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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 – April 2023**).
Project Title: **Trade Data Fabrication and Possible Capital Flight: Experiences from India and other Developing Countries.**
- 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 for 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 4th GDN conference at Cairo, Egypt (2003).
- Travel Grant award to attend 5th 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:

Core Areas of Specialization	Current Research Interests
ECONOMICS	International Economics, Economics of Corruption, Development Economics, Public Economics

Course Taught	Course Outline
International Economics	Trade Instruments, Exchange rate, Open Economy Macro Economics, Political economy of trade policy (at PG level at Visva-Bharati)
Economics of Corruption	Definition and types of corruption, rent seeking, cooperative & non-cooperative nature of corruption (at PhD Coursework at Visva-Bharati & PG level at TU-Dresden, Germany for 2 semesters during 2009 -11).
Public Economics	UG level at Visva-Bharati.
International Trade	UG level at TU-Dresden, Germany for 2 semesters during 2009 – 11.
PhD/ MPhil/ MA/ BA Thesis Guidance	FOUR students have been awarded with PhD. Four are presently being supervised. THREE have been awarded with MPhil. 50 MA (at Visva-Bharati) & 2 Bachelors’ dissertation (at TU-Dresden, Germany, during 2009 - 11) have been guided. See the following webpage for details: https://sites.google.com/visva-bharati.ac.in/amitkbiswas/Home

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.

Work Experience

- 1) **2017 - (Continuing): Professor** at Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal, India.
- 2) **2014 – 2017 (Associate Professor) & 2004 – 2014 (Assistant Professor)** at Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal, India.
Courses taught: International Trade, Public Finance, Economics of Corruption.
- 3) **October 2022:** Visiting Fellow at Institute for International Economic Policy, University of Bonn, Germany.
- 4) **May 2019 – July 2019: Visiting Research Fellow** at University of Bonn, Germany.
- 5) **May 2018 – July 2018: Visiting Research Fellow** at University of Bonn, Germany.
- 6) **May 2016 – July 2016: Visiting Alexander von Humboldt Fellow** at University of Bonn, Germany.
- 7) **May 2014 – August 2014: Visiting Fellow** at Technological University of Dresden, Germany.
- 8) **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.
- 9) **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.
- 10) **2002 – 2004:** Worked as an **Assistant Professor & Head**, Department of Economics at Panskura Banamali College in Midnapore (East), West Bengal, India.
Courses taught: Basic Micro Economics & International Trade.
- 11) **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.

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. COVID 19 Outbreak and the Saga of Migrant Workers (with D. Dey), **PBC Journal of Economics**, Vol. 1/1, January, 2021
13. Trade Mis-Invoicing Between India & USA: An Empirical Exercise (with S. Das), **Foreign Trade Review**, Vol. 56/1, 2021 (Sage).
14. Quality and Determinants of Primary Education in India (with S. Das), **Indian Journal of Human Development**, Vol. 15/2, 2021 (Sage).

15. FDI Mismatch, Trade Mis-reporting and Hidden Capital Movements: The USA - China Case (with J v Hagen & S Sarkar), **Journal of International Money and Finance**, Vol. 120, February, 2022 (Elsevier).
 16. Trade Data Falsification & Informal Capital Movement: A Study of Bangladesh with Major Asian Trade Partners (with S K Das), **Foreign Trade Review**, September 2022 (Sage).
 17. Can Authorities Curtail Falsified Trade & Investment Data that Hide Capital Movements? Evidence from Flows between BRICS and the USA (with S. Das), **Journal of Policy Modeling**, Vol. 45, 2023 (Elsevier).
 18. The Drivers of India's Agricultural Trade: A Study Based on Major Crops (with L Gohain), **Journal of Quantitative Economics**, 2024 (Springer).
 19. Abate, Bribe or Quit: Firms' Decision in the Presence of Environmental Regulation, Informality and Corruption (with S. Sengupta), **Environment and Development Economics**, 2025 (Cambridge University Press).
 20. Falsified Trade Statistics and Substantial Capital Fled: Evidence from Bangladesh with Top OECD Partners (with S K Das), accepted, **Journal of Quantitative Economics**, 2025 (Springer).
 21. Trade Misreporting Between India and the USA: Hidden Capital Flows and Tariff Evasion (with Subhasish Das & Jürgen von Hagen), **Open Economies Review**, January, 2026 (Springer Nature).
 22. Determinants of Crime in India: A District level Analysis (with Upal Das), **Journal of Economic and Social Measurement**, (accepted), 2026 (Sage).
- SSRN E-Journal Working Paper (Elsevier & Scopus)**
- <https://hq.ssrn.com/UserHome.cfm?&redirectFrom=true>**
23. **Gains from Trade & WTO: A Study of Major Indian Industries** (with R Deb). 2017. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3061131>.
 24. **Curious Case of Bilateral Trade Data Mismatch between India & the USA: Theory & Evidence** (with S Das). 2020. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3646942>.
 25. **Hidden Capital Movements through Falsified Trade & FDI Data: Empirics and Theory Comprising BRICS & the USA** (with S Das). 2021. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3912448>.

26. **Trade Mis-Invoicing & Welfare Optimisation: Role of Policy Instruments** (with S Das), 2022. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4138647>.
27. **An Enquiry into the Trade Misreporting Scenario in Bangladesh with India as Partner** (with S K Das). 2021. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4041194>.
28. **The Drivers of India's Agricultural Trade: A Study Based on Major Crops** (with L Gohain). 2022. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4039470>.
29. **Trade Misreporting and Capital Flight: A Study of Bangladesh with Major OECD Export Partner Countries** (with S K Das). 2022. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3877569>.
30. **Incidence of Crime and its Determinants: A Study on Indian States** (with Upal Das). 2023. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4472648>.
31. **Abate, Bribe or Quit: Firms' Decision in the Presence of Environmental Regulation, Informality & Corruption** (with Sarbajit Sengupta). 2023. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4614127>.
32. **Determinants of Crime in India: A District level Analysis** (with Upal Das). 2025. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5209604>.

Other Working Papers:

33. Tariff and Import Under-invoicing: Fixed vs. Flexible Exchange Rates, Technische Universität Dresden, Germany, 2011.
34. Rural Pollution, Informal Sector and Bureaucratic Corruption, UGC – SAP working paper, Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati, India, 2013.
35. Import Competition and Rural Industries: The Role of Tariff Protection, SAP working paper, Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati, India, 2014.
36. NREGS and Capital Formation in Rural India, (with R. Sanyal), Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati, India, 2015.
37. NREGS and Indian Fiscal Discipline: An Analysis, (with R. Sanyal), Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati, India, 2015.
38. Trading Mis-reporting, FDI and Capital Flight: A Case of the USA – India Trade (with Sandip Sarkar & Juergen von Hagen), 2019.
39. Mis-invoicing Trade & Informal Capital Movements: The USA - India Case (with Sugata Marjit & S Sarkar), 7th IMF Statistical Forum: Measuring the Informal Economy, 2019. <https://www.imf.org/en/News/Seminars/Conferences/2019/03/25/7th-statistical-forum>

40. Revealed Comparative Advantage in Indian Agricultural Trade (with Lekha Rani Gohain), 2021.
41. Exchange Rate Volatility, Structural Break and Indian Agricultural Trade (with Lekha Rani Gohain), 2021.
42. Misreporting of Trade Statistics and GDP Miscalculation in Bangladesh (with Samir Kumer Das), 2021.

Book Chapter & Monograph:

43. 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.
44. Review of Foreign Trade Data in LDC: Role of Policy Instruments (2010), **VDM**, ISBN 978-3-639-24488-5.
45. 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.
46. Agriculture, Trade and Foreign Investments: The Indian Experience, (2014), **LAP Lambert**, ISBN 978-3-659-52461-5.
47. 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.
48. Kautilya’s Arthasashtra: A Beckon that Might Solve Present Policy Dilemmas (with R Biswas) in Saha et al. (Ed.) **“Revival of Indian Knowledge System A Boost to Holistic Education”**, Vistaar Publication (July, 2024), ISBN: 978-81-971709-2-8.
49. Architecting the State Economy: Sheer Relevance of Kautilya’s Arthashastra in Modern Times (with R Biswas) in Saha & Saha (Ed.) **Bharatiya Bodh Anweshan: An Inquiry into Indian Consciousness**, Vidya Bharati Uchcha Shiksha Sansthan, West Bengal, March 2026, pp 139 – 156, ISBN: 978-81-942082-7-3.

Conference Volumes:

50. Preferential Trade, Mis-invoicing and Capital Flight (2002), **5th GTAP Conference Volume**, 2002, Taipei, Taiwan.

51. Import Tariff led Export Under-invoicing, Proceedings of the **XV SIGEF International Conference**, Lugo, Spain, 2009. ISBN: 978-84-613-5575-4.

Magazine Articles:

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

Article in Bengali:

53. *Poribesh, Durniti ebong Dushan, Arthabishleshan*, Vol 4/2, 2016 (Dey's Publishers)

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 at University of Bonn, Germany from June 6 – 17, 2016.
12. Workshop on Microeconomics at University of Bonn, Germany from June 7 – 27, 2018.
13. Workshop on Microeconomics at University of Bonn, Germany from October 12 – 16, 2022.

Papers presented at the following international conferences (Outside India)

- 1) 5th 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) International Seminar at University of Bonn, Germany on June 07, 2019.
- 20) International Seminar at University of Bonn, Germany on June 24, 2019.
- 21) Online Conference on Shadow Activities In International Trade & Capital Flows, Bonn, Germany on May 20, 2022.
- 21) International Colloquium at University of Bonn, Germany, October, 2022.
- 22) International Colloquium at University of Bonn, Germany, October, 2022

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.
10. Panel Discussion on "Save Visva-Bharati, Save Bengal's Future", Bengal Intellectual Group, ritambangla.com, August 29, 2020.
11. Lecture on "Formation of Microeconomic Models from Empirical Observations" at a Faculty Development Programme at AK Dasgupta Centre, Visva-Bharati, July, 2021.
12. Delivered a national level lecture on "Incidence and Abatement of Corruption in Development Economics" as resource person in a webinar organized by ABN Seal College, Cooch Behar, 2022.

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, Quarterly Review of Economics & Finance, The World Economy, Indian Economic Journal, Journal of International Money and Finance, Journal of Social and Economic Development, PLOS One, International Economics and Economic Policy, Environment and Development Economics, Journal of Social and Economic Development.

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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