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Research Interests: Applied Microeconomics with particular interest in public policy and public health.

Primary Research Areas: Development, Labour and Health Economics.

Secondary Research Areas: Demographic Economics and Behavioural Economics.

Academic Affiliations:

Associate Professor of Economics Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.	December 2020 – Present
Assistant Professor of Economics Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.	November 2016 – December 2020
Research Fellow Global Labor Organization.	July 2018 – Present
World Wellbeing Panel Member Barcelona Graduate School of Economics	September 2020 – Present
Founder and Co-ordinator Development Policy Research Network.	September 2015 – Present
Assistant Professor of Economics (on contract) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.	June 2014 – November 2016
Postdoctoral Researcher Behavioural Science Centre, University of Stirling, United Kingdom.	March 2014 – May 2014
Australian Research Council Research Scholar School of Economics, University of Queensland, Australia. “Rural Urban Migration in China and Indonesia” Project, funded by the Australian Research Council, World Bank, Ford Foundation and German Labour Institute.	June 2010 – December 2013

Educational Qualification:

PhD in Economics, University of Queensland, Australia, 2014.
Primary Fields: Labour and Development Economics with focus on subjective wellbeing.

Thesis Title: “Essays on Migration and Economic Development: with particular focus on the Chinese Economy”

Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Paul Frijters.

Received a full tuition fee and living allowance scholarship for this PhD based on academic achievements. Awarded Dean’s Award for Outstanding Research Higher Degree Theses, 2015.

Master of Arts in Economics (with thesis), University of Calgary, Canada, 2010.

Primary Fields: International Trade and Health Economics.

Thesis title: “Does membership in International (Trading) Organizations affect the incidence of Child Labour?”

Thesis Supervisor: Prof Eugene Beaulieu. Thesis Chair: Prof M. Scott Taylor.

Received a special invitation and a full scholarship for this Masters based on academic achievements.

Master of Arts in Economics (with specialisation in world economy), 2008.

Centre for International Trade and Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Secured first class with a record of highest ever marks (in a semester) from the University.

Received a full scholarship for this Masters based on academic achievements.

Bachelor of Science in Economics (with first class honours), University of Calcutta, 2006.

First class first from college and University Rank Holder.

Minor: Statistics and Mathematics.

Academic Honours and Awards:

Awarded the J.J. Goodwin Memorial Prize and Scholarship, 2006.

Awarded the Hrishikesh Chattopadhyay and Jainaseni Memorial Prize, 2006.

Awarded the Mahatma Gandhi Award, 2006.

Awarded the Swami Vivekananda Award, 2006.

Awarded the Indian Culture Award, 2005, 2006.

Awarded the Ford Foundation Scholarship, 2007 (declined).

Awarded the Merit Scholarship, 2006-2008.

Awarded the Graduate Research Scholarship, 2008-2009.

Awarded the Graduate Teaching Fellowship, 2008-2009.

Awarded the Research Summer Scholarship, 2009.

Awarded the Australian Research Council Discovery PhD Scholarship, 2010-2013.

Awarded the University of Queensland International Scholarship, 2010-2013.

Awarded the Graduate School International Travel Award, 2013.

Awarded the position of Senior Research Officer at the School of Population Health, University of Queensland, 2013 (declined).

Awarded the University of Stirling Postdoctoral Research Fellowship. 2014-2017.

Awarded the M. N. Murthy Excellence Fund, 2014.

Awarded the Institute Fellowship from the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur. 2014-2017.

Awarded the University of Queensland Postdoctoral Research Fellowship. January 2015-December 2017 (declined).

Awarded the 2014 Dean’s Award for Outstanding Research Higher Degree Theses, 2015 for the best Thesis from the University of Queensland, Australia.

Awarded the Australian Alumni Excellence Award India under Young Achiever Category, 2015.

Awarded letter of Appreciation from the Director of IITK for teaching, 2015 for *Introduction to Economics* (large class category).

Awarded Best Surge Poster Award 2016 for the project “Vulnerability of Indian widows” with Mr Ayush Agrawal.

Awarded letter of Appreciation from the Director of IITK for teaching, 2016 for *Introduction to Economics* (large class category).

Awarded the PK Kelkar Class of 1979 Research Fellowship for Outstanding Young Faculty by the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur from 1st May 2017-30th April 2020.

Awarded the Prof. M. J. Manohar Rao Award 2016, awarded to young scholars under the age of 35 from The Indian Econometric Society in 2018.

Awarded letter of Appreciation from the Director of IITK for teaching, 2019 for *Behavioural & Experimental Economics* (large class category).

Awarded letter of Appreciation from the Director of IITK for teaching, 2019 for *Introduction to Economics* (large class category).

The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) *Mathematical Research Impact Centric Support* (MATRICS) grant scheme under Quantitative Social Sciences (QSS), 2020-23.

Journal Publications:

“He’s in a better place but she’s not: Health status of widows in India” with Ayush Agrawal (IIT Kanpur) and Chitwan Lalji (IIT Kanpur) *forthcoming Journal of Development Studies* [ABDC Journal Ranking A].

“Daily weather only has small effects on wellbeing in the US” with Chitwan Lalji (IIT Kanpur & IIM Kozhikode) and Paul Frijters (LSE) *Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization*, 2020 Vol 176: 747-762 [ABDC Journal Ranking A*] [5-year Impact factor 2.261].

“Microcredit Program Participation and Labour Supply Behaviour of Rural Households” with Asadul Islam (Monash Uni) *forthcoming Journal of Development Studies*, 2020 Vol 56(10): 1927-1946 [ABDC Journal Ranking A] [Impact factor 1.531].

“Can Referral Improve Targeting? Evidence from a Vocational Training Experiment” with Asadul Islam (Monash Uni), Marcel Fafchamps (Stanford Uni) and Md. Malek (Uni of Tokyo). *Journal of Development Economics*, 2020 Vol 144: 102436 [ABDC Journal Ranking A*] [5-year Impact factor 3.996].

“Roommate effects in Health Outcomes” with Paul Frijters (London School of Economics), Asadul Islam (Monash Uni) and Chitwan Lalji (IIT Kanpur) *Health Economics*, 2019. Vol 28: 998-1034. [ABDC Journal Ranking A*] [Impact factor 2.319].

“Heterogeneity in Peer Effects in Random Dormitory Assignment in a Developing country” with Paul Frijters (London School of Economics) and Asadul Islam (Monash Uni) *Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization*, 2019. Vol 163: 117-134. [ABDC Journal Ranking A*] [5-year Impact factor 2.261].

“Can eating five fruit and veg a day really keep the doctor away?” with Chitwan Lalji (IIT Kanpur) and Russell Smyth (Monash Uni) *Economic Modelling*, 2018. Vol 70: 320-330. [ABDC Journal Ranking A] [Impact factor 1.844].

“Migration and Discrimination in Urban China: A Decomposition Approach” (with Paul Frijters, UQ) **Review of Income and Wealth**, 2017. Vol 63(4): 821-840. [ABDC Journal Ranking A] [Impact factor 1.402].

“Microcredit Program Participation and Household Food Security in Rural Bangladesh” with (Asadul Islam, Chandana Maitra, Debayan Pakrashi and Russell Smyth) **Journal of Agricultural Economics**, 2016. Vol. 67(2): 448-470. [ABDC Journal Ranking A] [Impact factor 1.545].

“Do all activities ‘weigh’ equally? How different physical activities differ as predictors of weight” (with Grace Lordan, LSE) **Risk Analysis**, 2015. Vol. 35(11): 2069-2086. [Impact factor 2.898].

“Make Time for Physical Activity or You May Spend More Time Sick!” (with Grace Lordan, LSE) **Social Indicators Research**, 2014. Vol. 119 (3): 1379-1391. [ABDC Journal Ranking A] [Impact factor 1.648].

“Do WTO Members employ less child labor?” (with Professor Eugene Beaulieu) Master thesis submitted to the **Indian Growth and Development Review**, 2013. Vol. 6(1):148-159. [ABDC Journal Ranking B].

Covid-19 Research Papers:

“Determinants and Dynamics of Food Insecurity During COVID-19” with Firoz Ahmed (Khulna), Asad Islam (Monash), Tabassum Rahman (Newcastle) and Abu Siddique (TUM). **download**

“Income shocks and Wellbeing in rural Bangladesh: Evidence from large household surveys during COVID 19” with Firoz Ahmed (Khulna), Asad Islam (Monash), Tabassum Rahman (Newcastle) and Abu Siddique (TUM).

“Awareness Campaigns and Health Behavior: Evidence from Two Rapid Randomized Experiments in Bangladesh and India during COVID-19” with Firoz Ahmed (Khulna), Asad Islam (Monash), Tabassum Rahman (Newcastle) and Abu Siddique (TUM). ***Working paper***

“Coronavirus and Women's Mental Health: Experimental Evidence from Rural Bangladesh” with Firoz Ahmed (Khulna), Asad Islam (Monash), Tabassum Rahman (Newcastle), Abu Siddique (TUM) and Michael Vlassopoulos (Southampton). ***Working paper***

“Stigma, Misconception and Discrimination in the time of COVID-19” with Asad Islam (Monash), Liang C. Wang (Monash) and Michael Vlassopoulos (Southampton). ***Working paper***

Working Papers under review:

“Don’t judge a book by its cover: The role of intergroup contact in reducing prejudice in conflict settings” with Sarani Saha and S. N. Maiti (IIT Kanpur) and Russell Smyth (Monash).

“Mobilizing P2P Diffusion for New Agricultural Practices: Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh” with Marcel Fafchamps (Stanford Uni) and Asadul Islam (Monash Uni).

“Experimental Evidence on Adoption and Impact of the System of Rice Intensification” with Asadul Islam (Monash Uni), Christopher Barrett (Cornell Uni) and Md. Malek (Uni of Tokyo).

“Determining the Extent of Statistical Discrimination: Evidence from a field experiment in India” with Asadul Islam, Liang Choon Wang and Yves Zenou (Monash Uni).

“Inequality in access to welfare programs in India: The role of awareness and motivation” with S. N. Maiti and Sarani Saha (IIT Kanpur)

“Intergenerational consequences of maternal domestic violence: Effect on nutritional status of children” with Sarani Saha (IIT Kanpur).

“Early to Bed and Early to Rise: Really makes you healthy?” with Chitwan Lalji (IIT Kanpur).

“Family planning campaigns on television and contraceptive use” with S. N. Maiti (IIT Kanpur)

“Early marriage and reproductive health of Indian women” with S. N. Maiti and Manoj Maharia (IIT Kanpur)

Selected Work in Progress:

Partition, Forced Migration and Social Identity: Identifying the role of identity in philanthropic behavior with N. Bhattacharya and Sarani Saha (IIT Kanpur) and Liang Choon Wang (Monash Uni).

“What doesn’t kill you makes you stronger: Experimental Evidence on harassment of women in India” with P. Frijters (LSE) and S. Sahoo (IIT Kanpur).

“Microcredit Program Participation and Nutrition Security in Rural Bangladesh” with Asadul Islam (Monash) and Russell Smyth (Monash).

“Take-offs, Landing and Economic Growth” with Paul Frijters (LSE). *Currently ADBI Working Paper No. 641.*

“Incidence and Repercussions of Child Marriage” with S. N. Maiti and Manoj Maharia (IIT Kanpur).

“Happiness Assimilation Amongst Migrants: Evidence from Australia” with Paul Frijters (LSE).

“The Political Economy of Migration in China” with Paul Frijters (LSE).

“Reconciling datasets” with Paul Frijters (LSE).

“If you know it, then you follow it? Experimental Evidence on following traffic rules in India” with S. Sahoo (IIT Kanpur).

“Do caste-based quotas worsen discrimination-induced gender inequality? Field experimental evidence from India” with S. Sahoo (IIT Kanpur), Asadul Islam and Liang Choon Wang (Monash).

Book Chapters:

Analysing the poverty situation in India: A multidimensional approach, with Chitwan Lalji and Ayush Agrawal (IIT Kanpur) *forthcoming* in *Contemporary Issues in Sustainable Development: The Case of India* to be published by Routledge.

Project Funding, Consultancy and Collaboration:

“Health, Wellbeing and household dynamics among Women and Vulnerable Population in the times of COVID-19” (received INR 20 lakhs) funded by the Shastri Covid-19 Pandemic Response Grant (SCPRG): Call for Innovative Solutions 2020-21 (Indian PI) with support from the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India, with Myra Yazbeck (University of Ottawa) and Chitwan Lalji (IIM Kozhikode).

“COVID-19 pandemic in India” (received £5,000) a small pilot project funded by the University of Kent under the GRCF partnership Fund in 2020.

“Women’s financial inclusion” (received AUD 24,690) funded by Monash University to Dr. Denni Tomassi under the 2020 Early Career Research Grant Scheme, with Asadul Islam (Monash) and Marcel Fafchamps (Stanford) as research collaborators.

“Knowledge is Power: A Scoping Study on Women’s Safety” (received £20,000) funded by the International Growth Centre India (Bihar) 2019-2020 (PI) with Sarani Saha (IIT Kanpur).

“Addressing financial inclusion in rural India: The role of information and peer pressure” (received £20,000) funded by the International Growth Centre India (Bihar) 2019-2020 (co-PI) with Asadul Islam (Monash) and Marcel Fafchamps (Stanford).

“Affirmative Action, Discrimination and Economic Development: Lessons and Evidence” (received AUD 30,000) with Monash University, Australia, funded by the Australia-India Council. 2016-2017 (co-PI).

“A workshop into women’s safety in India” (received AUD 50,000) with Prof Paul Frijters, funded by the Australia India Council. 2016-2017 (co-PI).

“Pre-feasibility study for Comprehensive Agriculture Information System (CAIS)” (received INR 19,77,000) with other Indian Institute of Kanpur researchers, funded by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Uttar Pradesh. 2016-2017 (co-PI).

“Discrimination in the demand for health services in India” (received AUD 19,500) with Yves Zenou, Choon Wang, and Asad Islam, funded by Department of Economics, Monash University. 2016-2017 (co-PI).

“Evaluating and Learnings from India’s Family Planning Investments” with the International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW), IPE Global, IIPS Mumbai and others, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. 2016-2018 (PI).

"Skill Formation and Self-Employment Generation through Vocational Training" (received amount INR 850,000) as PI with Deep Mukherjee and Arun Kumar Sharma (IIT Kanpur), Paul Frijters (University of Queensland) and Asadul Islam (Monash), funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi. 2016-2018 (PI).

"Understanding Concepts in Behavioural Economics in the context of Developing Countries: Evidence from India and Bangladesh" (received amount £ 25,000 in 2015) funded by Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur Faculty Research Initiation Grant scheme, 2015-2018 (PI).

"Technology Adoption and Diffusion: The System of Rice Intensification and Food Security in Bangladesh" (received amount £ 74,000 in 2015) with Asadul Islam (Monash), Christopher Barrett (Cornell), Marcel Fafchamps (Stanford), Paul Christian (Cornell) and BRAC, BRRI from Bangladesh, funded by the International Growth Centre Bangladesh, directed by the London School of Economics and Oxford University, 2015-2016 (co-PI).

"Technology Adoption and Food Security in Rural Bangladesh" (received amount £ 60,000 in 2014) with Asadul Islam (Monash), Christopher Barrett (Cornell), Marcel Fafchamps (Stanford), Garth Holloway (Reading) and other researchers from IRRI, Monash, Dhaka University and BRAC, funded by the International Growth Centre Bangladesh, directed by the London School of Economics and Oxford University, 2014-2015 (co-PI).

"Can We Select the Right Peers in Indian Education? Evidence from Kolkata" (received amount £ 10,000 in 2013) with Paul Frijters (Queensland) and Asadul Islam (Monash), funded by the International Growth Centre India Central, London School of Economics, directed by the London School of Economics and Oxford University, 2014-2015 (co-PI).

Other Grants

Grant of INR 50,000 from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur to conduct a workshop on Development Policy. 2016-2017.

Grant of INR 1,00,000 from the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur to develop the Development Policy Research Network. 2016-2017.

"Religion and Politics in India" (received £ 23,000) with Sonia Bhalotra (University of Essex), Lakshmi Iyer (University of Notre Dame), Irma Clots-Figueras (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid) and Joe Vecci (University of Gothenburg), funded by International Growth Central India Central. 2016-2018 (Indian collaborator for DPRN project).

Professional Experience:

Written a report (with Grace Lordan) for Nuffield Health with London School of Economics, titled "12 minutes more..." and is expected to promote the importance of physical activity, sports and exercise in maintaining good health. <http://www.nuffieldhealth.com/about-us/lse>

ARC Research Scholar under the supervision of Professor Paul Frijters on the RUMiCI project.

Research Assistant under Professor Paul Frijters on miscellaneous projects.

Research assistant under Dr Sangeeta Bansal on a joint project with Colombia University on developing teaching material on “Trade and Environment” (An UNCTAD Project).

Research Assistant under Dr Gurbachan Singh on a finance project for University of Texas A and M, “Asset Prices in India.” 2008.

Research Assistant for Dr Bharat Ramaswami and Dr Sangeeta Bansal for a project funded by International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2008.

Supervision of Bachelor’s/Master’s thesis:

Number of UGP/MS students: 15+ completed.

Number of PhD students: 1 graduated; 5 in progress.

Ms Chitwan Lalji (***Thesis defended and graduated in July 2019***) as principal and sole advisor.
Thesis title: “Essays in Health Economics”. (currently ***Assistant Professor, IIM Kozhikode***)

Mr Surya N. Maiti (in progress, started in July 2017).
Thesis title: “Essays in Development Economics”.

Mr Nilanjan Bhattacharya (in progress, started in July 2018).
Thesis title: “Essays in Development Economics”.

Mr Soubhagya Sahoo (in progress, started in July 2018).
Thesis Title: “Essays in Experimental Economics”.

Ms Shraddha Bhatia (in progress, started in December 2020).
Thesis Title: “Essays in Food Security”.

Ms Deepthi Sara Anil (in progress, started in December 2020).
Thesis Title: “Essays in Health Economics”.

Visiting Positions:

Visiting Research Scholar at Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, December 2011 to January 2012.

Visiting Researcher at the London School of Economics, United Kingdom, January 2013.

Visiting Researcher at the Department of Economics, Monash University, Australia, September to October, 2015.

Visiting Researcher at BRAC Bangladesh, November to December, 2015.

Visiting Researcher at the Department of Economics, Monash University, Australia, June, 2018 to July 2018.

Teaching Assistant Experience:

August, 2008 – December, 2009

Econ 311 Computer Applications in Economics, Fall 2008; Econ 321 Global Trading System, Fall 2008; Econ 323 Natural Gas Markets, Fall 2008; Econ 357 Microeconomics II, Winter 2009; Econ 325 Petroleum in North American Economy, Winter 2009; Econ 311 Computer Applications in Economics, Fall 2009.

Tutorial Experience:

June 2010 – December 2013

ECON2060 Behavioural Economics, Undergraduate level; ECON2460 Health Economics, Undergraduate level course; ECON7460 Health Economics, Postgraduate level course; ECON1310 Statistics for Business A, Undergraduate level; ECON2050 Mathematical Economics, Undergraduate level; ECON7530 International Trade and Finance, Postgraduate level (Evaluations available upon request).

Teaching Experience:

June, 2010 – December, 2013

Econ 2460/7460 Health Economics, Undergraduate and Postgraduate level, Guest Lecturer; Econ 3800 Human Resource Economics, Undergraduate level, Guest Lecturer; Econ 2060 Behavioural Economics, Undergraduate level, Guest Lecturer.

Teaching Experience:

June, 2014 – Present

Eco 101A Introduction to Economics (Semester 1, 2014; Summer Semester; Semester 1, 2015, Summer Semester; Semester 1, 2016; Summer Semester; Semester 1, 2017; Summer Semester; Semester 1, 2018; Summer Semester; Semester 1, 2019) Undergraduate level.

Eco 506A Behavioural and Experimental Economics (Semester 2, 2015; Semester 2, 2016; Summer Semester, 2017; Summer Semester, 2018; Summer Semester, 2019) Undergraduate level.

Eco 560A Health Economics and Policy (Summer Semester, 2016) Undergraduate level.

Eco 311A Development Economics (Semester 2, 2017; Semester 2, 2018; Semester 2, 2019) Undergraduate level (Department Compulsory).

Eco 735 Postgraduate Development Economics (Semester 2, 2017; Semester 2, 2018; Semester 2, 2019)

Eco 201 Microeconomics I (Semester 1, 2020) Undergraduate level (Department Compulsory).

Awarded letters of Appreciation from the Director of IITK for teaching in 2015, 2016 and twice in 2019.

New courses introduced:

ECO 506 Behavioural and Experimental Economics.

ECO 560 Health Economics and Policy.

Conferences and Workshops organized:

Organized the first Development Policy Research Network Workshop and roundtable discussion session with policymakers on March 16-17, 2016 at IIT Kanpur, sponsored by IIT Kanpur.

Organized the Workshop on Development Policy with London School of Economics on March 10-11, 2017 at IIT Kanpur, sponsored by IIT Kanpur.

Organized the Workshop on Women's safety in India and roundtable discussion session with policymakers with Prof. Paul Frijters on October 14, 2017 at IIT Kanpur, sponsored by Australia India Council.

Organized the Affirmative Action Workshop and roundtable discussion session with policymakers with Dr. Asadul Islam and Dr. Liang Choon Wang from Monash University on December 21-22, 2017 at Le Meridian, New Delhi sponsored by Australia India Council.

Organized the 2019 Society for Economic Research in India at IIT Kanpur between 13-14 July.

Invitations to Seminars and Conferences:

Session chair at the Health Economists Study Group Meeting, January 2013.

Discussant at the Fourth Australasian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics, April 2013.

Discussant at the Labour Econometrics Workshop, August 2013.

Invited to the 3rd European Research Conference on Microfinance 10-12 June, 2013.

Can we select the right peers? Australasian Development Economics Workshop, Monash, 2015.

System of Rice Intensification in Rural Bangladesh: Adoption, Diffusion and Impact. Workshop on Statistical Techniques and R Software (STARS - 2016), 12th September 2016, IIT Kanpur.

Development Economics Conference organized by IGC Bangladesh and BRAC institute of Governance and Development, BRAC University 12th March 2017, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Can referral improve targeting? Evidence from a vocational training experiment, Workshop on Human Capital, ISB Hyderabad, August 11-12, 2017.

How Intensity of Exposure to an Innovation Affects Patterns of Adoption and Impacts: Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh on the System of Rice Intensification, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, December 19, 2018.

How Intensity of Exposure to an Innovation Affects Patterns of Adoption and Impacts: Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh on the System of Rice Intensification, Economics Group, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, February 22, 2019.

Can referral improve targeting? Evidence from a vocational training experiment, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, October, 2019.

Take-offs, Landing and Economic Growth, HUSS, IIT Delhi November, 2019.

Determinants and Dynamics of Food Insecurity During COVID-19, University of Kent Webinar, June 2020.

Mobilizing P2P Diffusion for New Agricultural Practices: Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh, *ECONCLAVE'20* Online Conference in Economics at the Department of Economic Sciences, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal, December 2020.

Seminars and Conference Presentations:

Occupational Safety and Health Regulation, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2007.

Gender Discrimination in the context of Game Theory, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2008.

Climate Change and Kyoto Protocol, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2008.

Microcredit and the Apparel Sector in Asia, University of Calgary, 2009.

The Political Economy of Migration in China, University of Queensland, 2010.

Take-Offs, Landing and Economic Growth, Applied Economics Seminar, UQ, October, 2011

“How Australian are you? Happiness, Migration, Assimilation and National Pride” Applied Economics Seminar, UQ, Brisbane, 2012.

8th Australian Development Economics Workshop, Monash University 2012.

14th International Schumpeter Society Conference, Brisbane 2012.

25th UWA ANU Annual Conference, University of Western Australia 2012.

The Political Economy of Migration in China, 8th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, New Delhi, 2012.

The Microfinance Puzzle, 8th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, New Delhi, 2012.

The Political Economy of Migration in China, Asian Meeting of Econometric Society, New Delhi, 2012.

The Microfinance Puzzle, Asian Meeting of Econometric Society, New Delhi, 2012.

Take-Offs, Landing and Economic Growth, XXIInd Annual Conference on Contemporary Issues in Development Economics, Kolkata, 2013.

The Microfinance Puzzle, XXIInd Annual Conference on Contemporary Issues in Development Economics, Kolkata, 2013.

The Microfinance Puzzle, Australasian Development Economics Workshop, ANU, 2013.

The Microfinance Puzzle, Econometric Society Australasian Meeting, Sydney, 2013.

The Microfinance Puzzle, 8th IZA/World Bank Conference, Bonn, Germany, 2013.

Happiness Assimilation amongst Migrants: Evidence from Australia, Hilda Research Survey Conference, October, 2013.

Happiness Assimilation amongst Migrants: Evidence from Australia, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, August 2013.

Happiness Assimilation amongst Migrants: Evidence from Australia, Behavioural Science Centre, April 2014.

Microcredit Program Participation and Household Food Security in Rural Bangladesh, 10th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, New Delhi, 2014.

The Political Economy of Migration in China, Conference on Markets, Labor and Regulation organized by Cornell University, Columbia University, DFID and World Bank, December 17-18, 2014.

Microcredit Program Participation and Household Food Security in Rural Bangladesh, South Asian Economic Development: The Way Forward, An International Conference from the Perspective of Young Researchers, South Asian University, New Delhi, April 9-10, 2015.

Can we select the right peers? 10th IZA/World Bank Conference, Bonn, Germany, 2015 with funding (declined).

Can we select the right peers? Australasian Development Economics Workshop, Monash, 2015 with funding (declined).

3rd IGC-ISI Summer School in Development Economics, July 2015, with full funding.

Peer Effects in Indian Education: Evidence from Kolkata 5th IGC West Bengal Conference,

December 26-27, 2015.

Takeoffs, Landing and Economic Growth: International Conference on Middle Income Trap in Asia and PRC New Economic Normal organized by Asian Development Bank Institute and China and World Economy, 13th-14th April 2016 in Beijing, China.

Can we select the right peers? Australasian Development Economics Workshop, Deakin University, 2016 (declined).

Social Network, Referrals and Technology Adoption: Evidence from Randomized Field Experiments, 3rd International Conference on South Asian Economic Development, South Asian University, New Delhi, February 23-24, 2017.

Social Network, Referrals and Technology Adoption: Evidence from Randomized Field Experiments, Workshop on Development Policy, IIT Kanpur, March 10-11, 2017.

Can referral improve targeting? Evidence from a vocational training experiment, Social Sector Development in India: Emerging Issues and Policy Perspectives, IGIDR Mumbai, October 6-7, 2017.

Can referral improve targeting? Evidence from a vocational training experiment, City University London, June, 2019.

Labour market participation of women in rural Bangladesh: the role of microfinance, Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics 2019 Conference, National University of Singapore, 13th December 2019.

Microcredit Program Participation and Labour Supply Behaviour of Rural Households, Department of Economic Sciences Academic Seminar, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, September 2020.

Mobilizing P2P Diffusion for New Agricultural Practices: Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh, Department of Economic Sciences Academic Seminar, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, November 2020.

Media Publications and columns:

Popular Summary for globaldev

Food insecurity during Covid-19

<https://www.globaldev.blog/blog/food-insecurity-during-covid-19>

Popular Summary for IGC India

Can we select the right peers in Indian education? Evidence from Kolkata

<http://www.theigc.org/project/can-we-select-the-right-peers-in-indian-education-evidence-from-kolkata/>

Popular Summary for IGC Bangladesh

Technology Adoption and Food Security in Rural Bangladesh

<http://www.theigc.org/project/technology-adoption-and-food-security-in-rural-bangladesh/>

Dr Debayan Pakrashi's article "*Can microcredit improve food security among the rural poor?*" (with Asadul Islam, Chandana Maitra and Russell Smyth) appeared on the Ideas for India website in September 2015 [Link](#) and on the Monash Business School website in October 2015.

[Link](#)

Dr Debayan Pakrashi's article on physical activities and weight (with Grace Lordan from the London School of Economics) was widely publicized in the United Kingdom by the media. See [Link 1](#) [Link 2](#) [Link 3](#) [Link 4](#) [Link 5](#) [Link 6](#) [Link 7](#) [Link 8](#) [Link 9](#)

Popular Summary for Behavioral Evidence Hub

Incentivizing Referrals in a Farmer Training Experiment

<http://www.bhub.org/project/incentivizing-referrals-in-a-farmer-training-experiment/>

Delivering COVID-19 information across the Digital Divide

<https://www.bhub.org/project/delivering-covid-19-information-across-the-digital-divide/>

Popular Summary for J-PAL website

The Impact of Referrals to Improve Targeting for Agricultural Training in Bangladesh

<https://www.povertyactionlab.org/evaluation/impact-referrals-improve-targeting-agricultural-training-bangladesh>

Contributions to the Institute:

Development of Research and Lab Facilities:

Co-ordinator and Research Fellow of a new research network *Development Policy Research Network* at the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, 2015-Present. www.dprn.in set up with the help of Prof. Arun K. Sharma and Dr. Deep Mukherjee.

Funding received from IITK as well as the Australian Government supported DFAT to conduct three workshops in 2017 with researchers from India, UK and Australia.

Institute Level Administrative Assignments: Several GATE/JAM and IIT-JEE assignments.

Professional Responsibilities:

Member of the organizing committee of the Annual PhD Conference in Economics and Business hosted by the University of Queensland School of Economics.

Member of the School of Economics, Ethical Clearance Review Committee, 2011-2014.

Member of Computer and Web Committee, 2014-15.

Member of Departmental Faculty Recruitment Committee, 2015-16.

Member of PUGC, 2016-2018.

Economics Lab-in-charge, 2016-20.

Member of DUGC, 2019-20.

DUGC Convenor, 2020-21.

Referee:

Review of World Economics, Health Economics, Review of Income and Wealth, Economic Modelling, Review of Development Economics, Indian Growth and Development Review, Economic Papers, Oxford Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization.

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