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EDUCATION

1992 Ph.D. Department of Politics, Princeton University.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2007 — 2019 Professor, Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.

2003 — 2007 Associate Professor, Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.

2001 — 2003 Deputy Editor, The Hindu, Bangalore.

1995 — 1999 Assistant Professor, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.

1993 — 95 Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

VISITING POSITIONS

Feb — March 2018 Visiting Fellow, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

June — Aug 2013 T.A. Raman Pai Chair Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore.

April — June 2011 Visiting Fellow, School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies, Oxford, UK.

Aug — Dec 2009 Adjunct Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore.

CURRENT RESEARCH

2020 -- *Surviving the Informal City: Workers and the Local State in Argentina, Ethiopia and India*, partner in collaborative research project sponsored by Global Challenges Research Fund, UK, and anchored by De Montfort University, UK and CEIL-CONICET, Buenos Aires.

2017 — *India's Changing Cityscapes: Work, Migration and Livelihoods*. Sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi. Undertaken as a collaborative research project between the Institute for Social and Economic Change and National Institute for Advanced Studies, Bangalore.

2018 — *Impact of JNNURM on Slum Redevelopment: Looking Beyond Housing*. Pilot study in Bangalore slums.

Past FUNDED RESEARCH

- 2018 — 2019 *Migration and Women Workers in the Export Apparels Industry.*
International Labor Organization, New Delhi and Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi.
- 2016 *Mapping and Assessment of Social Dialogue and Labour Administration Frameworks at State Level: Karnataka State.*
International Labour Organization, New Delhi.
- 2015 *Work and Workers in the New Services Sectors: A Pilot Study in Bangalore.*
Institute of Social and Economic Change.
- 2009 — 2013 *Migration, Informal Work and Welfare: A Policy Perspective on Karnataka's Cities.*
Planning Department, Government of Karnataka.
- 2006 — 2008 *Women in Bangalore's Garment Industry.*
Institute of Developing Economies, Tokyo.
- 2005 — 2006 *Welfare Policies in Slums.*
National Foundation of India, New Delhi.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Being Poor in a Rich City: Slums, Informal Work and Workers in Bangalore.* (book contract signed with Cambridge University Press, New Delhi; possible date of publication: February 2021.)
- “Welfare Without Work or Wages: A Contradiction?” *Economic and Political Weekly* 53, no. 35 (September 2018).
- “New Paradigms in Labour Studies: How Much Do They Explain?” in R. Nagraj, ed., *Political Economy of Contemporary India*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017.
- “Employers Associations in India: Responses to Economic Liberalization,” in John Benson et. al., eds. *Employers' Associations in Asia*. London: Routledge, 2017.
- “Self-Employment: Broad Review of Dimensions and Diversities,” in Elizabeth Hill and Amitendu Palit, eds. *Employment Policy in Emergent Economies*. London: Routledge, 2017.
- “Bringing Class Back In: Informality in Bangalore,” *Socialist Register* Vol. 51: Transforming Classes (2015).
- “Political Economy of India: A Selected Review of Literature,” in Achin Vanaik, ed. *Political Science Vol. 1: The Indian State*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2013.
- “Civil Society and the Urban Poor,” in Ajay Gudavarthy, ed. *Reframing Democracy and Agency in India: Interrogating Political Society*. London: Anthem Press, 2012.
- “Class in Industrial Conflict: Case Studies from Bangalore,” in John Harriss and Paul Bowles, eds. *Globalization and Labour in China, India and the West*. New York: Palgrave and Macmillan, 2010.
- “Labour Activism and Women in the Unorganized Sector,” in T K Oomen, ed. *Social Movements II, Concerns of Equity and Security. Oxford in India Readings in Sociology and Social Anthropology*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- Guest Editor, Review of Labour, *Economic and Political Weekly* 44, no. 22 (May 2009).
- “The Scholar and the Manager,” *Economic and Political Weekly* 43, no. 7, (February 2008).

- “Slums and Civil Society: the Limits of Urban Activism”, in Darshini Mahadevia, ed. *Inside the Transforming Urban Asia: Processes, Policies and Public Actions*. New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2008.
- “Public Sector Restructuring and Democracy: The State, Labour and Trade Unions in India,” in Rahul Mukherjee, ed. *India’s Economic Transition: The Politics of Reforms*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2007.
- “Globalization and Labor,” in Baldev Raj Narain, ed. *Globalization and Politics in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2007.
- “Informality in Globalized Forms of Production,” *The Indian Journal of Labor Economics* 50, no. 4 (2007).
- “The Intellectual-Left Stand-Off,” *Economic and Political Weekly* 42, no. 13 (March 2007).
- “State-Directed Development,” *Economic and Political Weekly* 40, no. 29 (July 2005).
- “Economic Reforms in Political Space,” *Economic and Political Weekly* 39, no. 26 (June 2004).
- “Old Classes and New Spaces: Urban Poverty, Unorganized Labour and New Unions,” *Economic and Political Weekly* 38, no. 50, (December 2003).
- “Public Sector Restructuring and Democracy: The State, Labour and Trade Unions in India,” *Journal of Development Studies* 39, no. 3 (2003).
- “Neo-Statism in Third World Countries: A Critique,” *Third World Quarterly* 20, no. 6 (1999).
- “State, Private Sector and Labour: The Political Economy of Jute Industry Modernization, West Bengal, 1986-90,” *Journal of the Indian School of Political Economy* (1997).
- “Bureaucracies and Management of Economic Reform”, *Vikalpa: Journal of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad* 20, no. 3 (1995).
- “Political Economy of India’s Textile Industry: the Case of Maharashtra, 1984-89”, *Pacific Affairs* 68, no. 2 (1995).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers

- “Women Workers in the Export Ready-Made Garments Industry”, Conference on Action Research on Women’s Migration in India, Centre for Women’s Development Studies; New Delhi, July, 2019.
- “Informality and New Spaces of Urban Inequalities,” Indian Labor Conference, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research; Mumbai, December 19-21, 2018.
- “Impact of New Housing Projects on Migrants: a Study of Slum Housing in Bangalore City,” in Migration and Housing in Contemporary Cities: Opportunities to Stay, Move and Settle, Vienna Anthropology Days; University of Vienna, September 19-21, 2018.
- “Inequality and Exclusion: Study of Bangalore,” ICSSR-Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, Bangalore, February 8, 2017.
- “Bangalore: Unskilled Workers, Employment and Livelihood,” Workshop on Bangalore: The Great Transformation, National Institute of Advanced Studies; Bangalore, June 24-25, 2016.
- “Theorizing Urban Livelihoods: Examining Work and Sociality in Indian Cities: the Case of Bangalore,” Workshop on Landscapes of Urban Livelihoods: Theoretical and Methodological Perspectives, Azim Premji University; Bangalore, October 7, 2015.
- “Changing Paradigms of Labor Administration,” Conference on Labour Questions in the Global South, Centre for Economic and Policy Studies and Centre for Informal Sector and Labor Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; New Delhi, November, 2015.

“Mapping and Assessment of Social Dialogue and Labor Administration Frameworks at State Level: Karnataka State,” Conference on Social Dialogue and Labor Administration, International Labor Organization; New Delhi, September 28, 2015.

“New Paradigms in Labor Studies: How Much Do They Explain?” Conference on India’s Political Economy, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research and University of California, Berkeley; Mumbai, November 2014.

“Self-Employment in India: Dynamics and Dimensions,” Workshop on Employment Issues in India, Sydney University and National University of Singapore; Singapore, February 2014.

“Rethinking Labor and Industrial Relations in India,” Symposium on Labour Dynamics in Indonesia and India: The Comparative Experience, Sydney South East Asia Centre and University of Sydney; Sydney, Australia, December 2012.

Invited Lectures

“Women and Migration,” Migration in South Asia: Poverty and Inequality, National Law School of India University; Bangalore, February 2019.

“Politics of Workers,” Politics of Farmers, Workers and Dalits in the context of Governance under Narendra Modi, Post Graduate Department, St. Joseph’s College; Bangalore, February 19, 2019.

“Re-theorizing the Capitalist Developmental State: Welfare, but no Work or Wages,” Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; New Delhi, March 4, 2018.

“Women and Unions in Garments Exports: In Search of Wider Solidarities,” 125th birth anniversary celebrations of Prof Prashanta Chandra Mahalanobis, Indian Statistical Institute; Bangalore, April, 2018.

“Employment in the New Services Sector: New Labour?” Winter School in Social Sciences, French Institute, Pondicherry and Centre For Social Exclusion, Pondicherry University; Pondicherry, December 1-6, 2018.

“Women, Work and Unions,” National Conference on “Negotiating Globalization: Trade Unions and Labor in Contemporary India,” Institute of Development Studies; Kolkata, September 2016.

“Urban Informality and the Politics of Welfare,” Azim Premji University, April 2014.

TEACHING

Modern Political Theories (PhD level)

Political Economy (PhD level)

Perspectives in Social and Economic Change (PhD level)

Business, Government and Society (MBA level)

Industrial Relations (MBA level)

RECENT REPORTS

“India’s Changing Cityscapes: Work, Migration and Livelihoods”, (co-written with Carol Upadhyay) Institute for Social and Economic Change, and National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, 2020.

“Mapping and Assessment of Social Dialogue and Labor Administration Frameworks at State Level: Karnataka State,” Report, ILO, New Delhi, 2016.

“Work and Workers in the New Services Sectors: A Pilot Study in Bangalore,” ISEC, 2015.

“Migration, Informal Work and Welfare: A Policy Perspective on Karnataka’s Cities,” State Planning Board, Government of Karnataka, 2013.

RECENT WORKING PAPERS

“Migration and Women Workers in the Export Apparels Industry.” ILO and CWDS, New Delhi, 2018.

“The Child and the City: A Study of Autonomous Child Migration in Bangalore,” Working Paper No. 298, ISEC, Bangalore, 2014

Administrative roles:

Coordinator: Program in Public Policy and Governance, a one-month training program for mid-career Karnataka Administrative Service officers conducted at ISEC, (continuing), Bangalore, January 2019.

Managing Editor, Journal of Social and Economic Development (Springer), 2009-11.

Vice Chair, Committee on Publications, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, 2017-19

Vice Chair, Research Program Committee, Institute for Social and Economic Change, 2016-18.