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**Current Position**

Research Officer, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, June 2010 - Present

**Education**

Ph.D. in Economics, Vanderbilt University, USA, 2010

**Dissertation Title:** *Essays in Multidimensional Measurement: Welfare, Poverty, and Robustness*

M.Phil. in Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, 2004

M.Sc. in Economics, University of Calcutta, India, 2002

B.Sc. (Hons.) in Economics, Bidhan Nagar College, University of Calcutta, India, 2000

**Publications**

Alkire, S and S. Seth (2012), Selecting a Targeting Method to Identify BPL Households in India, *Social Indicators Research*, forthcoming.

Foster, J. E., M. McGillivray, and S. Seth (2012), Composite Indices: Rank Robustness, Statistical Association, and Redundancy, *Econometric Reviews*, DOI:10.1080/07474938.2012.690647.

Seth, S. (2011), A Class of Distribution and Association Sensitive Multidimensional Welfare Indices, *Journal of Economic Inequality*, DOI: 10.1007/s10888-011-9210-3.

Seth, S. (2009), Inequality, Interactions, and Human Development, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, Vol. 10 (3), 375-396.

Seth, S. (2009), Collecting capability data on the basis of existing surveys: The case of India, *Maitreyee*, 14, 7-10.

Alkire S. and S. Seth (2008), Determining BPL Status: Some Methodological Improvements, *Indian Journal of Human Development*, 2 (3), 407-424.

Blumstein J., M. Cohen, and S. Seth (2008), Do Government Agencies Respond to Market Pressures? Evidence from Private Prisons, *Virginia Journal of Social Policy and the Law*, 15 (3), 446-477.

**Work in Progress**

Foster J. E., S. Seth, M. Lokshin, and Z. Sajaia (2012), Analysis of Poverty and Inequality (Book), The World Bank, under review.

Alkire S., J. M. Roche, and S. Seth (2011), Sub-national Disparities in Multidimensional Poverty across Developing Countries, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative.

Seth S. (2011), What Determines the Redundancy of Composition of the HDI?

M. E. Santos and S. Seth (2010), The Measurement of Multidimensional Poverty and Inter-temporal Poverty: The Same Toolkit?

Seth S. and G. Yalonetzky (2010), Robustness Tests for Rankings and Multidimensional Association.

Seth S. (2006), Stochastic Dominance Rules for Parametric Families of Distributions.

**Working Papers and Others**

Alkire S., J. M. Roche, M. E. Santos, and S. Seth (2011), Multidimensional Poverty Index 2011: Brief Methodological Note.

Foster, J. E., M. McGillivray, and S. Seth (2008), Rank Robustness of Composite Indicators, *Working Paper 26*, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative.

Alkire S. and S. Seth (2008), Multidimensional Poverty and BPL Measures in India: A comparison of Methods", *Working Paper 15*, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative.

## **Conference and Presentations**

International Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare, Delhi, August 2012 (Scheduled to present)

South Asia in Transition, Oxford University, Oxford, November 2011

Human Development and Capability Association Annual Conference, The Hague, September 2011

Human Development and Capability Association Annual Conference, Jordan, September 2010

31st International Association for Research in Income and Wealth General Conference, St. Gallen, Switzerland, August 2010

International Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare, Moscow, July 2010

Human Development and Capability Association Annual Conference, Lima, September 2009

6th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Minneapolis, May 2009

American Economic Association Meetings, San Francisco, January 2009

Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington D.C., November 2008

Human Development and Capability Association Annual Conference, Delhi, September 2008

International Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare, Montreal, June 2008

## **Other Academic Presentations**

International Conference of the Economics of Ultra Poverty: Causes and Remedies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, March 2012

Southeast Asia (SEA) Seminar, Department of International Development, Oxford University, March, 2012

Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative Lunchtime Seminar Series, Oxford University, Oxford, January 2012

Workshop on Exploring and Exploiting Quality of Life Complexity: Epistemological, Methodological and Statistical Issues, Italian Association for Quality of Life Studies (AIQUAV), Florence, September 2011

Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative Lunchtime Seminar Series, Oxford University, Oxford, October 2011

Administrative Training Institute, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata, August, 2011

Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative Lunchtime Seminar Series, Oxford University, Oxford, May 2011

Chair of Development Economics, University of Göttingen, Germany, November 2010

Workshop on Measuring Well-being and Progress of Societies, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA), Beirut, November 2010

Workshop on the Multidimensional Measurement of Wellbeing and Applications to Related Issues, George Washington University and UNDP, Washington D.C., May 2010

Social Science Dissertation Fellowship Presentation, Vanderbilt University, April 2010

Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative Lunchtime Seminar Series (invited), Oxford University, May 2009

Graduate Research Day, Vanderbilt University, March 2009

Inequality and Human Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP, Vanderbilt University, January 2009

Brown-Bag Seminar, Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP, New York, November 2008

Workshop on Weighting in Multidimensional Poverty Measures, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, Oxford University, May 2008

Graduate Research Day, Vanderbilt University, March 2008

Graduate Research Day, Vanderbilt University, March 2006

## **Research Experience**

Consultant, The Development Research Group (DECRG), World Bank, 2011 and 2012  
Consultant to Human Development Report for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP, Fall 2008  
Researcher, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI), Summer 2008 - Present  
Research Assistant to Professor James E. Foster, Department of Economics, Spring 2008  
Research Assistant to Professor Mark Cohen, Owen School of Management, Summers 2005 and 2006

## **Grants, Fellowships, Honors, and Awards**

European Union Funded Project: NOPOOR, (Jointly with Dr. Sugata Bag, DSE), Exploring the dimensions and dynamics of Indian urban poverty, Centre for Development Economics (CDE), Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, 2012-2016  
Social Science Dissertation Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2009-2010  
Wiebke Kuklys Prize 2008 for the best paper presented by a graduate student, Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) Annual Conference, 2008  
Kirk Dornbush Summer Research Award, Vanderbilt Department of Economics, Summer 2007  
Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2004-2009

## **Professional Activities and Membership**

### Referee

Canadian Journal of Economics, Frontiers of Economics in China, Journal of Human Development and Capabilities, Review of Income and Wealth

### Reviewer

National Science Foundation Grant Proposal

### Discussant

Workshop on Multidimensional Poverty, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, Oxford University, June 2010 (Scheduled)  
6th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Minneapolis, May 2009  
Workshop on the Robustness of Welfare Comparisons, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, Oxford University, May 2008

### Membership

American Economic Association  
Human Development and Capability Association  
Society of Social Choice and Welfare

## **Teaching Experience**

### Training courses on Multidimensional Poverty

Columbia Global Centers | Middle East - Columbia University, Jordan, February 2012

### HDCA Summer School

Summer 2008, New Delhi, India; Summer 2009, Lima, Peru; Summer 2010, Amman, Jordan, Summer 2011, Delft, Netherlands

### Human Development Course on “Concepts, Measurement and Policy Implications”, March 2011

The Gender Inequality Index alongside alternative Gender Measures: Pros & Cons and the debate

### Instructor, Vanderbilt University

Principles of Microeconomics, Summer 2008 and 2009

### Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University

Inequality and Distribution; Public Finance: 2009

Microeconomic Theory (Master’s program); Development Economics (Master’s program);

Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory: 2007

Development Economics; Intermediate Microeconomic Theory; Urban Economics: 2006

Macroeconomic Theory (Doctoral program): 2005