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Research Area: Agricultural Economics, Labour Economics, Political Economy

MPhil Topic: *Pricing Policy and Structure of the Petroleum Sector in Contemporary India: An Analysis*

PhD Topic: *Agricultural Value Networks in Contemporary India: A Comparative Study of Paddy in Punjab and Bihar*

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Period	Degree	Department/University
2015- 2020	PhD (Economics)	Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
2013- 2015	MPhil (Economics)	Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
2011-2013	M.A. (Economics)	Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

AWARDS

- ✓ The Samir Amin Young Scholars' Award, 2020 by *Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy*.
- ✓ Visiting Research Fellow at International Centre for Development and Decent Work (ICDD), funded by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), University of Kassel, Germany (February 2019 – March 2019)
- ✓ Fellow at Agrarian Studies Training Institute (ASTI), Sam Moyo African Institute of Agrarian Studies (SMAIAS), Harare, Zimbabwe (November 2018)
- ✓ Erasmus+ Scholar at Global and European Studies Institute, Leipzig University, Germany (October 2016 – March 2017)

Publications

- ✓ Winners and Losers of India's Mutating Petroleum Policies, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 52, Issue No. 28, 15 Jul, 2017.
- ✓ India's Rice Export: What's there in it for farmers?, in *Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy*, SAGE Journals, vol. 8, issue. 1-2, August 2019
- ✓ COVID-19 and the Public Health System in Bihar, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 55, Issue No. 16, 18 Apr, 2020. (Co-authored with Avinash Kumar)
- ✓ Marginalised Migrants and Bihar as an Area of Origin, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 55, Issue No. 23, 13 June, 2020. (Co-authored with Avinash Kumar)

- ✓ COVID-19 Lockdown: Impact on Agriculture and Rural Economy, in *Social Scientist*, Vol. 48, Nos. 3–6, March–June 2020. (Co-authored with Vikas Rawal, Ankur Verma and Jesim Pais)
- ✓ Labour in India and the COVID-19 Pandemic, in *The Indian Economic Journal*, DOI: 10.1177/0019466220983494. (Co-authored with Praveen Jha)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

May 2018 to July 2018	FAO funded Project at ICDD: Research Report on Constraints and Opportunities for Upgrading in the Rice Agricultural Value Chains in India
Monsoon Semester 2019	Guest Faculty at Delhi Technological University (DTU), formerly Delhi College of Engineering.
Winter Semester 2019	Adjunct Faculty at Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD).
April 2019 to June 2020	Senior Research Associate, Society for Social and Economic Research, New Delhi
July 2020 to Nov 2020	Post-doctoral Fellow, University of Kassel, Germany.

Presentations

- ✓ Presented Paper titled “Strangleholds of Sugar Industry: A Comparative Study of Two Major Sugar Producing States in India” in African Institute of Agrarian Studies-Conference, Harare, Zimbabwe, in January 2015.
- ✓ Presented Paper titled “Persistence Crisis of Peasantry in Contemporary India” in African Institute of Agrarian Studies -Conference, Harare, Zimbabwe, in January 2016.
- ✓ Presented Paper titled “Neo-Liberal Economic Reform and Informality: A Study of Indian Petroleum Industry” in Sam Moyo African Institute of Agrarian Studies -Conference, Harare, Zimbabwe, in January 2017.
- ✓ Presented Paper titled “Workers in the Paddy Value Networks of Punjab and Bihar” in Global Labour University Conference at JNU, New Delhi in October 2017.
- ✓ Presented Paper titled “Paddy Value Networks: The Dynamics of Economic Upgrading and Rice Export from India” in Sam Moyo African Institute of Agrarian Studies -Conference, Harare, Zimbabwe, in January 2018
- ✓ Presented Paper titled “Agricultural Value Networks: An Exploration of Some Conceptual Challenges” in Sam Moyo Memorial Conference, JNU, New Delhi, India, in February 2018
- ✓ Presented Paper titled “Rice Value Chains in India: An Analysis of the Constraints and Opportunities for Economic and Social Upgrading” in Global Labour University Conference at UNICAMP, Campinas, Brazil, in August 2018.
- ✓ Presented Paper titled “Asymmetries of Power and their Distributional Implications: A Study of India’s Rice Value Systems” in Sam Moyo African Institute of Agrarian Studies -Conference, Harare, Zimbabwe, in January 2019.
- ✓ Presented Paper titled “‘Social Contradictions’ and the Workforce: A Critical Review of Indian Economy” in Sam Moyo African Institute of Agrarian Studies -Conference, Harare, Zimbabwe, in January 2020.