiting Professor

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences, seminars, workshops

Presented a paper on 'Approaching the network society: Methodological explorations' at the ICSSR-supported Research Methodology Workshop, Department of Sociology, West Bengal State University, 6 April, 2012.

Presented a paper on 'Situating digitization where it belongs' at the national workshop on 'Digitization of identity and its impact on the migrant masses', Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore and Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, 29 June, 2012.

Presented a paper on 'Problematizing 'Multiculturalism' in the Indian polity: A reality check' at the UGC national seminar, Departments of English and Political Science, Women's College-ICCR, Kolkata, 29 August, 2012.

M.Phil and PhD Supervision

Supervising 1 M.Phil dissertation of IDSK and 1 PhD dissertation of University of Calcutta

Publications

Articles

'New technique of governance: E-governance and India's democratic experience' in Ranabir Samaddar and Suhit K. Sen eds., *New Subjects and New Governance in India*, Routledge: London/New York/ New Delhi, 2012.

'Human rights and information society: Problematizing India' in S.S. Bagchi and A. Das eds., *Human Rights in the Third World: Issues and Discourses*, Lexington Books, Lanham, 2013.

'Politics of digitisation: UID as governmental technique' in A. Ghosh ed., *Branding the Migrant: Arguments of Rights, Welfare and Security*, Frontpage: London and Kolkata, 2013.

Reviews

Review of *Political Transition and Development Imperatives in India*, edited by Ranabir Samaddar and Suhit Sen, New Delhi and Abingdon: Routledge, 2012, [*Economic and Political Weekly*, 16 March 2013].

Review of *Challenging Governance Theory: From Networks to Hegemony* by Jonathan S. Davies. Bristol: Polity Press, 2011. [*Political Studies Review*, 11:1, 2013].

Association with other universities/ research institutes, learned societies, policy making organisations

Jadavpur University

Rabindra Bharati University

Administrative Training Institute (West Bengal)

Jadavpur Association of International Relations.

IX Institutional Publications

a. Books:

Universally Loved: Reception of Tagore in North-east India, edited by Indranath Choudhuri, Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies and Progressive Publishers, 2012.

The Politics of the (Im)Possible ed. Barnita Bagchi, Sage, 2012.

Transformation and Development: The Political Economy of Transition in India and China, ed. Amiya Kumar Bagchi and Anthony P.D'Costa, Oxford University Press, 2012.

Forthcoming:

Marxism: Marx and Beyond, eds. Amiya Kumar Bagchi and Amita Chatterjee, Routledge.

Pratyaha: Everyday Lifeworld: Dilemmas, Negotiations and Conflicts, eds. Prasanta Ray and Nandini Ghosh, Primus.

Biodiversity Conservation: Current Approaches, Its Impact on Livelihood of Local People and Future Options with Reference to India, eds. Ajit Banerjee and Bidhan Kanti Das, Concept Publishing Co. Ltd., New Delhi

Money, Finance and Macroeconomics of the Real Economy, eds. Ratan Khasnabis and Indrani Chakraborty

Rabindranath Tagore in the World, eds. Subhoranjan Dasgupta and Sangeeta Datta, Orient Blackswan.

b. Occasional Papers:

No.34 *Disabled Definitions, Impaired Policies: Reflections on Limits of Dominant Concepts of Disability* by Nandini Ghosh, May 2012.

No.35 *Losing Biodiversity, Impoverishing Forest Villagers: Analysing Forest Policies in the Context of Flood Disaster in a National Park of Sub Himalayan Bengal, India* by Bidhan Kanti Das, July 2012.

No.36 *Women Empowerment as Multidimensional Capability Enhancement: An Application of Structural-Equation Modeling* by Joysankar Bhattacharya and Sarmila Banerjee, July 2012.

- No.37 *Medical Education and Emergence of Women Medics in Colonial Bengal* by Sujata Mukherjee, August 2012.
- No.38 *Painted Spectacles: Evidence of the Mughal Paintings for the Correction of Vision* by Ranabir Chakravarti and Tutul Chakravarti, August 2012.
- No.39 *Roots and Ramifications of a Colonial 'Construct': The Wastelands in Assam*, by Gorky Chakraborty, September 2012.
- No.40 *Constructing a "pure" body: The Discourse of Nutrition in Colonial Bengal*, by Ranabir Chakravarti and Krishnendu Ray, November 2012.

X Members of Faculty

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Emeritus Professor of Economics and Director
[till 10.10.2012]
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Assistant Professor of Anthropology
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Coordinator of M.Phil Programme
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Associate Professor of Economics
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Associate Professor of Economics
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Sector, Conflict and Social Movement)

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