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### PRESENT STATUS

- Associate Professor, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, JNU

### OTHER RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

- Visiting Fellow, Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi

### EDUCATION

- 2005** Ph.D. (Awarded, April 2006) at Centre for Economic Studies & Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi  
Thesis title: "Rural Income, Employment and Agricultural Growth: An analysis with disaggregated data"
- 2000** M.Phil. Economics, Centre for Economic Studies & Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.  
Dissertation title: "Changes in Indian Workforce Structure: A Study Using NSS data."
- 1998** M.A. Economics, Centre for Economic Studies & Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- 1996** B.A.(Honours) Economics, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, Delhi

### PAST EXPERIENCE

- November 2007-  
January 2008 C R Parekh Fellow at London School of Economics
- December 2007-  
Visiting Scientist at GREQAM, Marseilles, France
- January 2006-  
January 2008 Fellow at Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi
- February 2008-  
December 2012 Assistant Professor, Centre for Study of Regional Development, JNU
- December 2012-  
December 2014 Assistant Professor, Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies, JNU
- 2008-20014 Visiting Associate Fellow, Asia Research Centre and India Observatory, London School of Economics and Political Science

## AWARDS & HONOURS

- 2008 Selected as ICSSR-DBT Young Researcher to participate in the third Bi-annual meeting of Nobel Prize winners in economic sciences, Lindau, Germany
- 2007 Awarded C R Parikh Fellowship of Asia Research Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2007 Awarded Personnalité d'avenir (emerging personality of the year) by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2006 Awarded Sanjay Thakur Young Economist Award by Indian Society of Labour Economics at the 48th Annual Conference for best paper published.
- 2004 Awarded the FAS Senior Ph.D Scholarship by the Foundation for Agrarian Studies, Bangalore
- 1998 Awarded Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) by the University Grants Commission Qualified National Eligibility Test (NET) for lectureship
- 1990 National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) Scholarship, Government of India
- 1992 11<sup>th</sup> Rank in Regional Mathematical Olympiad, Eastern Region, India

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. **“Rural Wages in India: Recent Trends and Determinants”**, with Sujata Kundu, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, Volume 59, No. 2, April-June 2016, pp 217-244
2. **“Non-farm Diversification, Inequality and Mobility in Palanpur”**, with Bhavna Joshi and Peter Lanjouw, *Economic and Political Weekly*, June 25, 2016, Volume 51, Nos. 26&27, pp 43-51
3. **“Inequality in India”**, SEMINAR, August 2015
4. **“NREGS in Rajasthan: Rationed Funds and their Allocation across Villages”**, with Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay and M R Sharan, *Economic and Political Weekly*, February 7<sup>th</sup> 2015
5. **“In Kind Food Transfers: Impact on Nutrition and Implications for Food Security and Its Costs”** with Abhijit Sen, *Economic and Political Weekly*, November 23, 2013
6. **“In Kind Food Transfers: Impact on Poverty”** with Abhijit Sen, *Economic and Political Weekly*, November 16 2013
7. **“Nonfarm Diversification, Poverty, Economic Mobility, and Income Inequality: A Case Study in Village India”**, with Peter Lanjouw, Rinku Murgai and Nicholas Stern, *Agricultural Economics*, Volume 44, 2013,
8. **“Employment Trends in India: A Re-examination”**, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011

9. **“Are South Indian Farmers Adaptable to Global Change: A case in an Andhra Pradesh Catchment Basin”**, (with Stephanie Aulong, B. Chaudhuri, L Farnier, S Galab, P Reddy and J Guerrin), *Regional Environmental Change*, September 2012, 12(3):423-436
10. **“Why Not a Universal Food Security Legislation”**, (with Abhijit Sen), *Economic and Political Weekly*, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011
11. **“Towards Universal Food Security”**, SEMINAR, January 2011
12. **“Towards New Poverty Lines for India”**, *Economic and Political Weekly*, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010
13. **“Electoral Politics and Manipulation of Statistics”**, *Economic and Political Weekly*, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2009
14. **“World Bank’s New Poverty Estimates: What are These New Poverty Estimates and What Do They Imply”**, *Economic and Political Weekly*, October 25, 2008
15. **“Social Sector Expenditure in Budget 2008-09”**, *Economic and Political Weekly*, April 4, 2008
16. **“Recent Trends in Poverty and Inequality: Some Preliminary Results”**, *Economic and Political Weekly*, February 10, 2007
17. **“Agrarian Crisis and Wage Labour: A Regional Perspective”**, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, Vol. 49, Number 4, September-December, 2006
18. **“Wages in Rural India: Sources, Trends and Comparability”**, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, Vol. 48, Number 2, April-June, 2005
19. **“Poverty and Inequality in India – I”**, with Abhijit Sen, *Economic and Political Weekly*, September, 18, 2004.
20. **“Poverty and Inequality in India –II: Widening Disparities during the 1990s”** with Abhijit Sen, *Economic and Political Weekly*, September, 25, 2004.
21. **“Changes in Workforce Structure among Social Groups in Rural India”**, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, Vol. 46, Number 4, Oct – Dec, 2003,

## BOOKS

- **“A Village And A Country: Development Through Seven Decades Of Palanpur”** Edited book with Nicholas Stern and Peter Lanjouw, Oxford University Press, Forthcoming
- **“The Changing Village in India: Insights from Longitudinal Research”** Edited book with Praveen Jha and Gerry Rodgers, Oxford University Press, 2016

## CHAPTER IN BOOKS

1. **“Introduction”** Jointly with Praveen Jha and Gerry Rodgers, Chapter in “The Changing Village in India: Insights from Longitudinal Research” Ed (Himanshu, Praveen Jha and Gerry Rodgers, Oxford University Press, 2016

2. **“How Lives Change: Six Decades in a North Indian Village”** Jointly with Nicholas Stern, Chapter in “The Changing Village in India: Insights from Longitudinal Research” Ed (Himanshu, Praveen Jha and Gerry Rodgers, Oxford University Press, 2016
3. **“Non-farm Diversification, Inequality and Mobility in Palanpur”** Jointly with Peter Lanjouw, Rinku Murgai and Nicholas Stern, Chapter in “The Changing Village in India: Insights from Longitudinal Research” Ed (Himanshu, Praveen Jha and Gerry Rodgers, Oxford University Press, 2016
4. **“India’s Politics and the Poor”**, Chapter in “What does India Want”, European Council of Foreign Relations, Paris, 2015
5. **“Rural Non-Farm Employment in India: Trends, Patterns and Regional Dimensions”**, Chapter 5 in India Rural Development Report 2013-14, IDFC Foundation, 2015
6. **“Poverty in India: Measurement, Patterns and Determinants”**, jointly with Kunal Sen, in ‘Persistence of Poverty in India’, edited by Nandini Gooptu and Jonathan Parry, Social Science Press, 2015
7. **“Some Aspects of Inequality in India”**, in "India's Human Security: Lost Debates, Forgotten People, Intractable Challenges" edited by Jason Miklian and Ashild Kolas, Routledge, 2013
8. **“Regional Dimensions of Inequality”**, jointly with P M Kulkarni, chapter in ‘India: Social Development Report 2012’, edited by Zoya Hasan and Mushiral Hasan, Oxford University Press, 2013
9. **“Recent Trends in Poverty and Inequality in India”**, chapter in ‘India: Social Development Report 2012’, edited by Zoya Hasan and Mushiral Hasan, Oxford University Press, 2013
10. **“Growth and Redistribution: The Rural Public Employment Programme in India”**, in “Redistribution for Growth? Income Inequality and Demand-Led Growth in Emerging Countries” Conference Volume, Published by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Shanghai
11. **“Poverty and Inequality in India: Getting Closer to the Truth”** with Abhijit Sen, Chapter 14 in “The Great Indian Poverty Debate” (eds.) Angus Deaton and Valerie Kozel, Macmillan India, 2005

#### MONOGRAPHS/OCCASIONAL PAPERS/OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. **“Insights from Long Term Studies of Indian Villages”**, **Ideas for India**, with Praveen Jha and Gerry Rodgers, 23 September 2016 available at [http://www.ideasforindia.in/article.aspx?article\\_id=1691](http://www.ideasforindia.in/article.aspx?article_id=1691)
2. **“Rural Push in Budget 2016-17: Rhetoric versus Reality”**, Economic and Political Weekly, April 16, 2016, Volume 51, No. 16
3. **“Clarification on PDS Leakages”**, Jointly with Jean Dreze, Abhijit Sen and Reetika Khera, Economic and Political Weekly, September 26, 2015, Volume 50, No. 39
4. **“Do Bigha Zameen: Dispossessing the Farmer”**, Geography and You, January-February 2015
5. **“The National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Rajasthan: Rationed funds and their allocation across villages”**, with Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay and M R Sharan, ESID working paper number 35, University of Manchester, January 2015

6. **“National Food Security Act: Work in Progress”**, Yojana, December 2013
7. **“Non-Farm Diversification, Poverty, Economic Mobility and Income Inequality: A Case Study in Village India”** with Peter Lanjouw, Rinku Murgai and Nicholas Stern, Policy Research Working Paper 6451, the World Bank, Washington
8. **“Poverty and Food Security in India”**, ADB Economics Working Paper Series, Number 369, September 2013, Asian Development Bank, Manila
9. **“Cash Versus In-Kind”** with Abhijit Sen, Yojana, February 2013
10. **“India and an Indian Village: 50 Years of Economic Development in Palanpur”** Jointly with Nicholas Stern, ARC Working paper number 43, (2011), London School of Economics and Political Science, London available at <http://www2.lse.ac.uk/asiaResearchCentre/publications/workingPapers.aspx>,
11. **“Non-Farm Diversification and Rural Poverty Decline: A Perspective from Indian Sample Survey and Village Study Data”** Jointly with Peter Lanjouw, Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay and Rinku Murgai, ARC Working paper number 44, (2011), London School of Economics and Political Science, London available at <http://www2.lse.ac.uk/asiaResearchCentre/publications/workingPapers.aspx>
12. **“Poverty, Inequality and Mobility in Palanpur: Some Preliminary Results”**, Jointly with Ishan Bakshi and Camille Dufour, ARC Working paper number 45, 2011, London School of Economics and Political Science, London available at <http://www2.lse.ac.uk/asiaResearchCentre/publications/workingPapers.aspx>
13. **“Tenancy in Palanpur”**, Jointly with Ashish Tyagi, ARC Working paper number 47, 2011, London School of Economics and Political Science, London available at <http://www2.lse.ac.uk/asiaResearchCentre/publications/workingPapers.aspx>
14. **“Change and Continuity: Agriculture in Palanpur”**, Jointly with Ashish Tyagi, ARC Working paper number 48, 2011, London School of Economics and Political Science, London available at <http://www2.lse.ac.uk/asiaResearchCentre/publications/workingPapers.aspx>
15. **“Missing Millennium Goals”**, Book Review of ‘Rethinking Poverty: Report on the World Social Situation 2010’, Economic and Political Weekly, June 12, 2010, Volume 45, No. 24
16. **“Datasets in Indian Economy”** Jointly with Reena Badiani and Siddharth Sharma, *The Concise Oxford Companion to Economics in India*, Oxford University Press, 2010
17. **“Building new perspectives and prospects through stock-taking of national rural employment guarantee scheme: report of a conference”** Indian Journal Of Labour Economics Volume: 52 Issue: 1 Pages: 139-147 Published: Jan 2009
18. **“Employment and wages of Dalits”**, CSH working paper, 2010, available at [http://www.csh-delhi.com/team/downloads/publiperso/Emp\\_wages\\_Dalits\\_himanshu.pdf](http://www.csh-delhi.com/team/downloads/publiperso/Emp_wages_Dalits_himanshu.pdf)
19. **“Employment Trends in India: A Fresh Look at Past Trends and Recent Evidence”** CSH Working paper, 2009, available at [http://www.csh-delhi.com/team/downloads/publiperso/himanshu\\_employment.pdf](http://www.csh-delhi.com/team/downloads/publiperso/himanshu_employment.pdf)

20. “Urban Poverty in India by Size-class of Towns: Level, Trends and Characteristics” CSH working paper, 2008, available at [http://www.csh-delhi.com/team/downloads/publiperso/urban\\_IGIDR\\_paper.pdf](http://www.csh-delhi.com/team/downloads/publiperso/urban_IGIDR_paper.pdf)
21. “Growth, Employment and Poverty Reduction: Post-Reform Indian Experience”, C R Parikh Working Paper, Asia Research Centre working paper number 23, 2009, London School of Economics and Political Science, London available at <http://www2.lse.ac.uk/asiaResearchCentre/publications/workingPapers.aspx>

## TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

- 2014-** Teaching M.Phil/M.A. students at Centre for Economic Studies and Planning  
Courses taught: Agrarian Development (M.Phil), Indian Economic Problems (M.A.)
- 2008-14** Teaching M.Phil Students at Centre for Study of Regional Development since 2008.  
Courses taught: Econometrics, Development Economics, Labour Economics
- 2006-14** Supervised Master Dissertation of Economics Students of Ecole Polytechnique, ENSAEE, Paris School of Economics, Paris and other research institutes and Universities of France.  
Number of students supervised: 10; In 2006 and 2008, dissertations supervised were awarded the best dissertation by Ecole Polytechnique, Paris.
- 2007** Guest lectures for Development Studies students at London School of Economics, Also at University of Hyderabad and Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University

## OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Life member of Indian Society of Labour Economics (Executive Committee member 2008-09)
- Life Member of the Indian Econometric Society
- Referee for Journal of Agrarian Change, Development and Change, Regional and Urban Planning, Economic and Political Weekly, Indian Journal of Labour Economics, Journal of Development Economics
- Seminar Coordinator, Centre for Study of Regional Development, 2008-2012
- Regular Columnist writing fortnightly column “Farm Truths” on agrarian issues, employment and poverty for the daily newspaper MINT, published by Hindustan Times Media since March 2008

## MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 20014-2019** “Social Mobility and Barriers: Patterns of Change and Dynamics of Exclusions in Contemporary India”, UPOE-II project, 2014-2019 with Surinder Jodhka
- 2008-2016** “India’s Economic Revolution: A Perspective from Palanpur” with London School of Economics. This is a project for re-survey of Palanpur village in UP
- 2012-2016** “NOPOOR - Enhancing Knowledge for Renewed Policies against Poverty”, EU Funded Project

<b>2012-2014</b>	“The political Economy Determinants of Policy Implementation: The Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in India” This is joint project with University of Manchester and Institute of Development Studies, Sussex
<b>2008-12</b>	“Socio-economic Assessment of the rural Vulnerability of water users under stressors of global changes in the Hard rock area of South India”, (SHIVA) with Centre de Sciences Humaines, IFP and BRGM
<b>2011-12</b>	“Dimensions of Poverty and Wellbeing in Rain-fed India”, Background paper for Economic Research Unit (Centre for Study of Science Policy, JNU)
<b>2006-12</b>	Joint Research Project of Centre de Sciences Humaines and Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi on Impact of NREGA on labour market.

## **POLICY EXPERIENCE**

2016	Member, Expert Committee on International Comparison Programme, 2017, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India
2016	Member, Group on “Food Inflation Research and Measurement”, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai
2016	Member, Expert Group to study objective criteria for allocation of resources to States and identification and prioritization of beneficiaries under various programmes using SECC, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
2015	Member, Core Group on Right to Food, National Human Rights Commission, India
2014-	Member, Technical Advisory Committee on Statistics of Prices and Cost of Living, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India
2012- 2014	Member, Expert Committee on Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC), Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
2012-	Member, Steering Committee, Survey Programme on the Social and Educational Status of Jats, Indian Council of Social Science and Research and National Commission of Backward Classes
2012	Member, Committee for suggesting a methodology for inclusion of eligible families in the existing BPL list, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
2011-12	Member, Expert Group for monitoring quality of SECC 2011 Data, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
2010-12	Convenor, Core Group to oversee the implementation of pilot survey and BPL Census, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
2010-11	Member, Committee on Price Statistics, National Statistical Commission, Government of India and Chairperson, sub-committee on Integration of CPIU and CPIIW
2009	Background Paper for the Expert Group to Review the Methodology for Estimation of Poverty, Government of India (Tendulkar Committee Report)

- 2009 Background paper for the Expert Group on a Viable and Sustainable System of Pricing of Petroleum Products, Government of India, (Kirit Parekh Committee Report)
- 2008 Background paper for the India Poverty Assessment, World Bank, New Delhi
- 2006 Author, Chapter on Poverty and Inequality for Tripura Human Development Report.
- 2006 Monitoring and Evaluation Survey of NREGA under the auspices of CBGA for Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.
- 2005 Provided Background Research for Public employment programmes for UNDP.

## REFEREES

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