

# Simantini Mukhopadhyay

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## *Curriculum Vitae*

Currently working as Assistant Professor in Economics, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) (from December 2014)  
CICOPS Fellow, University of Pavia 2020 (Postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic)

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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### **PERSONAL DETAILS**

Born on 8 July 1980

Married, with one daughter

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Calcutta, 2015

M.Phil. in Development Studies, University of Calcutta, 2009

M.Sc. in Applied Economics, Presidency College, University of Calcutta, 2004

B.Sc. in Economics, Presidency College, University of Calcutta, 2002

### **DOCTORAL THESIS**

Title: Aspects of Child Undernutrition in India

Supervisor: Professor Achin Chakraborty

### **AREAS OF INTEREST**

Income Inequality, Inequality in the Non-Income Dimension, Health Economics, Child Health and Undernutrition

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Journal Articles**

1. 'Self-Reported Morbidity and Self-Rated Health among the Elderly in India: Revisiting the Puzzles', Journal of Population Ageing (Springer), <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12062-020-09301-7>, 2020
2. 'Changing Wealth Inequalities in Child Nutrition in Indian States' (jointly with Achin Chakraborty), Economic and Political Weekly, 55(10), 2020
3. 'Human Connection in the Light of Marx's Theory of Alienation and Amartya Sen's Notion of Development as Freedom: An exposition of Franz Kafka's Metamorphosis and Manik Bandyopadhyay's Ekannoborti', International Journal of Social Quality, 9 (2), 2019

4. 'Is the single self-rated health item reliable in India? A construct validity study' (jointly with Stéphane Cullati, Stefan Sieber, Achin Chakraborty and Claudine Burton-Jeangros), *BMJ Global Health*, 3(6):e000856, 2018
5. 'Decomposing Nutritional Inequality by Caste and Class: A Quantitative Approach to Reckon Intersectionality', (jointly with Achin Chakraborty), *Economics Bulletin*, 37(2), 2017
6. 'Sex differences in the risk profile of hypertension: a cross-sectional study', (jointly with Saswata Ghosh and Anamitra Barik), *BMJ Open*, 6:e010085, 2016
7. 'On the apparent non-significance of sex in child nutrition in India', *Journal of Biosocial Science*, Cambridge Journals, 48 (2), 2016
8. 'Dynamics of child undernutrition in India: An analysis beyond the Headcount Ratio', *Economics Bulletin*, 36(1), 2016
9. The Intersection of Gender, Caste and Class Inequalities in Child Nutrition in India, *Asian Population Studies*, Routledge, 11(1), 2015
10. Do Public Services Reach the Worst Affected Children in Rural India? An Investigation Applying the Quantile Regression Method, *Child Indicators Research*, Springer, 6(3), 2013
11. 'Agriculture-Nutrition Pathways: Recognizing the Obstacles', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 47(16), 2012
12. 'Using the Mean of Squared Deprivation Gaps to Measure Undernutrition and Related Socioeconomic Inequalities', *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, Routledge, 12(4), 2011

### **Book Chapters**

1. 'Intergroup Disparities in Growing Economies: India among the BRICS' (jointly with Achin Chakraborty), in B.P. Abraham and P. Ray (Eds) *BRICS: The Quest for Inclusive Growth* (Volume 1 of the Series 'The Political Economy of the BRICS Countries'), World Scientific, 2020
2. 'Caste Gender Intersectionalities and the Curious Case of Child Undernutrition in India: 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, 2018

### **Book Review**

1. Review of the book *Where India Goes: Abandoned Toilets, Stunted Development and the Costs of Caste* by Diane Coffey and Dean Spears, of *Human Development and Capabilities*, 20(4), 2020
2. Review of the book *Health and Well-Being in India: A Quantitative Analysis of Inequality in Outcomes and Opportunities* by Vani Kant Borooah, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, 2019

### **WORKING PAPERS**

1. Abused but 'Not Insulted': Understanding Intersectionality in Symbolic Violence (Jointly with Trisha Chanda, under review, *Feminist Economics*, Routledge)
2. Revisiting gender inequalities in India in times of a pandemic (Jointly with Supurna Banerjee, Revised and resubmitted, *Research in Globalization*, Elsevier)

## **PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)**

1. Paper presented at the conference of Indian Health Economics and Policy Association, Bhubaneswar, India 2020
2. Research Proposal Presented at the Launch Workshop for the SPANDAN Grant funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, IGIDR India, 2020
3. Paper presented at the conference of International Health Economics Association, held in Basel, Switzerland in July 2019
4. Paper presented at the conference of Human Development and Capability Association, held in London, UK, in September 2019
5. Lecture Delivered at the Workshop on 'Frontiers of Research in Indian Economy: Emerging Issues, Theoretical Approaches, Data and Methods' at Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India, 2019
6. Paper presented at the Conference on 'Towards Improving Nutrition Outcomes in India, held at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai India , 2018
7. Paper presented at the National Seminar on 'Addressing the Problems of Inter-State and Inter-District Disparity in India' organized by Asian Development Research Institute, Bihar, India, 2018
8. Invited lecture at a workshop on "Basic Health Economics for Medical Professionals", organized by Indian Public Health Association and Institute of Development Studies Kolkata in Kolkata, India, 2018
9. Invited lecture at the Population Studies Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, 2018
10. Paper presented at the IEA-IGIDR Conference on 'Social Sector Development in India: Emerging Issues and Policy Perspectives' held at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, India during October 6-7, 2017
11. Lecture Delivered at the Workshop on 'Frontiers of Research in Indian Economy: Emerging Issues, Theoretical Approaches, Data and Methods' at Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India, 2017
12. Paper 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, 2016
13. Paper selected for presentation (Could not attend) at The International Health Conference, held at University of Oxford, 2017
14. Paper selected for presentation (Could not attend) at the conference of the Human Development and Capability Association held in Cape Town, South Africa, 2017
15. Invited Lecture at Institute of Demographics and Socioeconomics, University of Geneva, 2016
16. Paper selected for presentation (Could not attend) at the conference of the Human Development and Capability Association held in Tokyo, Japan, 2016
17. Paper presented at the International Conference on Examining Intersections: Caste/Gender Narratives, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India, 2016
18. Invited lecture at the Population Studies Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, 2016
19. Paper Presented at the conference of Indian Health Economics and Policy Association, Kolkata, 2016
20. Paper presented at the conference of the Human Development and Capability Association, held in Washington D.C., USA, 2015

21. Paper selected for presentation (Could not attend) at the Conference of International Society for Child Indicators, held in South Africa, 2015
22. Invited lecture at the International Students' Meet on Public Health (ISMOPH), held in Kolkata, India, 2015
23. Paper presented at the the conference of the Human Development and Capability Association, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, 2012
24. Paper presented at the Second Development Meet, organized by Central University of Bihar, India, 2012
25. Paper presented at the 47th Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society held in Indore, India, 2011
26. Paper selected for presentation (Could not attend) the conference of the Human Development and Capability Association held in Jordan, 2010

### **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

1. Worked in a research project 'Health Inequalities in India and Switzerland: Measurement and Distribution of Well-Being and Vulnerability' (jointly with Achin Chakraborty, Claudine Burton-Jeangros and Stephane Cullati) under Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme in Social Sciences funded by ICSSR and Swiss Government.
2. 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
3. Worked in a project on Investment requirements for provision of core services and own resource generation by the Panchayats in West Bengal at IDSK, 2014

### **RESEARCH GUIDANCE**

1. Supervising the Ph.D thesis of Pintu Kabiraj at IDSK
2. Supervising (as Co-Supervisor, jointly with Achin Chakraborty) the Ph.D thesis of Dibyendu Biswas at IDSK
3. Supervising the M.Phil. dissertation (jointly with Subrata Mukherjee) of Sanchali Das Poddar at IDSK (expected submission in 2020)
4. Supervised the M.Phil. dissertation of Debopriti Bhattacharya at IDSK (submitted in 2019)
5. Supervised the M.Phil. dissertation of Debashree Paul at IDSK (submitted in 2018)
6. Supervised (Jointly with Saswata Ghosh) the M.Phil. dissertation of Monalisa Chakraborty at IDSK (submitted in 2017)
7. Supervised (Jointly with Achin Chakraborty) the M.Phil. dissertation of Pintu Kabiraj at IDSK (submitted in 2016)

### **RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (SELECTED)**

1. Organized jointly with Achin Chakraborty) a Conference on Aspects of Inequality in India at IDSK, 2020
2. Organized as Course Co-Director a Ten Days Research Methodology Course sponsored by ICSSR (Indian Council of Social Science Research) at IDSK, 2019
3. Coordinated a week-long Workshop on Quantitative Methods for Researchers in Social Sciences at IDSK, 2017
4. Coordinated (jointly with Subrata Mukherjee) a week-long Workshop on Quantitative Methods for Researchers in Social Sciences at IDSK, 2015

## **REVIEWER**

*Plos One, Maternal and Child Nutrition (Springer); British Journal of Nutrition (Cambridge Journals); Oxford Development Studies (Oxford Journals); Social Indicators Research (Springer); Child Indicators Research (Springer); Economic and Political Weekly, International Journal of Rural Management, Indian Economic Review*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)**

1. Teaching a course on Quantitative Research Methods in the first semester of M.Phil (also Ph.D. coursework since 2017) in Development Studies (IDSK and University of Calcutta) since 2015
2. Teaching a course on Poverty Inequality and Well-Being as a part of specialization in Economics for M.Phil (also Ph.D. coursework since 2017) in Development Studies (IDSK and University of Calcutta) since 2014
3. 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
4. Guest Lecturer at Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (formerly BESU Shibpur), 2014 -2017

## **SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

1. Cicops Scholarship to visit University of Pavia, Italy for 12 weeks in 2020 (Postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic)
2. SPANDAN Grant supported by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, 2020 for undertaking a study on Intersectional Inequalities in Agriculture-Nutrition Pathways in India
3. Scholarship of the Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) for presenting a paper at the HDCA Conference to be held in London, UK, 2019
4. Partial Funding from International Health Economics Association (IHEA) for presenting a paper at the IHEA World Congress, to be held in Basel, Switzerland, 2019
5. Scholarship of the Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) for presenting a paper at the HDCA Conference held in Tokyo, Japan, 2016
6. Scholarship of the Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) for presenting a paper at the HDCA Conference held in Washington D.C., USA, 2015
7. Scholarship of the Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) for presenting a paper at the HDCA Conference held in Jakarta, Indonesia, 2012
8. UGC (University Grants Commission) Fellowship of the Ph.D. Programme of Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies in 2010
9. Panchanan Chakrabarty Memorial Scholarship in 2008 for excellent performance in the M.Phil Programme, IDSK
10. State Eligibility Test for Lectureship, conducted by West Bengal College Service Commission, 2007
11. Order of Merit Certificate, University of Calcutta for standing Third in aggregate in M.Sc. in Applied Economics, 2004
12. Order of Merit Certificate, University of Calcutta for standing Fourth in aggregate in B.Sc.(Honours) in Economics, 2002