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A. PERSONAL

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CURRENT POSITION	Research Fellow in Economics
DATE OF BIRTH	1st March, 1967
PLACE OF BIRTH	Calcutta, India
MARITAL STATUS	Unmarried
NATIONALITY	Indian

B. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Ph. D (Economics), Jadavpur University, Calcutta, India and Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India December, 2003 (Supervisors: Sugata Marjit, Director and Professor of Economics, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta and Ajitava Raychaudhuri, Professor of Economics, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, India)

Title of dissertation: Power, Democracy and Development: A Study of Inter-regional Disparity in Post-independence India.

M.Phil.(Economics), Jadavpur University, Calcutta, India, 1993 (supervisor: Ajitava Raychaudhuri, Professor of Economics, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, India)
Title of dissertation: A Study of the Integrated Rural Development Programme Experience in the State of West Bengal, India.

M.A. (Economics), Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India, 1990. Specialization: Econometrics and International Economics.

B.A. (Economics), Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India, 1988.

C. AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Public Economics and Political Economics:

State lobbying at the Centre within a federal structure, politics of democracy, politics of redistribution, jurisdiction formation and wealth stratification, disparity in the regions of the Indian sub-continent, lobbying and financial disparity.

Rural Poverty and Development Economics:

Rural agriculture and technology, rural poverty alleviation programmes and their implication in the context of India, trade openness and poverty at the sub-national level in India.

D. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2007: Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, CSH, New Delhi, India.
- 2006: Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Caen, France.
- 2002-2006 : Senior Lecturer in Economics, Bethune College, Calcutta, India.
- 1997-2002: Lecturer, Bidhannagar College, Calcutta, India.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 1994-1997: Researcher, independent project on Credit, Technology Adoption, Tenurial Relations and Marketing in West Bengal Agriculture, Jadavpur University.
- 1992: Participant Observer, Beneficiary Assessment Project in Sericulture, sponsored by the World Bank, conducted by the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta.
- 1991: Research Assistant, Urban Management Programme sponsored by UNDP, UNHCRS and the World Bank, conducted by the University of Birmingham.

TEACHING PORTFOLIO

Undergraduate:

- Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Public Finance, Mathematical Economics, 1997-2002, Bidhannagar College, India.
- Macroeconomics, Development and Political Economics, Indian Economy and India's Economic History under the British Rule, 2002-2005, Bethune College, India.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS/ FELLOWSHIPS

- 2006: Post-doctoral Research Fellowship, Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi, India
- 2005: HERMES Post-doctoral Fellowship, Foundation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH), France.
- 2001: Teacher Fellowship, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, India
- 1994: Junior Research Fellowship (NET), University Grants Commission, New Delhi, India.

E. PUBLICATION

2007

- Distributive Manipulations and Political Stability: A Theoretical Analysis, co-authored by Sugata Marjit, International Review of Economics and Finance, Elsevier (forthcoming).
- State Lobbying at the Center and Discretionary Finance in India: co-authored by Sugata Marjit and Velayoudom Marimotou, Occasional Paper, Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi (forthcoming).

2005

- Political Lobbying and Discretionary Finance in India: An Aspect of Regional Political Influence in a Representative Democracy, co-authored by Sugata Marjit, in the book 'Development, Displacement and Disparity: India in the Last Quarter of the Century' edited by Sugata Marjit and Nirmala Banerjee, Orient Longman Limited, Delhi.

2002

- Political Lobbying and Fiscal Federalism: Case of Industrial Licenses and Letters of Intent, co-authored by Sugata Marjit, Economic and Political Weekly, vol. XXXV11, No. 8, February-March.

1996

- IRDP, Poverty Alleviation and Development: A Comparative Study of West Bengal, India, co-authored by Ajitava Raychaudhuri, Journal of Rural Development, vol.15, No.3, July-September. (This paper has been critically acclaimed and quoted widely in international volumes like 'Indian Development: Selected Regional Perspectives' edited by Jean Drèze and Amartya Sen, Oxford University Press, 1996).

OTHER PUBLICATION

2004

- Introduction to the volume Women's Education and The Politics of Gender co-authored by Jasodhara Bagchi published as part of the celebration of 125th Year of Bethune College published by Bethune College and Basumati Corporation Limited, Kolkata.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

2006-2007

- Stratification and Stable Jurisdiction Formation under Government Intervention (with Nicolas Gravel).
- Political Lobbying and Discretionary Finance: An Empirical Extension (with Sugata Marjit and Velayoudom Marimoutou).
- Political Lobbying and the Distribution of Resources by Development Financial Institutions in India.
- Poverty and Trade Openness in the Post-liberalization Era (with Sugata Marjit).
- Politics of Redistribution (with Sugata Marjit).

F. OTHER ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- Worked as referee for the journal Social Choice and Welfare.
- Extensive Field Research Experience in several villages in the Southern and Western West Bengal, India, 1995-1997 for the project Credit, Technology Adoption, Tenurial Relations and Marketing in West Bengal Agriculture, Jadavpur University. Also experience in anthropological field research (as participant observer) in the villages in northern, western and central West Bengal, 1992 for Beneficiary Assessment Project in Sericulture, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta.
- Resource person in the public hearing on starvation in West Bengal, India, 2005. Field experience regarding food insecurity in the Ayodhya Hills Tracts, Purulia, western West Bengal, 2005.
- Refresher Course on Gender and Sexuality at School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, 2004.
- Knowledge of languages: English (speaking /reading /writing), Bengali (speaking/reading/writing), Hindi (speaking/reading). Basic knowledge of Latin and French.
- Knowledge of computer including several programmes like Stata, M-Fit, SPSS, TSP.
- Lifetime member of the Indian Economic Association.

G. CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/WORKSHOP

2007

- Presented a paper on Fiscal Federalism, State Lobbying and Discretionary Finance in India in the conference Journées d'Economie Publique Louis-André Gérard-Varet # 6, Marseille, France, 14-15 June.
- Presented a paper on Jurisdiction Formation and Government Intervention in the internal seminar series at Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi, India, 24 May.
- Presented a paper on State Lobbying at the Centre in India in the First World Meeting of Public Choice Societies hosted by The Amsterdam School of Economics, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 29 March -1 April.

2006

- Presented a paper on Trade Openness, Poverty and Inequality in India: Literature and Empirics at the sub-national level in the conference 'Indian Economy in the era of Financial Globalization', Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, France, 28-29 September.
- Presented a paper on How Redistributive Politics Works in the Context of a Developing Country: A Dynamic Model, European Public Choice Conference in Turku, Finland 20-23 April.
- Presented a paper on Redistributive Politics: A Static and a Dynamic Model, Centre for Research in Economics and Management, Université de Caen, France, January.

2004

- Presented a paper on Politics of Redistribution: A Theoretical Model, Jadavpur University Annual Conference, Calcutta, India, December.

2003

- Participated and presented a paper on Human Rights Violation in West Bengal: Development and the Consensus Against Justice in the Eastern India Social Science Conference on Tradition, Development and Justice, organized by Indian Council of Social Science Research, Eastern Regional Centre and Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India, June 23-25.

2002

- Presented a paper on IRDP, Poverty Alleviation and Development: A Study of West Bengal, India, Department of Economics, University of Melbourne, Australia, October.
- Presented a paper on Political Lobbying and Discretionary Finance in India: An Aspect of Regional Political Influence in a Representative Democracy, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia September and Jadavpur University, Calcutta, India, August.
- Presented a paper on The Politics of Redistribution, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India, June.

2000

- Presented a paper on Political Lobbying and Discretionary Finance in India, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India, June.

1998

- Presented a paper on What Bars Technology Adoption: A Comparative Study of Two villages in West Bengal, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India, November.

H. REFEREES

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- **Nicolas Gravel**, Professor of Economics, University of Mediterranean, Marseille and GREQAM, Marseille, France, E-mail: nicolas.gravel@univmed.fr, Tel: +33 (0)4 91.14.07.36 mobile: +33 (0)6.70.23.54.04 Fax: +33 (0)4 91.90.02.27
- **Ajitava Raychaudhuri**, Professor of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata-700 032, India. Phone: +91-33-2472-6328 Fax: +91-33- 473-4266, E-mail: ajitaval@vsnl.net
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