

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **Education (Recent First):**

1998-2002: Ph.D. Degree in Economics (August 2002), Northern Illinois University, USA.  
**Fields: Labor Economics, Public Economics.**

1996-1997: Pre-doctoral, Research Training Programme, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India.  
**Dissertation:** Wages, Labor Mobility and International Trade

1993-1995: M. Sc. (Master of Science) Degree in Economics, Calcutta University, India.  
**Fields:** International Trade, Development Economics.

1989-1992: B.Sc. (Bachelor of Science) Degree (Hons.) in Economics, Asutosh College, Calcutta University, India.

**Fields and Specializations:** Labor Economics, International Economics, Public Economics, and Applied Microeconomics.

**PhD Dissertation Title:** *Asymmetric Information, Migration and Self-Employment.*

**Principal Supervisor:** Prof. Eliakim Katz, Chair, Department of Economics, NIU.

**Co-Supervisors:** Prof. Carl Campbell III, Prof. George Slotsve.

### Faculty Positions:

2004 (March-)	Fellow in Economics, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India.
2008 -- :	Guest Lecturer, Economics Department, Calcutta University (Labor Economics, Special Paper, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Graduate Course)
2007 -- :	Guest Lecturer, Department of Economics, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta (Special Paper, Trade and Development, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Graduate Course)
2004-2007:	Guest Lecturer, Eastern Institute of Management, Kalyani University (International Economics, Managerial Economics)
2003-04	RBI Research Officer, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India.
1999-2000:	Instructor in Economics, Northern Illinois University, USA.

### Refereed Publications (Recent First):

- *International Labor Migration, Asymmetric Information and Occupational Choice*, **Trade and Development Review**, 2, 1, 34-48, **2009**.
- *Urban Informal Sector and Poverty* (with Sugata Marjit), **International Review of Economics and Finance**, 18, 4, (2009) 631–642.
- Migrant remittances in the state of Kerala, India, in A. Stoler et al. (Eds.) **Studies on Trade and Poverty Reduction for the Asia-Pacific Region**, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2009).
- *A Contemporary Perspective on Informal Labour Market – Theory, Policy and the Indian Experience*, (with S. Marjit), **Economic and Political Weekly**, April, **2009**.
- *Labor Productivity Growth, Informal Wage and Capital Mobility - A General Equilibrium Analysis* (with Sugata Marjit), Ravi Kanbur and Jan Svejnar (Eds.) **Labor Markets and Economic Development**, NY: Routledge, **2008**. Also, International Policy Centre, University of Michigan Working Paper # 54, 2007.
- *Labor Market Reform and Poverty-The Role of Informal Sector* (with S. Marjit and D. Maity) in **Issues in Development** (Eds.) Bhaskar Dutta, NY: World Scientific Press, forthcoming **2009**.
- *Productivity and Wage in the Informal Sector* (with Sugata Marjit), in **Footprints of Development and Change: Ch 5** (Papers in Honor of V K R V Rao), New Delhi: AF, **2008**.

- *Risk Sharing in the Labor Market – Evidence from Indian Industries* (with Poonam Mehra), **Indian Economic Journal** (2008), 55, 2, 141-156.
- *Migration Taxes and Human Capital Formation: Some Implications for Development*, **WIDER Research Paper # 2007/44. (2007)**.  
<http://www.wider.unu.edu/publications/rps/rps2007/rp2007-44.pdf>
- *The Urban Informal Sector and Poverty – Effects of Trade Reform and Capital Mobility in India* (with Sugata Marjit), **Poverty and Economic Policy MPIA Working Paper (PEP-IDRC) 2007-09**. <http://www.pep-net.org/>
- *Protectionary Bias in Agriculture – A Pure Economic Argument* (with Sugata Marjit and Hamid Beladi), **Ecological Economics** (2007), 63, 1, 160-164.
- *The Labor Market in India – A Survey of Some Contemporary Issues*, **India Macroeconomics Annual 2007**, Section I, 13-35 (April, 2008).
- *Trade Reform and Informal Wage* (with S. Marjit and H. Beladi), **Review of Development Economics**, 11, 2, 313-320, (May, 2007).
- *Agricultural Prospects and Informal Wage in General Equilibrium* (with S. Marjit and R. Acharyya), **Economic Modelling**, 24, 3, 380-385 (May, 2007).
- *Regional Trade Openness Index and Income Disparity – A New Methodology and the Indian Experiment* (with S. Marjit and D. Maiti), **Economic and Political Weekly** (March 4, 2007).
- *Foreign Capital, Skill Formation and Migration of Skilled Workers* (with B. Guha-Khasnobis), **Journal of Policy Reform**, 9, 2, 107-123. (2006).
- *Economic Reform, Skill Formation and Foreign Capital* (with Basudeb Guha-Khasnobis), **The World Economy**, 29, 1, 79-94. (2006).
- *The Corporate Debt Market – A Firm-Level Panel Study for India* (with B. Guha-Khasnobis), **UNU-WIDER Research Paper 2006/50. (2006)**.

**Also published** in, *Financial Sector Development for Growth and Poverty Reduction* (Eds.) Basudeb Guha-Khasnobis and George Mavrotas, New York: Palgrave, (April 2008).

- *Entrepreneurial Culture, Occupational Choice and Tax Policy* (with V. Mukherjee), in **Development Challenges: Some Contemporary Issues** (Eds.) Joyashree Roy and Ajitava Raychaudhuri, New Delhi: Allied Publishers, also

available as, *DSA Centre for Regional Economic Studies Working Paper # 05*, Jadavpur University, India. (2006).

- *Emigration and Wage Inequality*, (with Sugata Marjit), **Economics Letters**, 88, 1, 141-145. (2005).
- *Capital Mobility and Informal Wage in a Small Economy--Two Examples* (with S. Marjit and P. Sarkar), **South Asia Economic Journal**, 5, 2, 261-266. (2005).
- *Skill Formation and Trade Reform – Welfare Perspective of Developing Countries*. (with Hamid Beladi), **Japan and the World Economy**, 16, 1, 35-54. (2004).
- *Pro-Market Reform and Informal Wage –Theory and Contemporary Indian Perspective* (with Sugata Marjit) – **India Macroeconomics Annual**, 2, 130-156. (2004-05).
- *Trade, Wages and Labour Mobility* (with Sugata Marjit), in Aditya Bhattacharjea and Sugata Marjit (eds.) **Globalization and the Developing Economies**, Manohar Books, New Delhi, India. (2004).
- *Informal Sector in General Equilibrium: Welfare Effects of Trade Policy Reforms*. (with Sugata Marjit), **International Review of Economics and Finance**, 10, 289-300. (2001).
- *Gradual Trade Reform and the Current Account - The Role of Intermediate Goods*. (with Sugata Marjit), **Keio Economic Studies**, XXXVII (1), 63-69. (2000).
- *Financial Volatility and Convertibility- Some Methodological Issues*. (with Sugata Marjit), **Economic and Political Weekly**, XXXIII (8), 401-406. (1998).

**Links to Downloadable Papers:** [http://cssscal.org/Saibal\\_Kar.html](http://cssscal.org/Saibal_Kar.html)

### **Manuscripts submitted for publication, Conference Presentations and Work in Progress**

#### Labor Economics and International Trade

- **Emigration, Wage Inequality and Vanishing Sectors** (with Sugata Marjit), *submitted for publication*, also available as *GEP Research Paper 09/20*, Leverhume Centre, University of Nottingham, UK.

- **Unemployment Benefit and Nascent Entrepreneurship** (with H. Beladi), *submitted for publication*
- **Smuggling, Trafficking and Exploitation of Unskilled Migrants**, *submitted for publication*, presented at University of Hamburg, Germany.
- **Trade Liberalization and Adjustment Assistance in Developing Countries** – *submitted for publication. Presented at JU-UNCTAD conference in May 2009.*
- **Emigration, Unemployment and Welfare - The Role of Non-Traded Sector**, (with S. Marjit and B. Hazari), *submitted for publication.*
- **Recession in the Skilled Sector and Implications for Informal Wage** (with S. Marjit and S. Chaudhuri), *submitted for publication.*
- **Migration Taxes, Risk Aversion and Human Capital Formation**, presented at UNU-WIDER, 2007, and Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, – *submitted for publication.*
- **A Contemporary Perspective on Informal Labour Market – Theory, Policy and the Indian Experience**, presented at DSGE Conference, NIPFP, New Delhi.
- **Migrant income assimilation in Germany**, *work in progress.*
- **Asymmetric Information in the Labor Market, Contract Menu and Self-Employment** (with Bibhas Saha), accepted for presentation at ACE International Conference, APEC Study Centre, City University of Hong Kong, December 2006 – near completion.
- **Economic Reform, Informal Labor Market and the Developing Economy – Monograph** (with Sugata Marjit) – *processing, 2009.*
- **Asymmetric Information and Occupational Choice among Immigrants and Natives in a Rich Country** (presented at the Indian Statistical Institute Conference on Methods and Models in Economics, March, 2003).
- **Trade Reform, Intersectoral Capital Mobility and Informal Wage – Theory and Evidence** (with Sugata Marjit, presented at Sharing Global Prosperity conference at WIDER, Helsinki, September 2003; *Global Development Award Finalist in the 5<sup>th</sup> GDN Conference held in New Delhi, Jan 2004*).
- **Trade Reform and Informal Wage – Partial vs. General Equilibrium Explanations** - paper presented at the ESRC Workshop – International Trade and Migration, April 2006, University of East Anglia, UK.

- **Risk Aversion, Child Labor and Economic Reform** (with Basudeb Guha-Khasnobis), presented at Sharing Global Prosperity Conference at WIDER, Helsinki, September 2003).
- **Risk Aversion and Supply of Child Labor** (with Basudeb Guha-Khasnobis) – *submitted for publication*.
- **Foreign Capital, Skill Formation and Migration of Skilled Workers** (with Basudeb Guha-Khasnobis, presented at the Bank of Finland (BOFIT) Summer Workshop, Helsinki, June 2004; Dept. of Economics, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, India December, 2004).
- **Migration Taxes and the Pattern of International Migration**, presented at Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta.
- **Unemployment Benefits and the Shadow Economy** - *work in progress*.
- **Labor Productivity and Informal Wage – A General Equilibrium Analysis**, (with Sugata Marjit) paper presented at SIS, JNU, New Delhi, Feb 2007.
- **The Urban Informal Sector – A Case Study of Calcutta and Howrah**, invited contribution for *Studies on Trade and Poverty Reduction for the Asia-Pacific Region*, Institute for International Trade, University of Adelaide (June 2007) – presented at the PEP-World Bank Conference on Growth and Poverty at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India.
- **Import competition, foreign ownership and lobbying for protection**, *work in progress*.
- **MNCs and Human Capital Formation in Developing Countries** (with Chaitali Sinha), *work in progress*.

#### Macroeconomics/ Finance/ Other

- **Congestion and Delay in the Final Court of Justice – An Economic Interpretation** (with Indrajit Mallick), *submitted for publication*.
- **Validity of the Ricardian Equivalence Principle: A VAR Analysis for the Indian Economy** – Paper presented at Jadavpur University, Sep 2006; *submitted for publication*.
- **Economic Reform and Poverty: The Indian Experience** – Paper presented at 5<sup>th</sup> Annual GDN Conference held in New Delhi, January, 2004.
- **Contemporary Macroeconomic Trends in the Indian Economy and Future**

**Projections**, Invited Talk at Bharat Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, January 2007.

### **Projects Completed/Underway**

- Recipient of the PEP Network (IDRC, Canada) project on “*Urban Informal Sector and Poverty – Effects of Trade Reform and Capital Mobility in India*” – 2005-06. Final Report presented in 5<sup>th</sup> PEP Conference, UNECA, Addis Ababa.
- Completed Project on “*Trade Potentials of South Asian Economies Under the New Global Trade Regime: The Role of Some Non-Price Factors – A Case Study of India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka*”, 2002-2003. Presented Final report at SANEI V Conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka, 15-18 august, 2003.
- Completed project entitled, ‘*Globalization, Income Inequality and Regional Disparity – Analyzing the Indian Experience in the 1990s*’, under SANEI VI, First Draft presented in August 2004 at the Sixth Annual Conference, New Delhi.
- Completed EX-IM Bank of India project on "*Transactions Costs of Indian Exports*", 1998.
- Recipient of Global Development Network (Washington DC) project on Macroeconomic Policy Challenges for Low-Income Countries (2004-05), - ‘*Trade Liberalization, Migration and Poverty*’. Available at: [http://www.gdnet.org/pdf2/gdn\\_library/global\\_research\\_projects/macro\\_low\\_income/Acharyya.pdf](http://www.gdnet.org/pdf2/gdn_library/global_research_projects/macro_low_income/Acharyya.pdf)
- International Trade and Interregional Disparity in A Ricardian Framework with Applications to India, (ENRECA, 2003).
- Completed UNU-WIDER Project on *Finance, Growth and Poverty* (2005).
- Recipient of CUTS-CITEE pilot project on *Mainstreaming International Trade*, for India and Bangladesh (2007-08).
- A Project on Urban Poverty Reduction Strategy for the City of Kolkata – Ministry of Urban Affairs, GOI (2007-08).
- UNICEF project on *Social Exclusion in West Bengal* (2007-08 and 2009-2012).
- Development of the Minority Concentration Districts, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India and ICSSR, New Delhi.
- Tea Board India Project on *Tea Auctions in India* (2009-2012).

### **Teaching and Thesis Supervision**

- M. Sc. (Second year, Special Paper) **Labour Economics**, Economics Department, Calcutta University – **Guest Lecturer (2008 onwards)**.
- MA (Second year, Special Paper # IV) **Trade and Development**, Rabindra Bharati University – **Guest Lecturer (2007 onwards)**.
- Yearly Graduate Course (M. Phil) in **Labor Economics** – Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India.
- Yearly Graduate Course (M. Phil) in **Development Economics** – Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India.
- Managerial Economics and International Business – Eastern Institute of Management, Kalyani University, West Bengal (**Visiting Lecturer, 2005-2007**).
- Undergraduate Microeconomics and Macroeconomics – Northern Illinois University, USA (1999-2002).
- Supervising, one PhD student working on **Human Capital Formation, Occupational Choice and Migration of Labor – Three Essays**.
- Completed M. Phil. (Research Training Program, CSSSC) thesis supervision (Poonam Mehra) **Risk Sharing in the Labor Market**.
- Summer Internship Supervision (2004-06): on **Formal Employment Patterns in India, and Post-MFA textile trade in India , Elasticity of Labor Demand in Indian Manufacturing Industries; Real Exchange Rate Volatility and Balance of Payments; Self-Employment in the Informal Sector; Types of FDI and its impact on Growth Variables in India, Internal Labor Migration in India** (for graduate students, Delhi School of Economics, JNU, New Delhi and Jadavpur University, Calcutta).

#### **Journal Editor / Referee**

**Assistant Editor**, India Macroeconomics Annual (SAGE)  
 Review of Development Economics (Blackwell), International Review of Economics and Finance (Elsevier), International Migration (Blackwell), Economic Modelling (Elsevier), Journal of Economic Integration, Journal of South Asian Development (SAGE), Trade and Development Review, Journal of Development Studies (Oxford), Bulletin of Economic Research (Wiley), Indian Economic Review, various edited volumes, etc.

#### **Visiting Positions (Previous and Forthcoming)**

- **Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow**, HWWI, Germany (2008 and 2009).  
 Research Topic: Labor Migration and Income Assimilation in Germany.
- Visiting Researcher, Santa Fe Institute, NM, USA (September 2008).
- Visiting Researcher at UNU-WIDER, Helsinki, April-June 2007
- Visiting Researcher, University of East Anglia, UK, April-May 2006.
- Sabbatical Fellow at UNU-WIDER, Helsinki, May-July, 2004;

#### **Membership**

- Member of Marie Curie Research Training Network (EU) on “Transnationality of Migrants” (TOM).

### **Awards**

- Outstanding Research Scholar, Economics Department, NIU, USA, 2000-2001.
- Outstanding Research Assistant, Economics Department, NIU, USA, 1998-1999.

### **Computer Skills**

- Comprehensive knowledge of Econometrics software packages, including SAS, LIMDEP, E-Views and MICROFIT.
- Thorough knowledge of MATLAB 6, MAPLE 5.0, Scientific Word, MS Office.

### **Academic Referees**

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### **Extra- Curricular Activity**

- Have represented the state of West Bengal and Calcutta University in national basketball tournaments. Also active in painting and Website designing.