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I am an economist specializing in agrarian systems and developmental policy. I have 5 years of field based research experience in the most backward districts of the country and have also been involved with the policy formulation and implementation process of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005.

EDUCATION

July 2003 to
July 2008

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
Doctoral thesis in Economics, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences
Degree Awarded on June 18, 2009

Thesis Topic: **“The Political Economy of Backwardness in Agrarian Systems: The Role of Social Groups, States and Markets”**

August 2001 to
July 2003

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
M. Phil. in Economics, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences.
Dissertation Grade: A

Dissertation Topic: **“Evolution of New Trade Theory: Methodological Issues and Some Evidences”**

Research Methodology courses undertaken:
Optimization
Applied Econometrics
Non-linear Dynamics

July 1999 to
May 2001

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
Masters in Economics (with specialization in World Economy)
International Trade and Development Division

Tool Courses undertaken:
Game Theory
Econometrics (Advanced and Applied)
Optimization
Industrial Organization

August 1996 to
May 1999

St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata
B. Sc. With Honours in Economics
Other subjects: Mathematics and Political Science

December 2000

Cleared UGC-NET Examination (for Lecturership)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

January 2009
to January 2010

Course-Coordinator and Lecturer at the School of Development Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD), New Delhi
Developed syllabus, overall course structure, supervised master's level dissertations and administered all grades.

Course taught: Development Economics and Globalization

December 2002
to December
2004

Lecturer at the Department of Business Economics, University of Delhi, New Delhi. Developed syllabus, overall course structure, supervised master's level dissertations and administered all grades.

M. Phil course taught: Econometric Methodology

Masters courses taught:

- Macroeconomic Theory and Policy
- International Trade
- Econometric Methodology
- Statistical Methods
- Module on Game Theory as part of Optimization course

July to
December 2004

Lecturer at the Department of Economics, College of Vocational Studies, University of Delhi, New Delhi (on deputation from the Department of Business Economics, DU). Developed syllabus, overall course structure, supervised master's level dissertations and administered all grades

Bachelor's courses taught:

- Macroeconomic Theory and Policy
- Statistical Methods

July to
November 2002

Guest Faculty at the Institute of Technology and Management, Gurgaon

Course taught: Principles of Economics

FURTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

August 2008 to
July 2010

Associate Fellow, Council for Social Development, New Delhi.

Research projects included constructing statistical indices of social development for the Indian states, Social Audit of PDS in Jharkhand, Impacts of NREGA etc. The Social development Index focuses on the dynamics of interlocked inequalities of caste, class and gender in the Indian context. The index includes dimensions of social exclusion and backwardness.

January 2007

Researcher for International Labour Organisation (ILO), Analysis of 61st round on Employment and Unemployment in India, National Sample Survey Organization under the supervision of Dr. S. Dasgupta, Senior Specialist on Employment and Labour Market Policies, ILO South Asia

May to June
2006

Project Coordinator for the **UNDP**, Ministry of Rural Development and Planning Commission India funded project: "Monitoring and Evaluation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in the states of Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh" The first phase of the project included pilot survey by coordinator and

collection of primary data to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the NREGA in its initial phase of implementation in 8 of the most backward districts across 4 states – Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. The main study was conducted under the auspices of the Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability, New Delhi. It was based on field surveys over the months of May and June 2006, by 70 students from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University and Hyderabad Central University. The survey was conducted under overall guidance of Professor Jean Drèze (Centre for Development Economics, Delhi University and GB Pant Institute of Social Sciences, Allahabad), Professor Jayati Ghosh and Dr. Praveen Jha (both from Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi) and Professor Kamal Chenoy (School of International Studies, JNU). The final report was written by Professor Jayati Ghosh, Dr. Himanshu and me. This was submitted to UNDP, Ministry of Rural Development and Planning Commission in 2006.

November to
December 2005

Researcher on project: ‘Communalism, Class and Human Security’ at Jaipur & New Delhi under Prof. Anuradha Chenoy (JNU) and Dr. Shiv Kumar (Harvard University).

December 2001
to January 2002

Researcher on project funded by the Department of Small Scale Enterprises, Government of India. The project was titled: “Impact of WTO on Indian Small Scale Sector with special focus on hand tool industry” under the supervision of Dr. G.N. Gandhi

July to
September 2001

Researcher for the project: “Tariffs under WTO” funded by the Department of Trade and Commerce, Government of India, under the supervision of Dr. S. Nandi, WTO Cell, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi.

May to
June 2001

Researcher on project: “Funding International Economics of Departments in Developing Countries” under Dr. N.C. Behera

PAPERS PRESENTED

“Developmentalism in a Democracy and the Paradox of Backwardness” Paper presented at Conference on “Experiencing the State: Marginalised People and the Politics of Development” organised by Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, **University of Cambridge, UK**, 12-13 March, 2009.

“The State, Indigenous Societies and the Dynamics of Power: A Case study of Forests, Laws and Crime in the Central Forest Regions of India” Paper presented at British Association of South Asian Studies (BASAS) Conference, **Edinburgh University, Scotland**, 12-13 March, 2009.

“Re-sowing Misery: An analysis of the impending second Green Revolution in India” Paper presented at Conference on “Science, Technology and Medicine in India, 1930-2000: The Problem of Poverty”, organised by Centre for Social Medicine and Community Health, **Jawaharlal Nehru University and Department of History, University of Warwick**, 17th-18th March 2011.

“Modes of extraction in Agrarian Systems” Paper presented at Conference on “Power in Modern India: discourses and practices” organized by **Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University**, 25-27th March 2010.

“India’s Growth fetishism and how it becomes a law and order problem” Paper presented at Economics Department, **Sri Venkateshwara College, Delhi University**,

21st September 2010.

“The Political Economy of Backwardness in Agrarian Systems: case Study of Palamau, Jharkhand” Paper presented at The Character and Trajectory of the Indian Economic Formation in an Era of Globalisation, **University of Delhi, India**, 26th to 28th November 2008.

“The Right to Work and Newer Working Class Struggle: Case Study of the NREGA” Paper presented at National Seminar on Human Rights and the Marginalised: Towards a New Agenda, Organised by the **Council for Social Development, New Delhi**, November 6-7, 2008.

“Faultlines in National Rural Employment Guarantee Act: A Critical Enquiry of the Right Based Approach ” Paper presented at International Seminar on National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in India: Impacts and Implementation Experiences, 16-17 September 2008, Organised by **Institute for Human Development and Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi**.

“Relevance of Unorthodox Economic Theory in Public Policy: A case study of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act” Paper presented at the International Conference on Employment Opportunities and Public Employment Policy in Globalising India, **Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum**, 3-5 April, 2008

“Unorthodox economic theory at work? An analysis of NREGA implementation in India” Paper presented at Conference on Economic opportunity, Financial innovation and Socio-economic development in India and Pakistan at the **Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi**, February 9-10, 2008.

“The relevance of Keynesian economic theory in Public Policy: a case study of the NREGA” Paper presented at **Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, JNU**, November 23, 2007.

“The Right to Work and Working Class Struggle” Paper presented at 47th Annual Conference of The **Indian Society for Labour Economics, New Delhi**, December 15-17, 2005

Presentations made to UNDP, Ministry of Rural Development and Planning Commission on the implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, July-October, 2006.

“Political Economy of Migration and Livelihood Security in the Rural Economy” Paper presented at Economics Department, **Ramjas College, Delhi University**, December 2006.

“Democracy and Development” Public Meeting at **St. Stephen’s College, Delhi University**, January 13 2007.

“The need for an Employment Guarantee” Seminar at **St. Stephen’s College, Delhi University**, August 22, 2006.

“Perspectives on Development” Panel Discussion at **Lady Shri Ram College for Women, Delhi University**, September 20, 2005.

LECTURES DELIVERED

Lecture delivered on “Botanical Battlegrounds: Indigenous Knowledge Systems vs. Intellectual Property Rights”, invited by the **Centre for Advanced Studies, Burdwan University**, 1st October, 2008.

Lecture delivered on “Relevance of Unorthodox Economic Theory in Public Policy: A case study of the NREGA”, invited by **Department of Economics, Burdwan University**, 3rd October’2008.

PUBLICATIONS

“Section III: Social Development Index, India” in Social Development Report 2010, Oxford Publishing House, New Delhi, India, December, 2010.

“Rights in Theory and Practice: A Case study of the NREGA” in Social Development Report 2010, Oxford Publishing House, New Delhi, India, December, 2010.

“The NREGA, the Maoists and the Developmental Woes of the Indian State” (principal author), Economic and Political Weekly, July 10, 2010.

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Participant at the African Programme on Rethinking Development Economics, to be held in 2009 (3-17th Sep), Durban, South Africa, organised by the Department of Trade and Industry of South Africa (the DTI) and the French Development Agency (AFD) with French Institute of South Africa (IFAS).

Participant at The 1st Unidea UniCredit Foundation - University of Florence Summer School on Development on 'Food Security and Famine Prevention in Developing Countries' Civita Castellana (Viterbo), Italy 10-14 July 2006.

Participant at Winter School on Political Economics, 2004 (Dec 27-30), organized by Centre for Development Economics and Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi.

WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED

Conducted a National level Survey Workshop module on BPL 2010 for all states in NIRD, Hyderabad, July, 2010.

Conducted a State level Survey Workshop module on BPL 2010 for Chattisgarh, September, 2010.

Conducted Workshop on Social Audits in Tezpur Central University, March 10-14, 2010.

Conducted a Survey Workshop module of the NREGA for a 70 member survey team in Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, JNU, New Delhi along with Prof. Abhijit Sen, Prof. Jean Drèze, Prof. Jayati Ghosh and Prof. Kamal Mitra Chenoy. May 9-11, 2006.

Training for trainers at Centre for Science and Environment on survey methods with Professor Jean Drèze, to monitor implementation of NREGA held in Delhi, June 2007.

Training for implementation of NREGA and methods of Social Audit held at State Institute of Rural Development, Ranchi with Professor Jean Drèze, May 2007.

LANGUAGES KNOWN

- Proficient in English, Hindi and Bengali.

(Dr. Kaustav Banerjee)