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Date of Birth

- ◆ 24 October, 1970, Kolkata, India

Nationality

- ◆ Indian

Languages

- ◆ **English, Bengali, Hindi**

Teaching Fields

- ◆ **Microeconomic Theory, Game Theory, Information and Incentives, Development Theory**

Research Fields

- ◆ **Information and Incentives, Collective Choice, Applied Microeconomic Theory, Development Economics**

Education

- ◆ **University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada**
 - Ph. D. in Economics, 2000-2006
Thesis Title: *Essays on Information and Collective Choice*
- ◆ **University of Calcutta, Kolkata, WB, India**
 - M. Sc. in Economics, 1992-1994
 - B. Sc. in Economics, 1989-1992

Professional experience

- ◆ **Associate Professor (2009 - till date)**

University of Calcutta, Kolkata, WB, India

- Topics in Game Theory
- Globalization and Development

◆ **Reader (2006 – 2009)**

University of Calcutta, Kolkata, WB, India

- Topics in Game Theory
- Microeconomic Theory I

◆ **Senior Lecturer (2004 –2006)**

University of Calcutta, Kolkata, WB, India

- Microeconomic Theory I
- Topics in Game Theory

◆ **Teaching Assistant (2000 – 2004)**

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

- ECON 600 Microeconomics I
- ECON 601 Microeconomics II
- ECON 442 Issues in Economic Development
- ECON 101 Principles of Microeconomics
- ECON 102 Principles of Macroeconomics

◆ **Lecturer (1998 – 2000)**

University of Calcutta, Kolkata, WB, India

◆ **Lecturer (1995 – 1998)**

Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, WB, India

◆ **Visiting Faculty (Fall 2008)**

University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada

Publications and Presentations

◆ **Publications**

○ Journal Articles

1. *Political Sustainability of Privatization in Reform Economies* (jointly with Atreyee Sinha) forthcoming in **Arthaniti (New Series)**.
2. *Poverty Management and Self Help Groups: Joint Benefit as an Alternative Governance Mechanism* (jointly with Sarmila Banerjee and Sirsendu Mukherjee), **Journal of International Trade and Economic Development**, Vol. 17, No. 1, March 2008.
3. *Foreign Investment, Economic Reforms and Size of the Domestic Market* (jointly with Abhirup Sarkar) (2002), **Arthaniti (New Series)**, Vol. 1, Nos. 1-2.

○ Book Chapters

1. *On the Effects of Trade in Food Grains* (jointly with Abhirup Sarkar) (2005), in **Development and Disparity – India in the Last Quarter of the Twentieth Century**, ed. by N. Banerji and S. Marjit, Orient Longman

2. *Microfinance in India: An Overview* (jointly with Sirsendu Mukherjee), forthcoming in **Changes, Institutions and Identities in Rural India**, edited by Ishita Mukhopadhyay and Elizabetha Basile.

◆ **Completed Papers**

1. *Optimal Voting Rules with Divergent Preferences*
2. *Information Aggregation in Multiround Elections* (jointly with Parikshit Ghosh)
3. *Committee Design with Endogenous Information.*
4. *Income Inequality, Club Formation and the Quality of Public Good: A Developing Country Perspective* (jointly with Sarani Saha and Sarmila Banerjee)

◆ **Work in Progress**

- *Women as Target Group in Microfinance: Economic Efficiency Compromised?*
- *Optimal Group Size under Joint Liability: Theory and Experimental Evidence*

Awards

- Junior Research Fellowship, 1994, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India.
- R H Webster Foundation Fellowship, 2000-01, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.
- University of BC Graduate Fellowship, 2001-02 and 2003-04, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.
- Li Tze Fong Memorial Fellowship, 2002-03, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

References

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