

## Simantini Mukhopadhyay

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### PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth: 8 July, 1980 Kolkata-700068

Marital Status: Married

Languages Known: English,

Bengali, Hindi

**Currently working as an Assistant Professor in Economics at Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK), India (From December 2014)**

### EDUCATION

- **Ph.D.** in Economics from University of Calcutta in 2015  
Topic: *Aspects of Child Undernutrition in India*  
Supervisor: Professor Achin Chakraborty
- **M.Phil.** in Development Studies (specialization in Economics) from IDSK (2009)  
Topic: *Child Nutrition in India: Its Determinants and Inequality*  
Supervisors: Prof. Achin Chakraborty and Prof. Indrani Chakraborty
- **M.Sc.** in Applied Economics from Presidency College, University of Calcutta (2004),  
Third in First Class
- **B.Sc.**, Honours in Economics from Presidency College, University of Calcutta (2002),  
Fourth in First Class

### SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Scholarship of the Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA)** for presenting a paper at the Human Development and Capability Association Conference on 'Capability and Diversity in a Global Society' to be held at Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo during 1-3 September 2016
- **Scholarship of the Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA)** for presenting a paper at the Human Development and Capability Association Conference on 'Capabilities on the Move: Mobility and Aspirations' held at Georgetown University, Washington D.C. during 10-13 September, 2015
- **Scholarship of the Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA)** for presenting a paper at the 2012 HDCA Conference on 'Human Rights and Human Development' held at Jakarta, Indonesia during 5-7 September
- **UGC Fellowship of the Ph.D. Programme** of Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies, a joint initiative of University of Calcutta and Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, in 2010
- **Panchanan Chakrabarty Memorial Scholarship** in 2008 for excellent performance in the M.Phil Programme, IDSK
- **Order of Merit Certificate**, University of Calcutta for standing Third in aggregate in M.Sc. 2004 in Applied Economics
- **Order of Merit Certificate**, University of Calcutta for standing Fourth in aggregate in B.Sc. (Hons) 2002 in Economics
- **National Scholarship** of the Government of India on the result of B.Sc. (Hons) in Economics Part II Examination

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- ‘Decomposing Nutritional Inequality by Caste and Class: A Quantitative Approach to Reckon Intersectionality’ (jointly with Achin Chakraborty), *Economics Bulletin*, Volume 37, Issue 2, pages 1339-1350, 2017
- ‘Caste-Gender Intersectionalities and the Curious Case of Child Nutrition: A Methodological Exposition’ (jointly with Achin Chakraborty), in Supurna Banerjee and Nandini Ghosh (Eds) *Caste and Gender in Contemporary India : Power, Privilege and Politics* (Routledge), forthcoming.
- ‘Sex differences in the risk profile of hypertension: a cross-sectional study’ (Jointly with Saswata Ghosh and Anamitra Barik), *BMJ Open*, 6:e010085. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2015-010085, 2016
- ‘On the apparent non-significance of sex in child nutrition in India’, *Journal of Biosocial Science*, Cambridge Journals, 48 (2) : 267-282, 2016
- ‘Dynamics of child undernutrition in India: An analysis beyond the Headcount Ratio’, *Economics Bulletin*, 36(1), 2016.
- ‘The Intersection of Gender, Caste and Class Inequalities in Child Nutrition in India’, *Asian Population Studies*, Routledge, 2015
- ‘Do Public Services Reach the Worst Affected Children in Rural India? An Investigation Applying the Quantile Regression Method’, *Child Indicators Research*, Springer, 6(3): 527-546, 2013
- ‘Agriculture-Nutrition Pathways: Recognizing the Obstacles’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, XLVII(16), 79-80, 2012
- ‘Using the Mean of Squared Deprivation Gaps to Measure Undernutrition and Related Socioeconomic Inequalities’, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, Routledge, 12(4):535-556, 2011

## **PAPER PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)**

‘How misleading is self-reported morbidity? Revisiting Sen's 'positional objectivity' (joint paper with Achin Chakraborty)

— Invited to present at the Population Studies Unit, ISI Kolkata in February 2018

‘Caste-Gender Intersectionalities and the Curious Case of Child Nutrition in India: A Methodological Exposition’ (jointly with Achin Chakraborty)

— Presented at the IEA-IGIDR Conference on ‘Social Sector Development in India: Emerging Issues and Policy Perspectives’ held at IGIDR during October 6-7, 2017

‘Inequality in India: Dimensions, Measures, Decomposition’

— Presented (jointly with Achin Chakraborty) at the Workshop on ‘Frontiers of Research in Indian Economy: Emerging Issues, Theoretical Approaches, Data and Methods’ held at IDSK during 19-23 June, 2017

‘Sex Inequality and Intersectional Inequality in Child Nutrition: Evidence from a HDSS Site in West Bengal’

— Presented at 6th West Bengal Growth Conference, Organized jointly by International Growth Center, Centre for West Bengal Economy, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata and Indian statistical Institute, Kolkata during 28-29 December 2016

— Accepted for presentation at The International Health Conference, 2017, held at St. Hugh's College, University of Oxford from 29 June to 1 July.

‘Quantitative Approaches to Reckon Intersectionality: An Application to Health Data’ (jointly with Achin Chakraborty)

- Accepted for presentation at the Human Development and Capability Association Conference to be held at Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo during 1-3 September 2016
- Invited Presentation at Institute of Demographics and Socioeconomics, University of Geneva on 19 May 2016
- Presented at the International Conference on Examining Intersections: Caste/Gender Narratives, IDSK, 8-10 February 2016.
- ‘Intersectional Inequalities in Child Nutrition in India’
  - Invited Presentation at a Seminar in Population Studies Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata on 27 January 2016
- ‘On the Apparent Non-Significance of Gender in Child Undernutrition in India’
  - Presented at the Human Development and Capability Association Conference ‘Capabilities on the Move: Mobility and Aspirations’ held at Georgetown University, Washington D.C., during 10-13 September, 2015
  - Accepted at the 5th Conference of the ISCI (International Society for Child Indicators), University of Cape Town, South Africa, held during 2-4 September 2015.
- ‘Using Economics to Study Child Undernutrition’
  - Invited extension Lecture at Scottish Church College on 25 February 2015
- ‘Measurement and Determinants of Health Status: Child Undernutrition as a Case’
  - Invited presentation at at the International Students’ Meet on Public Health (ISMOPH), 2015 held at Science City, Kolkata on 9 February 2015
- ‘The Intersection of Gender, Caste and Class Inequalities in Child Nutrition in India’
  - Accepted at the 51st Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society, held in Patiala during 12-14 December 2014
- ‘Relative Roles of Private Incomes and Public Facilities in Determining and Equalizing Children’s Capabilities’
  - Presented at the Human Development and Capability Association Conference ‘Human Rights and Human Development’ held at Jakarta, Indonesia during 5-7 September, 2012
  - Presented at the Second Development Meet, organized by Central University of Bihar on 25 March, 2012
- ‘Measuring Child Undernutrition in India and Assessing Socio-Economic Inequality in it using the Mean of Squared Deprivation Gaps’
  - Accepted at the 2010 Human Development and Capability Association Conference ‘Human Rights and Human Development’ held at Amman, Jordan.
  - Presented at the 47th Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society held at Indore, 2011

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Working in a research project ‘Health Inequalities in India and Switzerland: Measurement and Distribution of Well-Being and Vulnerability’ (jointly with AchinChakraborty, Claudine Burton-Jeangros and Stephane Cullati) under Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme in Social Sciences funded by ICSSR and Swiss Government.
- Co-investigator of the project ‘Baseline Survey under Multi-Sectoral Development Programme’ (along with Achin Chakraborty) sponsored by Minority Affairs & Madrasah Education Department, Government of West Bengal
- Worked in a project on Investment requirements for provision of core services and own-resource generation by the Panchayats in West Bengal at IDSK from August 2014

- Jointly authored a report with Prof. Achin Chakraborty on Mid-Term Appraisal of 11th Five Year Plan for Tripura in 2011

## **RESEARCH GUIDANCE**

- Supervising Supervising the Ph.D thesis ‘Aspects of Crime in India’ (jointly with Achin Chakraborty) of Pintu Kabiraj at IDSK
- Supervising the Ph.D thesis ‘Aspects of Efficiency and Equity in Urbanisation’ (as Co-Supervisor, jointly with Achin Chakraborty) of Dibyendu Biswas at IDSK
- Supervising the MPhil dissertation ‘Understanding the Marriage Market in Rural West Bengal : A Study in Birbhum District’ to be submitted by Debashree Paul at IDSK in 2018
- Supervised (Jointly with SaswataGhosh)the MPhil dissertation, *Nutritional Status and Morbidity among Children of 6 to 11 years age in Urban Settings- A Study of North Kolkata*, submitted by MonalisaChakraborty at IDSK in 2017
- Supervised (Jointly with AchinChakraborty) the M.Phil. dissertation *CrimeAgainst Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes in India* submitted by PintuKabiraj at IDSK in 2016

## **RESEARCH ACTIVITIES(SELECTED)**

- Coordinated a week-long Workshop on Quantitative Methods for Researchers in Social Sciences at IDSK (30 January-4 February, 2017)
- Coordinated (jointly with Subrata Mukherjee) a week-long Workshop on Quantitative Methods for Researchers in Social Sciences at IDSK (July 27-31, 2015)

## **WORKING PAPERS**

- ‘How Misleading is Self-Reported Morbidity? Revisiting Sen’s and ‘Positional Objectivity’ (Jointly with AchinChakraborty)
- Sex Inequality and Intersectional Inequality in Child Nutrition: Evidence from a HDSS Site in West Bengal’ (under review, *Economics Bulletin*)

## **REVIEWER**

*British Journal of Nutrition* (Cambridge Journals),*Oxford Development Studies* (Oxford Journals), *Social Indicators Research* (Springer); *Child Indicators Research* (Springer); *Economic and Political Weekly*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)**

- Teaching a course on Quantitative Research Methods in the first semester of M.Phil in Development Studies (IDSK and University of Calcutta) since 2015
- Teaching a course on Poverty Inequality and Well-Being as a part of specialization in Economics for the M.Phil in Development Studies (IDSK and University of Calcutta) since 2014
- Invited to teach a course on Research Methodology as a part of the PhD coursework in the Department of Political Science, Presidency University, September-December 2015
- Invited to take two classes on Quantile Regression for M.Phil and Ph.D. Coursework at the Economics Department of University of Calcutta in 2014 and 2016

- Guest Lecturer at Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (formerly BESU Shibpur) from 2014 till date
- Taught as an Assistant Professor (Full-Time) in Economics (B.Com, Evening) at St. Xavier's College in a leave vacancy from 19 July 2012 to 18 August 2012.
- Took a class on Quantile Regression in the M.Phil./Ph.D. Coursework at the Economics Department, University of Calcutta on 21 February 2014
- Guest Faculty in the Economics Department, Presidency College, Kolkata, December 2004—August 2005

#### **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES (SELECTED)**

- (in Bānglā) 'Prāntojonernā pāoarkathagāyeeselāge', *EiSamay*, 18 December 2015.
- (in Bānglā) 'Swastherhaaalsochoniyatobubishwerbrihattamaganatantraemannirab keno?', *Ei Samay*, 21 July 2014
- (in Bānglā) 'Alapchari': Full page interview of Dr. KaushikBasu, Chief Economist, World Bank, *Ei Samay*, 21 December 2012
- (in Bānglā) 'Shiksharadhikaraain: amadernoitikdayboddhotaobhullecholbena', *Ekdin*, 17 August 2010.

#### **REFERENCES**

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