

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **Academic Achievements:**

- Awarded with the highly competitive and prestigious **Research Group Linkage Programme Project** by the Alexander von Humboldt foundation in association with the University of Bonn of **Euro 55,000** funded by the Ministry of Education and Research, government of Germany. (**April 2018 – June 2022**)  
Project Title: **Trade Data Fabrication and Possible Capital Flight: Experiences from India and other Developing Countries.**
- May 2019 - July 2019: Visiting Fellow at Institute for International Economic Policy, University of Bonn, Germany

- May 2018 - July 2018: Visiting Fellow at Institute for International Economic Policy, University of Bonn, Germany.
- Awarded with highly prestigious Alexander von Humboldt Renewed Research Stay Alumni Fellowship to visit University of Bonn, Germany for three months (May – July 2016).
- Awarded with ICSSR – DFG bilateral academic exchange programme of fellows in Germany for three months (June – August 2014).
- Awarded with **highly prestigious Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship to pursue Post-Doctoral research** in Germany (December 2008 – March 2011).
- One of **best presentation awards** at Russian Summer School on Institutional Analysis, Moscow, Russia (July 1 - 6, 2010).
- Scholarship to attend 3rd Summer School on Competition Policy and Market Regulation at Milan, Italy (September 7 -12, 2009).
- Awarded with fellowship to attend GTAP short course at IGIDR, Mumbai (2006).
- **One of the Gold Medal finalists** at 4<sup>th</sup> GDN conference at Cairo, Egypt (2003).
- Travel Grant award to attend 5<sup>th</sup> GTAP conference at Taipei, Taiwan (2002).
- Awarded with prestigious Junior Research Fellowship by University Grants Commission (UGC), India to pursue Doctoral Studies (1998).
- First Class First in MA (Economics) Examination (1997).

### **Teaching and Research:**

<b>Core Areas of Specialization</b>	<b>Current Research Interests</b>
ECONOMICS	International Economics, Economics of Corruption, Development Economics, Public Economics

<b>Course Taught</b>	<b>Course Outline</b>
International Economics	Trade Instruments, Exchange rate, Open Economy Macro Economics, Political economy of trade policy (at PG level at Visva-Bharati for last 11 semesters)
Economics of Corruption	Definition and types of corruption, rent seeking, cooperative & non-cooperative nature of corruption (at PhD Coursework for last 7 semesters at Visva-Bharati & PG level at TU-Dresden, Germany for 2 semesters)

Public Economics	Basic course at UG level at Visva-Bharati for last 17 years.
International Trade	Basic course at UG level at TU-Dresden, Germany for 2 semesters.
MPhil/PhD	<b>At present 4 students are being supervised. 1 has been awarded with PhD. 2 have been awarded with MPhil.</b>

## Educational Qualifications

Name of University	Degree	Position	Year	Subjects
University of Kalyani	B.A. (Hons.)	3rd	1995	Econ (H), Math, Eng (Subsidiary)
University of Kalyani	M.A.	1 <sup>st</sup> class first	1997	Economics & Econometrics
University Grants Commission	NET & JRF		1998	Economics & Econometrics
Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata & University of Kalyani	PhD		2005	International Economics
Technische Universität Dresden (as Alexander von Humboldt Fellow)	Post-Doc		2011	International Economics & Economics of Corruption

## PhD Particulars

Thesis Title: Policy Induced Distortions in Official Trade Statistics: Theory, Measurements & Corrections.

Supervisor: Prof. Sugata Marjit, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata.

## Publication

### Journal Articles:

- 1) Mis-invoicing and Trade Policy (with Sugata Marjit), **Journal of Policy Reforms**, Vol. 8, No. 3, 2005 (Routledge).
- 2) Preferential Trade and Mis-invoicing: Some Analytical Implications (with Sugata Marjit), **International Review of Economics and Finance**, Vol. 16, No. 1, 2007 (Elsevier Inc).

- 3) Informality, Corruption and Trade Reform (with S. Marjit & S. Ghosh), **European Journal of Political Economy**, Vol. 23, 2007 (Elsevier Inc).
- 4) Minimize Regulations to Regulate – Extending the Lucas Critique (with S. Marjit & H. Beladi), **Economic Modelling**, Volume 25/4, July, 2008 (Elsevier Inc).
- 5) Tariff and Import Under-invoicing Under Oligopoly (with S. Sengupta), **Economics & Politics**, Vol. 23/2, 2011(Wiley-Blackwell).
- 6) Pollution, Shadow Economy and Corruption: Theory and Evidence (with M.R. Farzanegan & M. Thum), **Ecological Economics**, Vol. 75C, 2012 (Elsevier Inc).
- 7) Import Tariff Led Export Under-invoicing: A Paradox, **Journal of International Trade and Economic Development**, Vol. 21/3, 2012 (Routledge).
- 8) The Problem of Choosing True Trade Statistics: The ‘Actual’ – ‘Official’ Puzzle, **Open Eye**, December, 2014.
- 9) Corrupt Importers, Domestic Producers & Welfare: Role of Trade Policy (with S. Sengupta), **Economics & Politics**, Vol. 27/3, November, 2015 (Wiley-Blackwell).
- 10) Women Empowerment in India: Role of State Policies, (with R. Sanyal), **Palli Charcha (Indian Journal of Rural Studies)**, Visva-Bharati Press, 2016.
- 11) Corruption, Environmental Regulation and Market Entry (with M. Thum), **Environment and Development Economics**, Vol. 22/1, February, 2017 (Cambridge University Press).
- 12) Trade Mis-Invoicing Between India & USA: An Empirical Exercise (with S. Das), **Foreign Trade Review**, (published online) 2020 (Sage).
- 13) COVID 19 Outbreak and the Saga of Migrant Workers (with D. Dey), **PBC Journal of Economics**, Vol. 1/1, January, 2021

### **Working Papers/ under submission:**

- 14) Rural Pollution, Informal Sector and Bureaucratic Corruption, UGC – SAP working paper, Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati, India, 2013.
- 15) Import Competition and Rural Industries: The Role of Tariff Protection, SAP working paper, Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati, India, 2014.
- 16) Tariff and Import Under-invoicing: Fixed vs. Flexible Exchange Rates, Technische Universität Dresden, Germany, 2014.

- 17) NREGS and Capital Formation in Rural India, (with R. Sanyal), Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati, India, 2015.
- 18) NREGS and Indian Fiscal Discipline: An Analysis, (with R. Sanyal), Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati, India, 2014.
- 19) Gains from Trade & WTO: A Study of Major Indian Industries (with Rapti Deb), Department of Economics & Politics, SSRN Working Paper, 2017.
- 20) Quality of Primary Education in Rural India and its Determinants (with Subhashis Das), Department of Economics & Politics, SSRN Working Paper, 2018.
- 21) Trading Mis-reporting, FDI and Capital Flight: A Case of the USA – India Trade (with Sandip Sarkar & Juergen von Hagen), 2019.
- 22) Invisible Capital Movement Across Borders through Current and Capital Account: the USA – China Scenario (with Sandip Sarkar & Juergen von Hagen), 2019.
- 23) An Analysis of Corrupt Traders and Illegal Capital Movement: Theoretical and Empirical Underpinning (with Sugata Marjit & Sandip Sarkar), 2019.
- 24) Trade Misreporting in India – US Bilateral Trade: An Analytical Framework, Determinants (with Subhashis Das), 2021.
- 25) Where does India stand in Agricultural Trade: An Enquiry (with Lekha Rani Gohain), 2020.
- 26) Pattern of Illegal Trade in Bangladesh (with Samir Kumer Das), 2021.
- 27) Corruption, Abatement and Informality in the Presence of Environmental Regulation (with Marcel Thum & Sarbajit Sengupta), 2021.

### **Book Chapter & Monograph:**

- 28) Black Market for Foreign Exchange and Capital Flight (2005), in Chatterjee & Roychowdhury (Ed.) “**Trade, Finance & Development**”, Deep & Deep Publication, New Delhi, India. ISBN 81-7629-554-X.
- 29) Review of Foreign Trade Data in LDC: Role of Policy Instruments (2010), **VDM**, ISBN 978-3-639-24488-5.
- 30) Import Mis-Invoicing and Economic Policy Under Oligopoly As A Prerequisite For The Formation Of Corrupt Components (With S. Sengupta), (2013), in

- Mironov, Y.I. (Ed.) “**Actual Problems Of Anti-Corruption: Collective Monograph**”, Volgograd Scientific Publishing House, ISBN 978-5-906081-95-7.
- 31) Agriculture, Trade and Foreign Investments: The Indian Experience, (2014), LAP Lambert, ISBN 978-3-659-52461-5.
- 32) Data Falsification: A Serious Problem in International Trade in Egorov G. (Ed.) “**Actual Problems of Legal Theory and Practice**”, Volgograd Scientific Publishing House (2016). ISBN 978-5-00072-170-4

### **Conference Volumes:**

- 33) Preferential Trade, Mis-invoicing and Capital Flight (2002), **5th GTAP Conference Volume**, 2002, Taipei, Taiwan.
- 34) Import Tariff led Export Under-invoicing, Proceedings of the **XV SIGEF International Conference**, Lugo, Spain, 2009. ISBN: 978-84-613-5575-4.

### **Magazine Articles:**

- 35) Foreign Investment in India: Scopes, Opportunities and Challenges, four-volume article, *Dukool* (du-kool.com), USA, 2013.

### **Journal Refereeing:**

Southern Economic Journal, Manchester School, Economic Systems, Economic Journal of Policy Reforms, Ecological Economics, Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, International Political Science Review, Indian Economic Journal.

### **Work Experience**

- 1) **2004 – (Continuing): Associate professor** at Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal, India.  
**Courses taught: International Trade, Public Finance, Economics of Corruption.**
- 2) **May 2019 – July 2019:** Visiting Research Fellow at University of Bonn, Germany.
- 3) **May 2018 – July 2018:** Visiting Research Fellow at University of Bonn, Germany.

- 4) **May 2016 – July 2016:** Visiting Alexander von Humboldt Fellow at University of Bonn, Germany.
- 5) **May 2014 – August 2014:** Visiting Fellow at Technological University of Dresden, Germany.
- 6) **2009 – 2011:** Teaching and research as **Humboldt Post-Doctoral research fellow** at Technological University of Dresden, Germany.  
**Courses taught: International Trade and Economics of Corruption.**
- 7) **2005 – 2007: Guest Faculty** at Department of Economics, University of Kalyani, West Bengal, India and at Institute of Population and Agricultural Research (INSPARC), University of Kalyani, West Bengal, India.  
**Courses taught: Statistics and Public Economics.**
- 8) **2002 – 2004:** Worked as a **Head**, Department of Economics at Panskura Banamali College in Midnapore (East), West Bengal, India.  
**Courses taught: Basic Micro Economics & International Trade.**
- 9) **1999 – 2002:** Worked as a **Project Associate** at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta in different projects from January 1999 to November 2002.

### **Participation in Training programme:**

1. Refresher Course in Economics at University of Kalyani from 19.2 – 12.3.2004.
2. World Bank sponsored Refresher Course in Public Economics at NIPFP, N. Delhi from 6.6. – 2.7.2005
3. GTAP sponsored Training Programme in CGE modeling at IGIDR, Mumbai from 18 – 24.2.2006
4. Summer School in Economics at University Milano, Italy from 7.9. – 12.9.2010.
5. Training Programme on Economics of Corruption at University Of Passau, Germany from 10.10. – 17.10.2009.
6. University of Paris Quest sponsored ESNIE Workshop at Cargèse, France from 30.5. – 4.6.2010.
7. Summer School in Institutional Economics at Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia from 2 – 7.7.2010.
8. Summer School on Advanced Economics & Econometrics at University of Crete, Greece from 1 – 8.8.2010.

9. Refresher Course in Economics from University of Calcutta from 11 – 30.7.2011.
10. Workshop on Public Economics at Technological University of Dresden, Germany from July 14 – 19, 2014.
11. Workshop on Microeconomics from University of Bonn, Germany from June 6 – 17, 2016.
12. Workshop on Microeconomics from University of Bonn, Germany from June 7 – 27, 2018.

**Papers presented at the following international conferences**

**(Outside India)**

- 1) 5<sup>th</sup> GTAP conference at Taipei, Taiwan (June, 2002).
- 2) Fourth GDN Conference at Egypt, Cairo (19 – 21, January, 2003).
- 3) SANEI Conference, held in Dhaka, Bangladesh (August, 2003).
- 4) 3rd Summer School on Competition Policy at Milan, Italy (September 7 -12, 2009).
- 5) Workshop on Economics of Corruption at Passau, Germany (October 10 - 17, 2009).
- 6) Conference on 'Shadow Economy', Potsdam, Germany (April 15 - 16, 2010).
- 7) ESNIE international conference and workshop, Cargèse, France (June, 2010).
- 8) Russian Summer School on Institutional Analysis, Moscow, Russia (July, 2010).
- 9) International Conference, 'ECOMOD 2010', Istanbul, Turkey (July 7 - 10, 2010).
- 10) 5th Advanced Summer School, Rethymno, Crete, Greece (August 1 - 8, 2010).
- 11) European Trade Study Group (ETSG) conference, Switzerland (September, 2010).
- 12) International Colloquium at Technische Universität Dresden, Germany, July, 2014.
- 13) International Seminar at University of Bonn, Germany on May 31, 2016.
- 14) International Seminar at University of Bonn, Germany on May 31, 2016.
- 15) International Seminar at University of Bonn, Germany on July 20, 2016.
- 16) International Seminar at University of Bonn, Germany on June 29, 2018.
- 17) International Seminar at University of Marburg, Germany on June 24, 2018.
- 18) International Seminar at University of Bonn, Germany on May 20, 2019.
- 19) 16) International Seminar at University of Bonn, Germany on June 07, 2019.
- 20) 16) International Seminar at University of Bonn, Germany on June 24, 2019.



**Paper presented at the following national conferences:**

1. Annual Conference on Development Economics at Jadavpur University in 2001.
2. 2nd MME (Models & Methods in Economics) Conference at ISI, in 2002.
3. 3rd MME Conference at ISI, Kolkata in 2003.
4. 4th MME Conference at ISI, Kolkata in 2004.
5. 5th MME Conference at ISI, Kolkata in 2005.
6. Greening of Indian Economy, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar in 2015.

**Invited Lectures:**

1. Conference on 'Development & Governance' at Visva-Bharati in November, 2011.
2. International conference on 'Issues on Law & Environment' at University of Kalyani in December, 2011.
3. National Conference on Trade and Development at Jadavpur University in March, 2013.
4. Seminar at Khanyan College in February, 2015.
5. Seminar at AK Dasgupta Centre, Visva-Bharati, March, 2015.
6. Doordarshan Kendra, Santiniketan on 'Green Economy and Agriculture' on August, 9, 2017.
7. Prasar Bharati, Santiniketan, live Phone-in on 'Agricultural Marketing and Prices' on November, 18, 2017.
8. Prasar Bharati, Santiniketan, on "Doubling of Farmers' Prices" in August, 2018.
9. Institute for Studies in Industrial Development on Trade, Capital and Industry in September, 2018.

**Membership**

- Alexander von Humboldt (AvH) Foundation Network.
- GTAP (Global Trade Analysis Project), Perdue University, USA.
- GDN (Global Development Network).
- ECOMOD (Economic Modeling Network)

## Names and addresses of referees

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