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## Education

PhD, Boston University, 1998.

MA, Delhi School of Economics, 1992.

BSc (Hons) in economics, Presidency College, Calcutta University, 1990.

Higher Secondary Certificate, South Point High School, 1987.

## Positions Held

Professor, Delhi School of Economics, 2019 – present.

[Editor-in-Chief, \*Ideas for India\*](#), 2022 – present.

Associate Professor, Delhi School of Economics, 2008 – 2019.

Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia, 1999 – 2006.

Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University, 1997 – 1999.

Visiting Professor, Koc University, May-June, 2014.

Visiting Professor, CEMIS, University of Goettingen, May-June, 2013-14.

Visiting Professor, Indian School of Business, May-June, 2010.

Visiting Professor, University of British Columbia, May-June, 2007, 2008, 2009.

Visiting Scientist, Indian Statistical Institute (Delhi), 2006 – 2008.

Visiting Assistant Professor, New York University, 2003 – 2004.

## Publications

[“The Social Equilibrium of Relational Arrangements”](#) (with Debraj Ray). *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 2023, 179 (3-4): 579-615.

“Integration without Coordination: Revisiting Globalisation in the Light of the Pandemic” (with Vaibhav Ojha) in Mousumi Dutta, Zakir Husain and Anup Kumar Sinha (eds), *The Impact of Covid-19 on India and the Global Order*, 2022, Springer.

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“Developing Economic Herd Immunity in the Face of A Pandemic” in Rajib Bhattacharya, Ananya Ghosh Dastidar and Soumyen Sikdar (eds), *The Covid-19 Pandemic, India and the World: Economic and Social Policy Perspectives*, 2021, Routledge.

[“A Sovereign Fund for India”](#) (with Debraj Ray) in Kaushik Basu et al. (eds) *Development, Distribution and Markets*, 2021, Oxford University Press.

[“Predictions, Role of interventions and Effects of a Historic national Lockdown in India’s Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Data Science Call to Arms.”](#) (with Bhramar Mukherjee et al.). *Harvard Data Science Review* 2020, no. Suppl 1 (2020).

[“Expert Captured Democracies”](#) (with Archishman Chakraborty and Jaideep Ray). *American Economic Review*, 2020, 110(6): 1713-51.

[“Character Endorsements and Electoral Competition”](#) (with Archishman Chakraborty). *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, 2016, 8(2): 277-310.

[“Information and Enforcement in Informal Credit Markets”](#) (with Debraj Ray). *Economica*, 2016, 83(329): 59-90.

[“Growth in the Time of UPA: Myths and Reality”](#) (with Maitreesh Ghatak and Ashok Kotwal). *Economic & Political Weekly*, 2014, 49(16): 34-43.

[“The Land Acquisition Bill: A Critique and a Proposal”](#) (with Maitreesh Ghatak). *Economic and Political Weekly*, 2011, 46(41): 65-72.

[“Price Discrimination As Portfolio Diversification.”](#) *Economics Bulletin*, 2008, 4(5): 1-9.

[“Factor Market Imperfections in Poor Agrarian Economies”](#) (with Ashok Kotwal) in *International Handbook of Development Economics*, 2008: 435-451.

[“A Location Based Theory of Franchising”](#) (with Ananish Chaudhuri and Chester Spell). *The Journal of Business and Economic Studies*, 2001, 7(1): 54-67.

[“Credit Rationing in Developing Countries: An Overview of the Theory”](#) (with Dilip Mookherjee and Debraj Ray) in *Readings in the Theory of Economic Development*, 2000: 383-401.

[“Cooperation in Community Interaction without Information Flows”](#) (with Debraj Ray). *Review of Economic Studies*, 1996, 63(3): 491-519.

### **Working Papers**

“Political Correctness in Committees” (with Ankush Garg), 2023.

[“Intra-Household Conflict and Female Labour Force Participation,”](#) (with Naveen Thomas), 2022.

“Fluctuating Fortunes and Persistent Policies: A Dynamic Theory of Political Failure” (with Rohini Somanathan), 2020.

[“Information Transmission Among Unequal Individuals within Households,”](#) (with P. P. Krishnapriya), 2017.

[“Improving Urban Air Quality in India: Lessons from the Kolkata Clean Air Regulations of 2009”](#) (with Rohini Somanathan), IGC technical report, 2013.

[“Making the Punishment Fit the Crime or Taliban Justice? Optimal Penalties Without Commitment,”](#) 2007.

[“Efficient Equilibria and Information Aggregation in Common Interest Voting Games,”](#) (with Archishman Chakraborty), 2003.

[“Electoral Competition, Moderating Institutions and Political Extremism,”](#) 1999.

[“On the Coexistence of Share, Rent and Wage Contracts in a Rural Economy,”](#) No. 58. Boston University, Institute for Economic Development, 1995.

### **Non-Technical Articles**

[“Going Green while Being in the Red,”](#) *Ideas for India*, May 1, 2024.

[“Robert Solow and the Wealth of Nations,”](#) *Ideas for India*, January 3, 2024.

[“Doing Our Bidding: Auctions and the Greater Common Good,”](#) *Ideas for India*, October 27, 2020.

[“It’s Not the economy, Stupid!”](#) medium.com, April 17, 2020.

[“We Need A Marshall Plan To Fight Covid-19,”](#) *Ideas for India*, April 8, 2020.

[“Randomized Control Trials: Random Revolutionaries and Counter-Revolutionaries,”](#) *Economic Times Blogs*, November 1, 2019.

[“Demonetisation Hasn’t Sealed BJP’s Fate But Raised Stakes,”](#) *The Quint*, May 26, 2017.

[“Modi’s big Cash Withdrawal: Too Much Strain with Very Little Gain,”](#) *The Quint*, November 10, 2016.

[“Brexit Shows Need to Address Rising Discontent in the Modern Era of Inequality.”](#) *The Wire*, July 18, 2016.

[“Life After Brexit: What Awaits Britain in its Splendid Isolation,”](#) *The Quint*, June 25, 2016.

[“Missing the Target: NDA’s Not-So-Rosy Report Card on Social Policy,”](#) *The Quint*, May 31, 2016.

[“John Nash and Modern Economic Theory,”](#) *Ideas for India*, June 4, 2015.

[“Yes, A Land Acquisition Act Can Address Both Justice and Prosperity,”](#) (with Maitreesh Ghatak), *The Wire*, June 1, 2015.

[“Empower, Don’t Patronise, the Farmer.”](#) (with Maitreesh Ghatak), *Indian Express*, March 30, 2015.

[“Winnowing Fact from Rhetoric: A Look at What Figures Tell of UPA’s Regime.”](#) (with Maitreesh Ghatak and Ashok Kotwal), *The Economic Times*, April 15, 2014.

[“Growth is Not A Victim of UPA, It is the Other Way Round,”](#) (with Maitreesh Ghatak), *Hindustan Times*, April 3, 2014.

[“India’s Illiberal Speech Climate.”](#) *Ideas for India*, March 5, 2014.

[“The Land Acquisition Act is Deeply Flawed.”](#) (with Maitreesh Ghatak), *Ideas for India*, October 23, 2013.

[“Land Acquisition: Is There A Way Out?”](#) (with Maitreesh Ghatak), *Ideas for India*, July 16, 2012.

[“Land On One’s Square Feet,”](#) (with Maitreesh Ghatak), *Hindustan Times*, September 21, 2011.

### **Seminars and Conferences**

Birmingham, Boston, British Columbia, Brown, University of Calcutta, Centre for Studies in the Social Sciences, Goettingen, IIM (Calcutta), IIM (Bangalore), Indian School of Business, Iowa, ISI (Calcutta), ISI (Delhi), Jadavpur, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Mumbai, NYU, Presidency, Rice, Rochester, Southern Methodist, Stanford, Texas A&M, Texas at Austin, Toronto, UCL, UCLA.

American Economic Association Meetings, Association of Public Economic Theory Workshop on Political Economy, Canadian Economic Association Meetings, Canadian Theory Meetings, Econometric Society World Congress, IGC workshop (Delhi and Bihar), ISI (Delhi) Annual Conference, Jadavpur University Annual Conference, JNU-NIPFP Annual Conference, NEUDC, SERI Annual Workshop, ThrED, Winter School DSE.

## **Student Supervision**

Sukanta Bhattacharya, PhD UBC (Principal supervisor, completed)  
Matthew Doyle, PhD UBC (Co-supervisor, completed)  
Smriti Sharma, PhD DSE (Co-supervisor, completed)  
Krishnapriya, P. P., PhD DSE (Co-supervisor, completed)  
Archana Dang, PhD DSE (Co-supervisor, completed)  
Ankush Garg, PhD DSE (Principal supervisor, completed)  
Jitesh Rana, PhD DSE (Principal supervisor, ongoing)  
Prerna Khanna, PhD DSE (Principal supervisor, ongoing)  
Surabhi Gupta (Principal supervisor, ongoing)

## **Research Grants**

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant on vaccine market design  
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant on public service delivery  
International Growth Centre grants for study of air quality regulation in India  
President's research grant, University of British Columbia  
Hamptons research grant, University of British Columbia  
Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grant, Canada

## **Refereeing**

*American Economic Review, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Economic Journal, Economic Theory, Environment and Development Economics, European Economic Review, Games and Economic Behavior, Indian Economic Review, Indian Growth and Development Review, International Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Metroeconomica, Review of Economic Studies, Social Choice and Welfare.*