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Curriculum Vitae

Associate Professor in Economics, Visva-Bharati— since 29 July 2026

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Calcutta, 2015; Thesis: *Aspects of Child Undernutrition in India*

M.Phil. in Development Studies, University of Calcutta, 2009

M.Sc. in Applied Economics, Presidency College, University of Calcutta, 2004

B.Sc. in Economics, Presidency College, University of Calcutta, 2002

AREAS OF INTEREST

Income Inequality, Inequality in the Non-Income Dimension, Health Economics, Child Health and Undernutrition, Foundational Issues in the Capability Approach

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

1. 'Early Marriage in West Bengal:Exploration into Patterns and Possible Causes', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Achin Chakraborty and Pintu Kabiraj, , Economic and Political Weekly, 61(35): 114-123, 2026
2. 'Intellectual Contributions of Amiya Kumar Bagchi', Achin Chakraborty and **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Economic and Political Weekly, 61(18): 34-40, 2026
3. 'Quantitative Insights on Dalit Assertion and Caste Violence in India', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Pintu Kabiraj, Economic and Political Weekly 60(9), 2025
4. 'Using Alienation to Understand the Link Between Work and Capabilities' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Journal of Human Development and Capabilities, 25(1), 2024
5. 'Self-Reported Morbidity and Self-Rated Health among the Elderly in India: Revisiting the Puzzles' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Stéphane Cullati, Stefan Sieber, Achin Chakraborty and Claudine Burton-Jeangros, Journal of Population Ageing (Springer), 16, 2023
6. 'The Politics of Child Undernutrition Data in India', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Achin Chakraborty, Economic and Political Weekly, 58(17): 33-36, 2023
7. 'Consumption Shocks in Rural India during the COVID-19 Lockdown', Economics Bulletin, **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, 42(2), 2022
8. 'Assessing the Nutritional Status of Rural Labour: The Rising Burden of Overweight', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Economic and Political Weekly, 57(42), 2022

9. 'Abused but 'Not Insulted': Understanding Intersectionality in Symbolic Violence' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Trisha Chanda, *Indian Journal of Human Development* (Sage), 16(1), 2022
10. 'Changing Wealth Inequalities in Child Nutrition in Indian States' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Achin Chakraborty, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 55(10), 2020
11. 'Human Connection in the Light of Marx's Theory of Alienation and Amartya Sen's Notion of Development as Freedom: An Exposition of Franz Kafka's Metamorphosis and Manik Bandyopadhyay's Ekannoborti' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *International Journal of Social Quality*, 9(2), 2019
12. 'Is the single self-rated health item reliable in India? A construct validity study' Stéphane Cullati, **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Stefan Sieber, Achin Chakraborty and Claudine Burton-Jeangros, *BMJ Global Health*, 3(6):e000856, 2018
13. 'Decomposing Nutritional Inequality by Caste and Class: A Quantitative Approach to Reckon Intersectionality' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Achin Chakraborty, *Economics Bulletin*, 37(2), 1339-1350, 2017
14. 'Sex differences in the risk profile of hypertension: a cross-sectional study' Saswata Ghosh, **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Anamitra Barik, *BMJ Open*, 6:e010085, 2016
15. 'On the apparent non-significance of sex in child nutrition in India' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Journal of Biosocial Science*, Cambridge Journals, 48(2), 2016
16. 'Dynamics of child undernutrition in India: An analysis beyond the Headcount Ratio', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Economics Bulletin*, 36(1), 2016
17. 'The Intersection of Gender, Caste and Class Inequalities in Child Nutrition in India' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Asian Population Studies*, Routledge, 2015
18. 'Do Public Services Reach the Worst Affected Children in Rural India? An Investigation Applying the Quantile Regression Method', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Child Indicators Research*, Springer, 6(3), 2013
19. 'Agriculture-Nutrition Pathways: Recognizing the Obstacles', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 47(16), 2012
20. 'Using the Mean of Squared Deprivation Gaps to Measure Undernutrition and Related Socioeconomic Inequalities', **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, Routledge, 12(4), 2011

Edited Book

Revisiting Inequality: Theoretical and Methodological Advances with Empirical Examples from India, Achin Chakraborty and Simantini Mukhopadhyay, Routledge (2024)

Book Chapters

1. 'Introduction' in Achin Chakraborty and **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** (Eds) *Revisiting Inequality: Theoretical and Methodological Advances with Empirical Examples from India*, Routledge (2024)
2. 'What explains the skewed progress in reducing child undernutrition in India?' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, in Achin Chakraborty and **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** (Eds) *Revisiting Inequality: Theoretical and Methodological Advances with Empirical Examples from India*, Routledge (2024)
3. 'Revisiting Women's Empowerment as an Agriculture-Nutrition Pathway Using the Framework of Intersectionality in India' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, in S. Mahendra Dev, A. Ganesh-Kumar and Vijay Laxmi Pandey (Eds) *Achieving Zero Hunger in India: Challenges and Policies* (Springer), 2023
4. 'Intergroup Disparities in Growing Economies: India among the BRICS' Achin Chakraborty and **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, in B.P. Abraham and P. Ray (Eds) *BRICS: The Quest for Inclusive Growth*, World Scientific, 2022

5. 'Caste Gender Intersectionalities and the Curious Case of Child Undernutrition in India: A Methodological Exposition' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Achin Chakraborty, in Supurna Banerjee and Nandini Ghosh (Eds) Caste and Gender in Contemporary India: Power, Privilege and Politics, Routledge, 2018

Book Reviews

1. Review of How Lives Change: Palanpur, India and Development Economics by Himanshu, Peter Lanjouw and Nicholas Stern, Progress in Development Studies, 2022
2. Review of Where India Goes: Abandoned Toilets, Stunted Development and the Costs of Caste by Diane Coffey and Dean Spears, Journal of Human Development and Capabilities, 21(4), 2020
3. Review of Health and Well-Being in India: A Quantitative Analysis of Inequality in Outcomes and Opportunities by Vani Kant Borooah, Journal of Human Development and Capabilities, 20(4), 2019

PUBLIC-FACING WRITINGS

1. A Star Named Bibha and Other Stories (Timeless Biographies), Anwesha Sengupta, Supurna Banerjee and **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Harper Collins, 2024
2. 'Global Hunger Index: Misplaced Debate and Ignoring Priorities' Achin Chakraborty and **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, The India Forum, November 11, 2022
3. 'Confirmation Bias on Overdrive in 'Economic Survey 2020-21'' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Achin Chakraborty, The India Forum, April 6, 2021
4. 'Revisiting gender inequalities in India in times of a pandemic' **Simantini Mukhopadhyay** and Supurna Banerjee, Special Series on Covid-19, IDSK, May 2020
5. 'Janaswastheo meyera upekkhitoi thakbe?' (In Bengali), **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Anustup 59(2), Swastho o Samaj Bishesh Sankhya, 2025
6. 'Lingo Samya Bishoye Amartya Sener Bhabna' (In Bengali), **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Anustup 59(4), Amartya Sen Bishesh Sankhya, 2025
7. Regularly writes op-ed articles on development issues for the leading Bengali daily Anandabazar Patrika
8. Amar Hasi Pachchhe Na (In Bengali), **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Hatekhori Publisher (2025) — a compilation of articles on gender issues in Bengali
9. Khawadawa (In Bengali), Anwesha Sengupta and **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Revisiting the Craft of History Writing for Children, Project sponsored by Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung
10. Dekho Ami Barchhi Na Mummy (In Bengali), **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Hatekhori Publisher (2026)
11. Choukath Periye (In Bengali), Anwesha Sengupta, Supurna Banerjee and **Simantini Mukhopadhyay**, Robbar — a series of 28 articles on women's work in the formal sector in early post-colonial India, 2025

TRANSLATION

Translated the chapter Rabindranath, Chin o Jatiyotabad by Partha Chatterjee from English to Bengali in the book, Rabindranath, Bakpoti Bishwamona, IDSK, 2011

Translated the chapter Markin Muluke in Jagat Kutir, a translation of Amartya Sen's Home in the World, into Bengali, Ananda Publishers, 2022

PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

1. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA), University of Bradford, 1–5 September 2025

2. Paper presented at the AICAR 2024 Aston Conference, 6th Annual Conference of Aston India Centre for Applied Research: India and the VUCA World, Aston University, Birmingham, 1–2 September 2024 (Best Paper Award)
3. Paper presented at a Conference on Kerala and The World Economy, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, 10–11 March 2024
4. Paper presented at the International Conference on 'Structural Transformation and Indian Labour Market', organised by CPPG, Goa Institute of Management, 2023
5. Paper presented at the conference of Human Development and Capability Association Conference (online), 2023
6. Paper presented at a seminar jointly organized by the Department of Political and Social Science and the Cooperation and Development Network, Master in Cooperation and Development, University of Pavia, 2022
7. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Labour Economics, Roorkee, India, 2022
8. Paper presented at the IGIDR-SPANDAN Grants Workshops, held virtually, 2021 and 2022
9. Paper presented at the 2021 iHEA World Congress, held virtually, 2021
10. Paper presented at the conference of Indian Health Economics and Policy Association, Bhubaneswar, India, 2020
11. Paper presented at the conference of International Health Economics Association, Basel, Switzerland, July 2019
12. Paper presented at the conference of Human Development and Capability Association, London, UK, September 2019
13. Paper presented at the Conference on 'Towards Improving Nutrition Outcomes in India', Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India, 2018
14. Paper presented at the National Seminar on 'Addressing the Problems of Inter-State and Inter-District Disparity in India', organized by Asian Development Research Institute, Bihar, India, 2018
15. Paper presented at the IEA-IGIDR Conference on 'Social Sector Development in India: Emerging Issues and Policy Perspectives', Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, 6–7 October 2017
16. Paper presented at 6th West Bengal Growth Conference, organized jointly by International Growth Center, Centre for West Bengal Economy, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata and Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, 2016
17. Invited Lecture at Institute of Demographics and Socioeconomics, University of Geneva, 2016
18. Paper presented at the International Conference on Examining Intersections: Caste/Gender Narratives, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India, 2016
19. Paper Presented at the conference of Indian Health Economics and Policy Association, Kolkata, 2016
20. Paper presented at the conference of the Human Development and Capability Association, Washington D.C., USA, 2015
21. Paper presented at the conference of the Human Development and Capability Association, Jakarta, Indonesia, 5–7 September 2012
22. Paper presented at the Second Development Meet, organized by Central University of Bihar, India, 2012
23. Paper presented at the 47th Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society, Indore, India, 2011

RESEARCH PROJECTS

1. Co-Principal Investigator, Dropout trends before and during Covid pandemic in West Bengal (with special reference to girls' dropout), School Education Department, Government of West Bengal, 2023

2. Co-Principal Investigator, Early Marriage among Girls in West Bengal: An Investigation through Triangulation of Available Data, Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal, 2023
3. Co-PI, 'Health Inequalities in India and Switzerland: Measurement and Distribution of Well-Being and Vulnerability' (jointly with Achin Chakraborty, Claudine Burton-Jeangros and Stephane Cullati), under Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme in Social Sciences, funded by ICSSR and Swiss Government, 2015–2017
4. Co-PI, Investment requirements for provision of core services and own resource generation by the Panchayats in West Bengal, IDSK, from August 2014

RESEARCH GUIDANCE

1. Supervised (jointly with Achin Chakraborty) the Ph.D. thesis of Pintu Kabiraj at IDSK (Degree Awarded, University of Calcutta, 2025)
2. Supervised (as Co-Supervisor, jointly with Achin Chakraborty) the Ph.D. thesis of Dibyendu Biswas at IDSK (Degree Awarded, University of Calcutta, 2025)
3. Supervising (as Co-Supervisor, jointly with Subrata Mukherjee) the Ph.D. thesis of Soumi Biswas at IDSK
4. Supervising (jointly with Indrani Chakraborty) the Ph.D. thesis of Zinnia Mitra Bose at IDSK (Thesis submitted to University of Calcutta)
5. Supervising (jointly with Achin Chakraborty) the Ph.D. thesis of Pallavi Mondal at IDSK
6. Supervising (jointly with Achin Chakraborty) the Ph.D. thesis of Said Bin Sarif Al Mamun at IDSK
7. Supervised (jointly with Saswata Ghosh) the M.Phil. dissertation of Sanchali Das Podder at IDSK (submitted 2021)
8. Supervised the M.Phil. dissertation of Debopriti Bhattacharya at IDSK (submitted 2019)
9. Supervised the M.Phil. dissertation of Debashree Paul at IDSK (submitted 2018)
10. Supervised (jointly with Saswata Ghosh) the M.Phil. dissertation of Monalisa Chakraborty at IDSK (submitted 2017)
11. Supervised (jointly with Achin Chakraborty) the M.Phil. dissertation of Pintu Kabiraj at IDSK (submitted 2016)

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (SELECTED)

1. Organized (jointly with Supurna Banerjee) a three-day national conference (virtual) on Examining Gendered Violence in India, IDSK, 2021
2. Organized (jointly with Achin Chakraborty) a two-day national conference on Aspects on Inequality in India, IDSK, 2020
3. Organized as Course Co-Director a Ten Days Research Methodology Course sponsored by ICSSR (Indian Council of Social Science Research), IDSK, 2019
4. Coordinated a week-long Workshop on Quantitative Methods for Researchers in Social Sciences, IDSK, 2017
5. Coordinated (jointly with Subrata Mukherjee) a week-long Workshop on Quantitative Methods for Researchers in Social Sciences, IDSK, 2015

REVIEWER

Plos One; Maternal and Child Nutrition (Springer); British Journal of Nutrition (Cambridge Journals); Oxford Development Studies (Oxford Journals); International Journal for Equity in Health (Springer); Social Indicators Research (Springer); Child Indicators Research (Springer); Economic and Political Weekly

EXPERIENCE

1. Assistant Professor, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK), December 2014- July 2026
2. Invited to teach a course on Research Methodology as part of the Ph.D. coursework, Department of Political Science, Presidency University, September–December 2015
3. Guest Lecturer, Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (formerly BESU Shibpur), 2014–2017

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

1. CICOPS Scholarship to visit University of Pavia for 12 weeks, May–July 2022
2. SPANDAN Grant supported by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, 2020, for a study on Intersectional Inequalities in Agriculture-Nutrition Pathways in India
3. UGC (University Grants Commission) Fellowship of the Ph.D. Programme of Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies, 2010
4. Panchanan Chakrabarty Memorial Scholarship, 2008, for excellent performance in the M.Phil Programme, IDSK
5. State Eligibility Test for Lectureship, conducted by West Bengal College Service Commission, 2007
6. Order of Merit Certificate, University of Calcutta, for standing Third in aggregate in M.Sc. in Applied Economics, 2004
7. Order of Merit Certificate, University of Calcutta, for standing Fourth in aggregate in B.Sc. (Honours) in Economics, 2002

REFEREES

1. Prof. Achin Chakraborty (M.Phil and Ph.D. Supervisor)

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