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Curriculum Vitae

Currently working as Assistant Professor in Economics, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) (from December 2014)

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Calcutta, 2015; Thesis: *Aspects of Child Undernutrition in India*

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

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' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Stéphane Cullati, Stefan Sieber, Achin Chakraborty and Claudine Burton-Jeangros, *Journal of Population Ageing* (Springer), 16, 2023
2. 'The Politics of Child Undernutrition Data in India', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Achin Chakraborty, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 58(17): 33-36 2023
3. 'Consumption Shocks in Rural India during the COVID-19 Lockdown', *Economics Bulletin*, **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Forthcoming
4. 'Assessing the Nutritional Status of Rural Labour: The Rising Burden of Overweight', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 57(42), 2022
5. 'Abused but 'Not Insulted': Understanding Intersectionality in Symbolic Violence' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Trisha Chanda, *Indian Journal of Human Development* (Sage), 16(1), 2022
6. 'Changing Wealth Inequalities in Child Nutrition in Indian States' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Achin Chakraborty, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 55(10), 2020
7. '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' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *International Journal of Social Quality*, 9(2), 2019

8. 'Is the single self-rated health item reliable in India? A construct validity study' Stéphane Cullati, **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** Stefan Sieber, Achin Chakraborty and Claudine Burton-Jeangros), *BMJ Global Health*, 3(6):e000856, 2018
9. 'Decomposing Nutritional Inequality by Caste and Class: A Quantitative Approach to Reckon Intersectionality' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Achin Chakraborty, *Economics Bulletin*, Volume 37, Issue 2, pages 1339-1350, 2017
10. 'Sex differences in the risk profile of hypertension: a cross-sectional study' Saswata Ghosh, **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Anamitra Barik, *BMJ Open*, 6:e010085, 2016
11. 'On the apparent non-significance of sex in child nutrition in India' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Journal of Biosocial Science*, Cambridge Journals, 48 (2), 2016
12. 'Dynamics of child undernutrition in India: An analysis beyond the Headcount Ratio', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Economics Bulletin*, 36(1), 2016
13. 'The Intersection of Gender, Caste and Class Inequalities in Child Nutrition in India' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Asian Population Studies*, Routledge, 2015
14. Do Public Services Reach the Worst Affected Children in Rural India? An Investigation Applying the Quantile Regression Method, **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Child Indicators Research*, Springer, 6(3), 2013
15. 'Agriculture-Nutrition Pathways: Recognizing the Obstacles', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 47(16), 2012
16. 'Using the Mean of Squared Deprivation Gaps to Measure Undernutrition and Related Socioeconomic Inequalities', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, Routledge, 12(4), 2011

Edited Book

Revisiting Inequality: Theoretical and Methodological Advances with Empirical Examples from India, Achin Chakraborty and **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Routledge (Forthcoming)

Book Chapters

1. 'Introduction' in *Revisiting Inequality: Theoretical and Methodological Advances with Empirical Examples from India*, Achin Chakraborty and **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** (Eds) *Revisiting Inequality: Theoretical and Methodological Advances with Empirical Examples from India*, Routledge (Forthcoming)
2. 'What explains the skewed progress in reducing child undernutrition in India?' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** in Achin Chakraborty and **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** (Eds) *Revisiting Inequality: Theoretical and Methodological Advances with Empirical Examples from India*, Routledge (Forthcoming)
3. Revisiting Women's Empowerment as an Agriculture-Nutrition Pathway Using the Framework of Intersectionality in India' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, in S. Mahendra Dev, A. Ganesh-Kumar and Vijay Laxmi Pandey (Eds) *Achieving Zero Hunger in India: Challenges and policies* (Springer), 2023.
4. 'Intergroup Disparities in Growing Economies: India among the BRICS' Achin Chakraborty and **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, 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, 2022

5. 'Caste Gender Intersectionalities and the Curious Case of Child Undernutrition in India: A Methodological Exposition' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and 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 *How Lives Change: Palanpur, India and Development Economics* by Himanshu, Peter Lanjouw and Nicholas Stern, *Progress in Development Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/14649934221081958>, 2022
2. Review of the book *Where India Goes: Abandoned Toilets, Stunted Development and the Costs of Caste* by Diane Coffey and Dean Spears, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, 21(4), 2020
3. 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* 20(4), 2019

OTHER WRITINGS

1. 'Confirmation Bias on Overdrive in 'Economic Survey 2020-21' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Achin Chakraborty, *The India Forum*, April 6 2021
2. 'Revisiting gender inequalities in India in times of a pandemic' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Supurna Banerjee, *Special Series on Covid-19*, IDSK, May 2020
3. Regularly writes op-ed articles for the leading Bengali daily *Anandabazar Patrika*

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. 'Using Alienation to Understand the Link Between Work and Capabilities', IDSK Occasional Paper 79, 2023

PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

1. Paper presented at the International Conference on 'Structural Transformation and Indian Labour Market' organised by CPPG, Goa Institute of Management, 2023
2. Paper presented at the conference of Human Development and Capability Association Conference (online), 2023
3. Paper presented at a seminar jointly organized by the Department of Political and Social Science and the Cooperation and Development Network, Master in Cooperation and Development, University of Pavia, 2022
4. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Labour Economics, held at Roorkee, India, 2022
5. Paper presented at the IGIDR-SPANDAN Grants Workshops, held virtually, 2021 and 2022
6. Paper presented at the 2021 iHEA World Congress, held virtually, 2021
7. Paper presented at the conference of Indian Health Economics and Policy Association, Bhubaneshwar, India 2020
8. Paper presented at the conference of International Health Economics Association, held in Basel, Switzerland in July 2019

9. Paper presented at the conference of Human Development and Capability Association, held in London, UK, in September 2019
10. Paper presented at the Conference on 'Towards Improving Nutrition Outcomes in India, held at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai India, 2018
11. 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
12. 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, Mumbai during October 6-7, 2017
13. 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
14. Invited Lecture at Institute of Demographics and Socioeconomics, University of Geneva, 2016
15. Paper presented at the International Conference on Examining Intersections: Caste/Gender Narratives, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India, 2016
16. Paper Presented at the conference of Indian Health Economics and Policy Association, Kolkata, 2016
17. Paper presented at the conference of the Human Development and Capability Association, held in Washington D.C., USA, 2015
18. Paper presented at the conference of held at Jakarta, Indonesia during 5-7 September, 2012
19. Paper presented at the Second Development Meet, organized by Central University of Bihar, India, 2012
20. Paper presented at the 47th Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society held in Indore, India, 2011

RESEARCH PROJECTS

1. Co-Principal Investigator in a project on Dropout trends before and during Covid pandemic in West Bengal (with special reference to girls' dropout) for the School Education Department, Government of West Bengal, 2023
2. Co-Principal Investigator in a project on Early Marriage among Girls in West Bengal: An Investigation through Triangulation of Available Data for the Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal, 2023
3. Co-PI 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, 2015-2017
4. Co-PI 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

RESEARCH GUIDANCE

1. Supervising (as Co-Supervisor, jointly with Anwesha Sengupta) the Ph.D thesis of Sanchari Chakraborty at IDSK
2. Supervising (jointly with Achin Chakraborty) the Ph.D thesis of Pintu Kabiraj at IDSK

3. Supervising (as Co-Supervisor, jointly with Achin Chakraborty) the Ph.D thesis of Dibyendu Biswas at IDSK
4. Supervised (Jointly with Saswata Ghosh) the M.Phil. dissertation of Sanchali Das Podder at IDSK (submitted in 2021)
5. Supervised the M.Phil. dissertation of Debopriti Bhattacharya at IDSK (submitted in 2019)
6. Supervised the M.Phil. dissertation of Debashree Paul at IDSK (submitted in 2018)
7. Supervised (Jointly with Saswata Ghosh) the M.Phil. dissertation of Monalisa Chakraborty at IDSK (submitted in 2017)
8. Supervised (Jointly with Achin Chakraborty) the M.Phil. dissertation of Pintu Kabiraj at IDSK (submitted in 2016)

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (SELECTED)

1. Organized (jointly with Supurna Banerjee) a three-day national conference (virtual) on *Examining Gendered Violence in India* at IDSK, 2021
2. Organized (jointly with Achin Chakraborty) a two-day national conference on *Aspects on Inequality in India*, held at IDSK, 2020
3. Organized as Course Co-Director a Ten Days Research Methodology Course sponsored by ICSSR (Indian Council of Social Science Research) at IDSK, 2019
4. Coordinated a week-long Workshop on Quantitative Methods for Researchers in Social Sciences at IDSK, 2017
5. 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); *International Journal for Equity in Health* (Springer); *Social Indicators Research* (Springer); *Child Indicators Research* (Springer); *Economic and Political Weekly*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

1. Teaching a course on Quantitative Research Methods in the first semester of MPhil (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 for 12 weeks, May-July 2022
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. UGC (University Grants Commission) Fellowship of the Ph.D. Programme of Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies in 2010
4. Panchanan Chakrabarty Memorial Scholarship in 2008 for excellent performance in the M.Phil Programme, IDSK
5. State Eligibility Test for Lectureship, conducted by West Bengal College Service Commission, 2007
6. Order of Merit Certificate, University of Calcutta for standing Third in aggregate in M.Sc. in Applied Economics, 2004
7. Order of Merit Certificate, University of Calcutta for standing Fourth in aggregate in B.Sc. (Honours) in Economics, 2002

REFEREES

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