

Education

2014 – 2019	Ph.D. in Development Studies Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai
2017	Visiting Research Student, Department of Gender Studies London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
2002 – 2003	M.Sc. Development Studies School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London
1998 – 2000	M.A. Personnel Management and Industrial Relations Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai
1995 – 1998	B.A. Economics St. Xavier's College, University of Mumbai

Scholarships and Grants

2017	Commonwealth split-site Scholarship for the LSE
2016	TISS International Relations Office Travel Grant
2015-2016	Sir Dorabji Tata International Travel Grant
2002-2003	Felix Scholarship for SOAS
1999	Sir Ratan Tata Trust Scholarship
1998-99	S.D. Marathe NILM Trust Endowment Fund Prize
1996	Sir Dorabji Tata Trust Scholarship

Employment

2021 -	Postdoctoral Associate National Institute for Advanced Studies
2020 - 2021	Visiting Fellow Institute for Human Development
August 2017	Class Faculty, Summer School London School of Economics and Political Sciences (LSE)
2007 - 2014	Independent Consultant and Researcher United Nations Girls Education Initiative (UNGEI), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Oxfam International (OI), Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE), Forum for African Women Educationists (FAWE), International Food Security Network (IFSN), Global Campaign for Education (GCE), ActionAid International (AAI), Right to Food Campaign (RTF), Centre for Equity Studies (CES), National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)
2005 – 2007	South Asia Campaigns and Policy Researcher Oxfam GB
2004 – 2005	Programme Officer Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE)
2000 – 2001	Asst. Human Resources Manager and Management Trainee Coca-Cola India

Journal Articles

- 2019 [Book Review: Katrine Marçal, Who Cooked Adam Smith's Dinner: A Story About Women and Economics](#), *Indian Journal of Human Development*, 13(2), 233-238
- 2018 [Religion and Female-Male Ratios in India](#), *Indian Journal of Human Development*, 12(3), 441-452
- 2018 [Eating together: Commensality to end gender discrimination in household food distribution](#), *UNSCN News 43*, United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition, 52-54
- 2016 [Towards Equality in Healthcare: Trends over Two Decades](#), *Economic and Political Weekly*, 51(12), 24-26

Chapters in Books

- 2015 [Food Security: India from a Global Perspective](#) in ['Food security and Food Production'](#) (eds Reddy, S), Cambridge Scholars Publishers, UK

Research in Progress

- 2021 [India Eclipsed: The Price of Inequality in South Asia](#) (Book Manuscript)
- 2021 [The Estimate for Universal Social Pensions](#)
- 2021 [Fourteen Years of NREGA: The Employer of the Last Resort](#)
- 2021 [Hard-Boiled Debates for Eggs in the Indian School Menu](#)
- 2021 [Southern Supermodels: Human Development Trajectories of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka](#)
- 2021 [Book Review: The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu](#)
- 2021 [Book Review: Indian Federalism](#)

Policy and Research Reports

- 2015 [The Right to Education Act, 2009](#), Primer, Right to Food Campaign New Delhi)
- 2012 [Education for All Beyond 2015](#), Mapping Current International Actions to Define the Post-2015 Education and Development Agendas, Working Paper, UNESCO, Paris
- 2011 [Nourish South Asia: Grow a Better Future for Food Justice](#), Policy Report, Oxfam International, Asia Regional Centre, Bangkok
- 2010 [Gender, Equality and Education: A Report Card on South Asia](#), Policy Report, United Nations Girls Education Initiative, South Asia Regional Centre, Khatmandu
- 2010 ['Half Full, Half Empty? India's NREGA'](#), Case Study, International Food Security Network, Secretariat, Dhaka
- 2010 [Back to School? The Worst Place in the World to Be a School Child](#), | International Report, Global Campaign for Education, Johannesburg)
- 2009 [Who is Really Fighting Hunger? Policy Report](#), ActionAid International, Johannesburg
- 2008 [Right to Education and Abolition of Child Labour](#), Briefing Paper, National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights, New Delhi
- 2008 [No Excuses: Global School Report](#), Global Campaign for Education, Johannesburg
- 2006 [Serve the Essentials: What Governments and Donors Must Do to Improve South Asia's Essential Services](#), Oxfam International, South Asia Regional Centre, New Delhi
- 2003 [Must Do Better: School Report Card](#), Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education, Secretariat, Mumbai

Media Articles

SOUTH ASIA

14 February 2020 [Bangladesh fares better](#), Indian Express

SOCIAL PROTECTION

5 January 2017 [The government must go beyond just repackaging subsidies for the poor](#), Hindustan Times

17 February 2015 [Sweeping away India's social security](#), The Mint

12 April 2012 [Delete the errors to save the census](#), The Hindu

GENDER

10 March 2017 [Where Is The 0.1% Of GDP For India's Mothers?](#), Huffington Post

1 September 2015 [What the Census Tells Us About Having Faith in Daughters](#), The Wire

COVID-19

7 July 2020 [Large sections of poor are unlikely to benefit from extension of food grains scheme](#), Indian Express

19 May 2020 [The Invisible Ghosts Who Walk Will Haunt India for Years to Come](#), The Wire

25 March 2020 [21 Day Coronavirus Lockdown in India May Starve the Poor to Death](#), The Quint

RIGHT TO FOOD

2 February 2021 [Union Budget 2021: Slashed funds](#), FirstPost

25 June 2018 [In Jharkhand, suspected starvation death sheds light on deprivation of a whole settlement](#), Scroll.in

14 October 2015 [Food security act may be too little too late for parched Jharkhand](#), Huffington Post

12 March 2015 [Food Security And Taking The BJP With A Grain Of Salt](#), Huffington Post

22 June 2014 [Promises to Keep](#), Sunday Magazine, The Hindu

8 April 2011 [India's Battle against Hunger](#), The Guardian

SCHOOL MEALS AND SOUP KITCHENS

6 January 2021 [In maps: India's vulnerable children are paying the price of upper-caste prejudice with their bodies](#), Scroll

17 February 2019 [The Egg Debate Boils Over – Will Governments Stop Playing With Children's Food?](#), The Wire

14 July 2018 [Beating back the food police](#), Indian Express

29 June 2017 [India feeds 100 million children a day—so why can't Britain have free school meals?](#), Prospect Magazine

28 April 2016 [Soup kitchens are a silver lining for the urban poor](#), Indian Express

16 June 2015 [The specious arguments against eggs](#), The Mint

CASH TRANSFERS

4 May 2019 [Why NYAY is unlikely to deliver results](#), Business Standard

30 November 2015 [Why Cash Transfer's First 'Beneficiaries' Want to Opt Out of the JAM](#), The Wire

15 August 2015 [Ten Facts That Set the Record Straight on Cash Transfers](#), The Wire

12 April 2015 [Puducherry in a Unique JAM](#), Huffington Post

27 February 2011 [Not Smart Enough?](#), The Hindu

AADHAAR

21 October 2018 [The Aadhaar verdict and class bias](#), Business Standard

22 February 2018 [Aadhaar-for-food can't be a mandatory requirement](#), Hindustan Times

13 February 2017 [What's in a unique number?](#), Indian Express

EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE

2 November 2016 [Digging for Goddess Laxmi On Diwali](#), Outlook India
9 February 2016 [Half Full, Half Empty: 10 Years of NREGA](#), IndiaSpend.in

RIGHT TO EDUCATION

1 July 2016 [Making a mockery of the right to education](#), The Mint
20 July 2013 [Private Mischief: Private Schools Default on 25% Quota](#), Lucknow Tribune
7 July 2013 [Children of a Lesser Law](#), Sunday Magazine, The Hindu

Conference and workshop presentations

February 2018 [4th International Conference on South Asian Economic Development](#) at South Asian University, New Delhi

October 2016 Workshop on Gender, Knowledge and Research Practice, Department of Gender Studies and Research Seminars 2017-18 at the Department of International Development, London School of Economics and Political Science, London

April 2010 Fourth 'Annual Conference for Development and Change' (ACDC) Conference by the South African Government Department of Trade and Industry (dti) and University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

June 2009 [17th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers \(CEEM\)](#), Kuala Lumpur

Seminars

February 2017 Bangladesh in Focus: What can we learn about sustainable and inclusive development? Institute of Development Studies, Sussex

July 2006 Cambridge Advanced Program in Rethinking Development Economics (CAPORDE), University of Cambridge

June 2007 The International Development Economics Associates (IDEAs) workshop on 'Development Experiences and Policy Options for a Changing World', Tsinghua University, Beijing

Other Affiliations

2017 Founder, SAVE FOOD, London
2013 – to date Founder, [25percent.in](#)
2016 – to date Member, Right to Food Campaign
2011 Member, Financial Advisory Committee, [Global Partnership for Education](#)

Reviewer

Peer Reviewer: Indian Journal of Human Development