

## CV of

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**Academic Qualification:**

1. Ph.D. in Economics, University of California at Riverside, USA, 1995. Dissertation title: “The Concept and Measurement of the Standard of Living”.
2. Master’s in Economics, University of Calcutta in 1983.
3. BSc with Economics (Honours), University of Calcutta in 1981.

**Awards:**

1. CICOPS (Centre for International Cooperation) Scholarship by the University of Pavia, Italy, 2010-11 to spend six weeks at the University.
2. The dissertation fellowship for 1994-95 by the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, USA.
3. Teaching Assistantship by the Department of Economics, University of California, Riverside, USA, 1990-1994

**Areas of Interest:** Welfare economics, microeconomic issues in development economics, human development, health economics, environmental economics, methodology of economics.

**Employment history:**

2013 – present	Director, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India
2004 – present	Professor of Economics, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata
1996 – 2004	Associate Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India
1990 – 1995	Teaching assistant and graduate student, University of California at Riverside, USA.
1985 – 1990	Lecturer in Economics, West Bengal Education Service, India

**Visiting professor:** At Sciences-Po, Paris, in 2007.

**Publication:**

Edited Book: (with Anthony D'Costa) *The land question in India: State, dispossession, and capitalist transition*, Oxford University Press, 2017.

Articles:

1. 'Decentralisation and Health in West Bengal: A study with Reference to Community Health Care Management Initiative' in Pranab Kumar Das (ed) *Decentralisation, Governance and Development: An Indian Perspective*, Orient Blackswan, 2017.
2. 'Living Arrangement and Capability Deprivation of the Disabled in India' in Nandini Ghosh (ed) *Interrogating Disability in India: Theory and Practice*, Springer, 2016.
3. 'Reforming Labour Markets in States: Revisiting the Futility Thesis', *Economic and Political Weekly*, May 16, 2015.
4. 'Elementary Education in India: Disentangling Quantity-Quality and Public-Private', *Journal of Social and Economic Studies*, Vol XXV(1-2), 2015.
5. 'From Passive Beneficiary to Rights Claimant: The Changing Face of the Capability Deprived in India, and the Primacy of Politics' in Sarkar, D. (ed) *Human Rights*, Loreto College and Levant Books, 2014.
6. "Revealed allocation priorities in the budget", *Economic and Political Weekly*, 30 March, 2013
7. "Human Development: How Not to Interpret Change", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol XVI (51), 2011.
8. "Female Work Participation and Gender Differential in Earnings in West Bengal" [with Indrani Chakraborty], *Journal of Quantitative Economics*, Vol 8(2), July, 2010.
9. "Reckoning Inequality in Education in India", in *Development, Equity and Poverty: Essays in Honour of Azizur Rahman Khan*, Macmillan, 2010.
10. "Some Normatively Relevant Aspects of Inter-State and Intra-State Disparities", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol XLIV (26 & 27), 2009, pp 179-184.
11. "In Search of Constitutive Plurality in Development Discourse" in *Contemporary Issues and Ideas in Social Sciences*, August, 2008.
12. "On the Mean of Squared Deprivation Gaps", *Economic Theory*, Vol 34#1, January, 2008 [with Prasanta K. Pattanaik and Yongsheng Xu]
13. "A Critique of the Approach Paper to Eleventh Plan", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLI (31), pp.3346-3350, August 5-11, 2006 [with Amiya Kumar Bagchi and Debdas Banerjee].
14. "The Rhetoric of Disagreement in Reform Debates" in Jos Mooij (ed) *The Politics of Economic Reforms in India*, Sage, New Delhi, 2005.
15. "Kerala's Changing Development Narratives", *Economic and Political Weekly*, February 5, 2005.
16. "Health Care in West Bengal: Confused Policy for Public-Private Partnership", *Economic and Political Weekly*, January 29, 2005.

17. "The Irrelevance of Methodology and the Art of the Possible: Reading Sen and Hirschman" in Ananta Kumar Giri (ed) *Creative Social Research: Rethinking Theories and Methods*, Lexington Books, Maryland, 2004.
18. "Environmental Costs and their Impact on the Net Present Value of a Hydroelectric Project in Kerala, India", *Environment and Development Economics*, Vol 8, 2003 [with V. Santhakumar].
19. "Making Inter-Country Comparison of Life Expectancy Inequality Sensitive", *Social Indicators Research*, Vol. 64, 2003 [with U. S. Mishra].
20. "Health Care in West Bengal: What Is Happening?" *Economic and Political Weekly*, Nov 29 – Dec 5, 2003 [with Subrata Mukherjee].
21. "Issues in Social Indicators, Composite Indices and Inequality", *Economic and Political Weekly*, March 30, 2002.
22. "Human Rights and Human Development" (a review essay on the Human Development Report 2000), *Economic and Political Weekly*, Sept.23, 2000.
23. "Reckoning Improvement in Living Standards across Countries", *Journal of Quantitative Economics*, Vol.14#1, January 1998.
24. "Amartya Sen and Our World of Exaggerated Opposites", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Dec.19, 1998.
25. "On the Possibility of a Weighting System for Functionings", *Indian Economic Review*, Vol.XXXI#2, July-Dec.1996.

***Recent book reviews and other publications:***

1. "Intellectual Tour de Force", review of *Selected Papers of Partha Dasgupta*, Volumes 1 & 2 OUP, *Economic and Political Weekly*, July 27, 2013.
2. "Of Measures and Mismeasures", review of *Poverty, Inequality, and Population* by D. Jayaraj and S. Subramanian in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Oct 1, 2011.
3. Review of *Human Development in south Asia 2007* by The Mahbub ul Haq Development Centre, and *Human Development in the Indian Context: A Socio-Cultural Focus* by Margaret Khalakdina, in *The Book Review*, March, 2009.
4. "On Quality-Equality Trade-off in Health Policy", in *The Soul*, January, 2009.
5. Review of *The Republic of Hunger and Other Essays* by Utsa Patnaik, in *The Book Review*, January, 2008.
6. 'The Primacy of Politics' in *Seminar*, December, 2006.
7. Review of *Pratichi Health Report* in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Feb 11, 2006.
8. Review of *Rationality and Freedom* by Amartya Sen, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, July 2, 2005.
9. Review of *Savage Money* by C.A. Gregory in *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 38,1&2, 2004.

***Recent international conference organized:***

1. Member of the organizing committee of the Annual Conference of Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) to be held in Washington, D.C. on September 10-13, 2015.
2. On *The Return of the Land Question: Dispossession, Livelihoods, and Contestation in India's Capitalist Transition*, in collaboration with the Faculty of Arts and Australia India Institute, University of Melbourne, and Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, 4-6 March, 2014, at IDSK, Kolkata, India. The papers have been prepared for publication in a volume jointly edited by Professor Anthony D'Costa and myself.

***Sponsored research projects:***

1. *Health Inequalities in India and Switzerland: Measurement and Distribution of Well-Being and Vulnerability* (jointly with Simantini Mukhopadhyay, Claudine Burton-Jeangros and Stephane Cullati) under Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme in Social Sciences funded by ICSSR and Swiss Government.
2. *Trade Unions and Collective Bargaining in Urban Labour Market: The Case of West Bengal* sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), 2016.
3. *Investment Requirements for Provision of Core Services and Own Resource Generation by the Panchayats in West Bengal* commissioned by the 4<sup>th</sup> State Finance Commission of West Bengal, 2015.
4. *Teachers Training in West Bengal: Bridging the Supply-Demand Gap*, sponsored by the Department of School Education, Government of West Bengal. [Submitted in February, 2011]
5. *Mid-Term Appraisal of the 11<sup>th</sup> Five year Plan of Tripura*, sponsored by the Planning Commission, Government of India. [Draft report submitted in March, 2010]
6. *MDG-Based Poverty Reduction Strategy for West Bengal*, sponsored by UNDP and Planning Commission, India. [Final report submitted in September, 2009]
7. *Women, Work, Education, and Disparities*, sponsored by Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Berlin. [Completed in December, 2008]
8. *Birbhum District Human Development Report* sponsored by the Development and Planning Department, Government of West Bengal. [Completed in September, 2008]
9. *An Evaluation Study on Advocacy of Safe Motherhood under Community Health Care Monitoring Initiative*, sponsored by the Department of Panchayats and Rural Development, Government of West Bengal [Completed in September, 2007]
10. *Allocation and Utilization of Resources for Social Sector Programmes in Purulia District*, sponsored by UNICEF, Kolkata. [Completed in February, 2007]
11. *An Assessment of In-Service Teachers' Training Programmes in Five Districts of West Bengal*, sponsored by the State Project Office of West Bengal District Primary Education Programme. [Completed in November, 2005]

12. *Poverty Impact Assessment of the Structural Adjustment Loans to Kerala*, sponsored by the Asian Development Bank.
13. *Social and Environmental Costs and Benefits of Puyankutty Hydroelectric Project, Kerala*, sponsored by Kerala State Electricity Board.
14. The financial and economic analyses part of the project on *Coastal and Marine Resources Management and Poverty Reduction in South Asia*, coordinated by IUCN and funded by the Asian Development Bank.
15. Coordinated the team of CDS faculty members preparing *Kerala Human Development Report* sponsored by the UNDP and Indian Planning Commission.

***Teaching and theses supervision:***

1. Teach courses in Alternative Perspectives on Well-Being; Measuring Development; Poverty, Inequality and Human Development for M.Phil. in Development Studies at IDSK.
2. As an Adjunct Professor of Economics at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India, taught a Master's level course in General Equilibrium and Welfare Economics from 2010 through 2012.
3. Teach a Master's level course on General Equilibrium and Welfare Economics at the Department of Economics, University of Calcutta.
4. As a Visiting Professor, taught a course on the India Economy at Sciences-Po, Paris, in May, 2008.
5. Before joined the present position at IDSK in April 2004, had worked at the Centre for Development Studies in Kerala, India, as Associate Fellow from February 1996 to March 2004 (was subsequently offered Fellow position, equivalent to Professor), teaching courses in microeconomics, cost-benefit analysis, economics of the public sector, and development indices for the students of M.Phil. in Applied Economics at CDS affiliated to Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
6. Designed, and taught for three years, a course in Health Economics for students of Master's in Public Health at the Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
7. Resource person from the CDS side (Indian Partner) in the 'Visiting Fellowship Programme: Poverty Focus Research' for senior officers from the Indian Administrative Service. The programme was funded by DFID and managed by the British Council.
8. Taught Refresher Courses for College and University teachers in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.
9. As teaching assistant held discussion sessions on various undergraduate and graduate courses at the University of California at Riverside while doing doctoral research between 1990 and 1995.

10. From 1985 to 1990 taught in Govt. Colleges in West Bengal as Lecturer in Economics, West Bengal Educational Service. In 1996 selected for the post of Professor in West Bengal Senior Educational Service.

***Doctoral theses supervision*** (all awarded)

1. Deepita Chakravarty: *Technological Change, Organization of Work, and Employment Contracts: Emergence of Decentralized Bargaining in the Indian Textiles*, awarded in 2003, by Jawaharlal Nehru University (Centre for Development Studies)
2. Subrata Mukherjee: *Importance of Quality and Price in Choice in Health care: A Study of West Bengal*, awarded in 2006, by Jawaharlal Nehru University (Centre for Development Studies)
3. Simantini Mukhopadhyay: *Aspects of Child Undernutrition in India*, awarded in 2014, by the University of Calcutta.
4. Anjan Raychaudhuri: *Horizontal Inequality: The Concept, Measurement and Determinants*, awarded in 2015, by the University of Calcutta.

***Select conferences and invited lectures***

1. Keynote paper titled “Understanding inequalities in self-reported morbidity in India” at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Seminar of the Indo-Swiss Research Programme in the Social Sciences, University of Lausanne, 9-10 September, 2015.
2. Presented invited paper titled “‘Weak Equity’ and Revealed Allocation Priorities in India’ at the Silver Jubilee Conference on Human Development, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai, 26-28 September, 2013.
3. Invited lecture titled ‘Universal Health Coverage and the Public-Private Mix: From Normative to Positive-Analytic’ at the Workshop on *Universal Health Care* at Azim Premji University, Bangalore, 30 May, 2013.
4. Presented the paper “Social Protection Policies in South Asia” at the Third Ministerial Meeting of the UNESCO Forum of Ministers in Charge of Social Development from South Asia held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, February 20-22, 2011 [The paper was commissioned jointly by UNESCO and ICSSR]
5. Presented paper titled “Inequality in Non-Income Dimensions and Resource Allocation Rules” at the *Annual Conference of Human Development and Capability Association* at Amman, Jordan, September 21-23, 2010.
6. Presented paper titled “Inequality in Non-Income Dimensions” in the Conference on *Employment, Growth, and Poverty Reduction in Developing Countries* in Honor of Professor Azizur Rahman Khan, March 27-28, 2009, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, USA.

7. Invited presentation of paper “Inequality in non-income dimensions and resource allocation rules” at the conference on *Challenges in Human Development in India* at Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, January 24-25, 2009.
8. Presented commissioned paper on “Some normatively relevant aspects of inter-state and intra-state disparities” at the conference on *Inter-state and Intra-state Economic Disparities in India: Implications for the Thirteenth Finance Commission* jointly organized by The 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission and Asian Development Research Institute, Patna, December 13, 2008.
9. Invited presentation on *Capability Comparisons* at the workshop on *Values and Multidimensional Poverty* as part of the Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI) at the Department of International Development, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford on May 19 – June 1, 2007.
10. Invited lecture at the South Asian Water Fellowship Project Staff Training Workshop on Field Research Methodology, at Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies, Dhaka, August 19, 2006.
11. Invited lecture on *Capability and Human Development in Kerala*, as part of the seminar series organized by the Global Equity Initiative at Harvard University, USA. May 13, 2004.
12. 3<sup>rd</sup> *Conference on the Capability Approach: From Sustainable Development to Sustainable Freedom*, 7-9 September, 2003, University of Pavia, Italy.