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**Education**

- **Doctorate** from the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University (Oct 2006-Dec 2009)  
**Thesis Title** “An Analysis of Regional Patterns of Poverty across Social Groups in India”. (Degree Awarded, Jan 2010)
- **MPhil:** Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University (2001-2003):  
**Dissertation Topic** –Rural Poor: Who are they and why? A case study of Madhya Pradesh’
- **Masters:** Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University (1999-2001)
- **Bachelors:** Economics (Hons), Delhi University, (1995-1998)

**Employment History**

1. Assistant Professor, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, September 2015 till date.
2. Associate Fellow, **National Council of Applied Economic Research**, Delhi, June 2010- August, 2015
3. Research Associate, **National Centre for Agriculture Economics and Policy Research**, Delhi -1st Jan 2009 to 30 June 2010 [15 months].
4. Research Associate -**International Food Policy Research Institute**, South Asia Office Delhi - 1st March 2005 to 30th Sept 2006 [16 months].
5. Economic Consultant - **Economic Research Foundation**, Delhi From 1st Oct 2003 - Feb 2005 [14 months].
6. Research work for **Ph.D. - JNU**, October 2006 - December 2009

**Taught Courses**

1. Rural Institutions and Development: The Indian Context, Course Number: RD 624
2. Regional Economics and Regionalization, Course Number: RD 624
3. Survey Research Methodology and Field Visit
4. Elementary Statistics, Course Number: RD 617
5. Stratification Economics (Proposed)

**Publications**

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1. (2006) “**Rural poor: who are they and why? A case study of Madhya Pradesh**”. *Journal of Social and Economic Development* 8 (1): 41-66.
2. (With Devesh Roy) (2008) “**Success in High Value Horticultural Export Markets for the Small Farmers: The Case of Mahagrapes in India**”. *World Development journal, Published by Elsevier Ltd. [Volume 36, Issue 10](#), October 2008, Pages 1874–1890, Special Section (pp. 2045-2102).*

3. (With Clare Narrod and Devesh Roy) (2009) **“The role of public-private partnerships and collective action in ensuring smallholder participation in high value fruit and vegetable supply chains,”** in *Food Policy*, [Volume 34, Issue 1](#), February 2009, Pages 8–15.
4. (2010) **“Ethnicity, Caste and Religion: Implications for Poverty Outcomes”**. *Economic and Political Weekly*, *Special Article*, December 18-24, 2010, Vol- XLV No 51. (non refereed)
5. (2011) **“Religious Communities in India: A Development Profile”** in **“Religions and Development”**, IIDS, *Working Paper Series*, Vol. 02, Number 01, 2011. *Forthcoming in Jodhka (Edited) Religion and Development “University of Birmingham and IIDS, New Delhi. (non refereed)*
6. (With Sonalde Desai)(2012) **“Social Inequalities in Education”**. In *“India Infrastructure Report, 2012,”* published by IDFC ltd. (<http://www.idfc.com/>).
7. (With S. Birthal, P. K. Joshi, Devesh Ro) (2012) **“Diversification in Indian agriculture towards high value crops: The role of smallholders”**. *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics* [Volume 61, Issue 1](#), pages 61–91, March 2013.
8. (With Sonalde Desai)(2013) **“Beyond the Great Indian Nutrition Debate”** November 16, 2013 vol- xlvii 18 nos 45 & 46 EPW Economic & Political Weekly
9. Thorat, S., & Dubey, A. (2013). **‘How Inclusive has Growth been in India during 1993/94-2009/10’?**
10. Spears, Dean, and Amit Thorat. **“Caste, purity, and pollution and the puzzle of open defecation in India: Evidence from a novel measure in a nationally-representative survey.”** *Economic Development and Cultural Change* (2015).
11. Desai, Sonalde, and Amit Thorat. **“Social inequalities in education.”** In *India Infrastructure Report 2012*, pp. 82-89. Routledge India, 2016.
12. Thorat, Amit, and Reeve Vanneman. **“Demographic Influences on Poverty Dynamics in India.”** In *2016 Annual Meeting*. PAA, 2016.
13. Barik, Debasis, and Amit Thorat. **“Issues of unequal access to public health in India.”** *Frontiers in public health* 3 (2015): 245.
14. Thorat, A., Vanneman, R., Desai, S., & Dubey, A. (2017). **Escaping and falling into poverty in India today.** *World development*, 93, 413-426.
15. Hathi, Payal, Diane Coffey, Amit Thorat, and Nazar Khalid. **“When women eat last: discrimination at home and women’s mental health.”** *PloS one* 16, no. 3 (2021): e0247065.
16. Hathi, P., Coffey, D., Khalid, N., Khurana, N., & Thorat, A. (2018). **Experiences and Perceptions of Discrimination among Dalits and Muslims.** *Economic & Political Weekly*, 53(42), 15.
17. Coffey, D., Hathi, P., Khurana, N., & Thorat, A. (2018). **Explicit Prejudice.** *Economic & Political Weekly*, 53(1), 47..
18. Duffy, Carl, Cheng Long, M. Satish Kumar, Amit Thorat, and Amaresh Dubey. **“Fast Identification of Interesting Spatial Regions with Applications in Human Development Research.”** In *International Conference on Database and Expert Systems Applications*, pp. 408-416. Springer, Cham, 2018.
19. Thorat, A & Joshi, O. (2019) **The Continuing practice of untouchability in India; patterns and mitigating influences,** *Economic & Political Weekly*, 55(2), 37.
20. Spears, Dean, and Amit Thorat. **“The puzzle of open defecation in rural India: evidence from a novel measure of caste attitudes in a nationally representative survey.”** *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 67, no. 4 (2019): 725-755.
21. Gupta, A., & Thorat, A. (2019). **Why are reserved categories opposing the 13-point roster.** (commentary), Vol. 54, Issue No. 6, *Economic & Political Weekly*.
22. Hathi, Payal, Diane Coffey, Amit Thorat, and Nazar Khalid. **“When women eat last: discrimination at home and women’s mental health.”** *PloS one* 16, no. 3 (2021): e0247065.
23. Coffey, Diane, Payal Hathi, Nazar Khalid, and Amit Thorat. **“Measurement of population mental health: Evidence from a mobile phone survey in India.”** *Health policy and planning* 36, no. 5 (2021): 606-619.
24. Thorat, A., & Aquil, M. (2021). **Historic legacy of untouchability and caste enslavement: A case of reparative justice.** *Journal of Social Inclusion Studies*, 7(2), 107-116.
25. Hathi, Payal, Diane Coffey, and Amit Thorat. **“Interviewer Gender Effects on Social Attitudes and Survey Outcomes in a Mobile-Phone Survey in India.”** In *PAA 2022 Annual Meeting*. PAA, 2022.

26. Thorat, A. (2023). The Persisting Developmental Gap. *Dalits in the New Millennium*, 316.
27. Thorat, A. **The Case for Dalit Reparations.** *Oxford Review of Economic Policy (Forthcoming)*.

### Book:

***Undernutrition and Public Policy in India: Investing in the Future***, (2015) Desai, S.; Haddad, L.; Chopra, D.; Thorat, A.

### **Book chapters:**

1. Desai, S. and Thorat, A., 2016. Social inequalities in education. In *India Infrastructure Report 2012* (pp. 82-89). Routledge India.
2. Thorat, Amit. **'Persisting Gap: A Case for Restitution and Reparations-Amit Thorat, in Dalits in the New Millennium.'**(Edited), Sudha Pai, Shyam Babu, & Rahul Verma, Cambridge University Press. *(Forthcoming)*
3. Thorat, A. (2023). Caste Quotas in India. In *Handbook on Economics of Discrimination and Affirmative Action* (pp. 1-17). Singapore: Springer Nature Singapore.

### Research Projects

1. **Occupational Pattern and Disparities by Social Groups in India - ILO**  
Worked on an ILO report on Occupational patterns and disparities in India, generating results on the distribution of populations belonging to various social groups across ninety nine occupational categories based on the National Sample Survey Organizations (NSSO) National Occupational Classification (NOC), 2011
2. **Regional Pattern of Health indicators across social groups – UNICEF & IIDS**  
Health indicators related to mother and child across social groups analysed at the state level and using NFHS-2 and NFHS-3 data for the purpose of Study of the Dynamics and Processes of Exclusion and Discrimination in Maternal and Child Health Services among Dalits and Minorities.
3. **Poorest Area Civil Society: Identification of Poorest and backward Districts – DFID/PACS-II**  
Identified, ranked and selected districts in seven PACS states for intervention by DFID. Districts were chosen on the basis of the size of ST, SC and Muslims population and development indicators. This analysis was used for the country level planning of PACS II intervention program.
4. **Tracking Change in Rural Poverty in Household and Village Economies in South Asia– NCAP-ICRISAT, Hyderabad and IRRI, Manila, Philippines (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation).**  
Accomplished the task of identification and selection of survey districts in Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha.
5. **Transition to Adulthood in India - Indian Human Development Survey.** National Council of Applied Economic Research, Delhi, 2012 (Currently Involved)
6. **Malnutrition In India** - National Council of Applied Economic Research, Delhi, 2012 and IDS Sussex, U.K. (Currently Involved)
7. **Discrimination in Higher Education in India** – Jawaharlal Nehru Univ., University College London – partners –SOAS and Univ. of Edinburgh.

8. **Social Attitudes Research in India** – A telephonic survey of respondent’s social attitudes and perceptions in U.P, Bihar, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Delhi and Mumbai; Jawaharlal Nehru Univ. and Research in Compassionate Economics (R.I.C.E).
9. **Wealth Inequality in India**- Indian Institute of Dalit Studies and IDRC, Canada.
10. **‘Untouchability and Slavery: Case of Reparation for India’s Untouchables’** – Report for Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung.

#### **Workshops:**

1. **Studying Discrimination & Exclusion: Theories, Methods and Policies**, 11th to 15th September 2023, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. (One of two resource person)
2. **Induction Workshop for Abhijit Sen Rural Internship Programme**, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. (Resource person)
3. **Advanced Panel Data Analysis using Stata**, organised by the Department of Economics Jamia Millia Islamia, 21 May, 2024, New Delhi.

#### **Podcasts**

1. ['Do Indian Still Practice Untouchability'](#)
2. ['Casteism in India vs Racism in the US: a Comparative Approach'](#)

#### **Tedx-Talks**

1. ['Cleanliness is Wealth'](#)