

# 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, Italy, 2022

### CONTACT DETAILS

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### EDUCATION

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

Doctoral thesis: *Aspects of Child Undernutrition in India* Supervisor: Prof. Achin Chakraborty

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

Health Economics, Economics of Poverty and Inequality, Theoretical Foundations of the  
Capability Approach

### PUBLICATIONS

#### **Journal Articles**

1. 'Quantitative Insights on Dalit Assertion and Caste Violence in India', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Pintu Kabiraj *Economic and Political Weekly*, 60(9), 2025
2. 'Using Alienation to Understand the Link Between Work and Capabilities', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, 25(1), 2024
3. '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
4. 'The Politics of Child Undernutrition Data in India', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Achin Chakraborty *Economic and Political Weekly*, 58(17) 2023
5. 'Consumption Shocks in Rural India during the COVID-19 Lockdown', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Economics Bulletin*, Vol. 42 No. 2 2022
6. 'Assessing the Nutritional Status of Rural Labour: The Rising Burden of Overweight', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** *Economic and Political Weekly*, 57(42), 2022
7. 'Abused but 'Not Insulted': Understanding Intersectionality in Symbolic Violence', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Trisha Chandra, *Indian Journal of Human Development* (Sage), 16(1), 2022
8. 'Changing Wealth Inequalities in Child Nutrition in Indian States' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Achin Chakraborty, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 55(10), 2020

9. '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*, Berghahn Journals, 9 (2), 35-57, 2019
10. '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
11. '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
12. 'Sex differences in the risk profile of hypertension: a cross-sectional study', Saswata Ghosh, **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Anamitra Barik, *BMJ Open*, 6:e010085, 2016
13. 'On the apparent non-significance of sex in child nutrition in India' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Journal of Biosocial Science*, Cambridge Journals, 48 (2), 2016
14. 'Dynamics of child undernutrition in India: An analysis beyond the Headcount Ratio', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Economics Bulletin*, 36(1), 2016
15. 'The Intersection of Gender, Caste and Class Inequalities in Child Nutrition in India' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Asian Population Studies*, Routledge, 2015
16. '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
17. 'Agriculture-Nutrition Pathways: Recognizing the Obstacles' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Economic and Political Weekly*, XLVII(16), 2012
18. '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

1. *Revisiting Inequality: Theoretical and Methodological Advances with Empirical Examples from India* (1st ed.) Achin Chakraborty and **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** (Eds.). Routledge India. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003477938>

### Book Chapters

1. 'Introduction' in *Revisiting Inequality: Theoretical and Methodological Advances with Empirical Examples from India* (1st ed.) Achin Chakraborty and **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** (Eds.). Routledge India. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003477938>
2. 'Unpacking Convergence in Child Undernutrition across the Indian States', in *Revisiting Inequality: Theoretical and Methodological Advances with Empirical Examples from India* (1st ed.) Achin Chakraborty and **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** (Eds.). Routledge India. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003477938>
3. '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 (Forthcoming, 2019)
4. '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

## **Books Reviewed**

1. Review of the book *How Lives Change: Palanpur, India and Development Economics* by Himanshu, Peter Lanjouw and Nicholas Stern, **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Progress in Development Studies*, Forthcoming.
2. Review of the book *Where India Goes: Abandoned Toilets, Stunted Development and the Costs of Caste* by Diane Coffey and Dean Spears, **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, 21(4), pp. 398–399, 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, **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities* 20(4), 490-491, 2019.

## **PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)**

1. Paper presented at the 6th Annual Conference of Aston India Centre for Applied Research: India and the VUCA World, held at Aston University, Birmingham during 1-2 September 2024 (Best Paper Award).
2. Paper presented at the Kerala and the World Economy Conference, at Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, India during March 10 and 11, 2025
3. Paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Labour Conference series organized by the Centre for Public Policy & Governance (CPPG), GIM, India on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023
4. Paper presented at the CECFEE workshop, held on October 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> at Trivandrum, Kerala, India
5. Paper presented at the 62nd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics during 11-13 April 2022 at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee, Uttarakhand, India
6. Paper presented at the IGIDR-SPANDAN Grants Workshops, held virtually, 2021 and 2022
7. Paper presented at the 2021 iHEA World Congress, held virtually, 2021
8. Paper presented at the conference of Indian Health Economics and Policy Association, Bhubaneswar, India 2020
9. 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
10. Paper presented at the conference of Human Development and Capability Association, held in London, UK, 2019
11. Paper presented at the Conference on ‘Towards Improving Nutrition Outcomes in India, held at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai India , 2018
12. 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
13. 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
14. Invited lecture at the Population Studies Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, 2018
15. 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

16. 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
17. 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
18. Paper selected for presentation (Could not attend) at The International Health Conference, held at University of Oxford, 2017
19. Paper selected for presentation (Could not attend) at the conference of the Human Development and Capability Association held in Cape Town, South Africa, 2017
20. Invited Lecture at Institute of Demographics and Socioeconomics, University of Geneva, 2016
21. Paper selected for presentation (Could not attend) at the conference of the Human Development and Capability Association held in Tokyo, Japan, 2016
22. Paper presented at the International Conference on Examining Intersections: Caste/Gender Narratives, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India, 2016
23. Invited lecture at the Population Studies Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, 2016
24. Paper Presented at the conference of Indian Health Economics and Policy Association, Kolkata, 2016
25. Paper presented at the conference of the Human Development and Capability Association, held in Washington D.C., USA, 2015
26. Paper selected for presentation (Could not attend) at the Conference of International Society for Child Indicators, held in South Africa, 2015
27. Invited lecture at the International Students' Meet on Public Health (ISMOPH), held in Kolkata, India, 2015
28. Paper presented at the the conference of the Human Development and Capability Association, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, 2012
29. Paper presented at the Second Development Meet, organized by Central University of Bihar, India, 2012
30. Paper presented at the 47th Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society held in Indore, India, 2011
31. 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. Supervised the M.Phil. dissertation (jointly with Subrata Mukherjee) of Sanchali Das Poddar at IDSK (submitted in 2021)
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 Supurna Banerjee) a Three-day Virtual Conference on Examining Gendered Violence in India, IDSK 2021
2. Organized (jointly with Achin Chakraborty) a Conference on Aspects of Inequality in India 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); *Social Indicators Research* (Springer); *Child Indicators Research* (Springer); *Economic and Political Weekly*

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)**

1. Teaching Research Methodology for PhD Commerce and Ph.D.Mass Communication Scholars, St. Xavier's University Kolkata, 2020 and 2021.
1. Taught 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. Taught 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 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

***Grants to attend Conferences and Awards***

1. Best Paper Award, at the 6th Annual Conference of Aston India Centre for Applied Research: India and the VUCA World, held at Aston University, Birmingham during 1-2 September 2024
2. Full funding, virtual 2021 iHEA World Congress, 2021
3. Scholarship, HDCA Conference, London, UK, 2019
4. Partial Funding, IHEA World Congress held in Basel, Switzerland, 2019
5. Scholarship, HDCA Conference, Washington D.C., USA, 2015
6. Scholarship, HDCA Conference, Jakarta, Indonesia, 2012

**REFERENCES**

1. Achin Chakraborty

Professor and formerly Director

Institute of Development Studies Kolkata

(PhD and MPhil Supervisor)

2. Indrani Chakraborty

HDFC Chair Professor, Institute of Economic Growth and formerly Director

Institute of Development Studies Kolkata

(MPhil Supervisor)

3. Enrica Chiappero-Martinetti

Professor,

University of Pavia, Italy

(Mentor, CICOPS Scholarship)