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Curriculum vitae

APPOINTMENT

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EDUCATION

School in Santiniketan, India.
MSc Economics (1982) from Visva-Bharati University, India.
PhD (1989) Jawaharlal Nehru University, India.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic history and development of South Asia, global history

COURSES TAUGHT

1990–2002: Courses on economics principles.
2002–6: ‘Economic History of India’, ‘Economic Development of Modern South Asia’, ‘India and the World Economy’.
2006– (in LSE): Convenor of MSc Global History, Dissertation in Global History (MSc), ‘Economic Change in Global History’ (MSc, 2007–13), ‘Development and Integration of the World Economy’ (MSc, 2006–11), ‘Theories, Paths, and Patterns of Late Development’ (MSc, 2009), ‘Comparative Economic Development: Late Industrialization in Russia, India, and Japan’ (BSc, 2006–11), ‘India and the World Economy’ (MSc, 2010, 2011), ‘Economic History of South Asia, 1600–2000’ (BSc, 2012, 2013).

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS UNDER CONTRACT

1. *Global Economic History*, edited with Giorgio Riello, under contract with Bloomsbury Press. Manuscript submission in 2016.
2. *On Legal Origins: The Case of Colonial India*, with Anand Swamy, under contract with the University of Chicago Press. Manuscript submission in July 2014.
3. *India under Colonial Rule: An Economic Analysis*, edited with Latika Chaudhary, Bishnupriya Gupta, and Anand Swamy, Routledge. Final manuscript submission in August 2014.

BOOKS AUTHORED

1. *East India Company o Bharater Arthonoitik Itihas* (East India Company and the Economic History of India, in Bengali), Calcutta: Ananda Publishers, 2014.
2. *An Economic History of Early Modern India*, London: Routledge, 2013.
3. *India in the World Economy from Antiquity to the Present*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012.
4. *Natural Disasters and Indian History*, Oxford India Short Introductions series, 2012.
5. *East India Company: The World's Most Powerful Corporation*, New Delhi: Allen Lane, 2012.
6. *The Economic History of India 1857-1947*, revised third edition, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2011 (previous editions 2000, 2006).
7. *Company of Kinsmen: Community and Enterprise in South Asian History 1700-1950*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2010.
8. *Rethinking Economic Change in India: Labour and Livelihood*, London: Routledge, 2005.
9. *Traditional Industry in the Economy of Colonial India*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999, Paperback 2007.
10. *Artisans and Industrialization: Indian Weaving in the Twentieth Century*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1993.

BOOKS EDITED

11. *How India Clothed the World: The World of South Asian Textiles 1500-1850*. Edited with Giorgio Riello, Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2010 (paperback 2013).

12. *Towards a History of Consumption in South Asia*. Edited with Douglas Haynes, Abigail McGowan, Haruka Yanagisawa, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2010.
13. *Economic Reforms: The Next Step*. Edited with Ashok Desai, Delhi: Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, 1998.
14. *Cloth and Commerce: Textiles in Indian History*. Edited. Delhi: Sage Publications, 1996.

REFEREED ARTICLES

1. Geography or Politics? Regional Inequality in Colonial India, *European Review of Economic History*, accepted.
2. The Rise and Fall of Indian Economic History, *Economic History of Developing Regions*, accepted.
3. Trading Firms in Colonial India, *Business History Review*, 88 (Special Issue 1), 2014, 9-42.
4. Bringing Economics back in Labour History: A Study of the Historical Patterns of Labour Supply in India, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, 47, 2013.
5. Rethinking the Origins of British India: State formation and military-fiscal undertakings in an eighteenth century world region, *Modern Asian Studies*, 47(4), 2013, 1125-56.
6. Consumption of Cotton Cloth in India, 1795-1940, *Australian Economic History Review*, 52(1), 2012, 61-84. (Received the Sir Timothy Coghlan Prize for the best article published in the *Review* during 2012).
7. Beyond Divergence: Rethinking the Economic History of India, *Economic History of Developing Regions*, 27(S1), 2012, S57-65.
8. Where is Bengal? Situating an Indian Region in the Early Modern World Economy, *Past and Present*, 213, 2011, 115-46.
9. Indigo and Law in Colonial India, *Economic History Review*, 64(S1), 2011, 60-75.
10. 'The Law of Storms': European and Indigenous Response to Natural Disasters in Colonial India, c. 1800-1850, *Australian Economic History Review*, 50(1), 2010, 6-22.
11. Colonialism and Industrialization in India 1870-1940, *International Journal of South Asian Studies*, 2010.
12. Economic Conditions in Early Modern Bengal: A Contribution to the Divergence Debate, *Journal of Economic History*, 70(1), 2010, 179-194.
13. Did Globalization Aid Industrial Development in Colonial India? A Study of Knowledge Transfer in the Iron Industry, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 46(4), 2009, 579-613.

14. Factor Markets and the Narrative of Economic Change in South Asia, *Continuity and Change*, 24(1), 2009, 137–167.
15. The Guild in Modern South Asia, *International Review of Social History*, 53 (Supplement), 2008, 95–120.
16. Knowledge and Divergence from the Perspective of Early Modern India, *Journal of Global History*, 3(4), 2008, 361–387.
17. State, Society, and Market in the Aftermath of Natural Disasters in Colonial India: A Preliminary Exploration, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 45(2), 2008, 261–294.
18. Sardars, Jobbers, Kanganies: The Labour Contractor in Indian Economic History, *Modern Asian Studies*, 42(5), 2008, 971–998.
19. Out of Tradition: Master Artisans and Economic Change in Colonial India, *Journal of Asian Studies*, 66(4), 2007, 963–991.
20. A Delayed Revolution: Environment and Agrarian Change in India, *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 23(2), 2007, 239–250.
21. Globalization, Factor Prices, and Poverty in Colonial India, *Australian Economic History Review*, 47(1), 2007, 73–94.
22. Flourishing Branches, Wilting Core: Research in Modern Indian Economic History, *Australian Economic History Review*, 44(3), 2004, 221–240.
23. Changes in Wool Production and Usage in Colonial India, *Modern Asian Studies*, 37(2), 2003, 257–286.
24. Madras Handkerchiefs in the Interwar period, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 39(2–3), 2002, 285–300.
25. Economic History and Modern India: Redefining the Link, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 16(3), 2002, 109–30.
26. Acceptance of Innovations in Early Twentieth Century Indian Weaving, *Economic History Review*, 55(4), 2002, 507–532.
27. Indian Weaving in the 20th Century, *Jahrbuch für Wirtschaftsgeschichte*, 2, 1998, 129–150.
28. Conceiving Mobility: Migration of Handloom Weavers in Precolonial and Colonial India, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, (with Douglas Haynes), 36(3), 1999, 275–302.
29. Music as Artisan Tradition, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 32(1), 1998, 21–42.
30. Capitalism and Community: A Study of the Madurai Sourashtras, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 34(4), 1997, 437–464.
31. The Role of the State in Initiating Development: A Study of Interwar South and Southeast Asia, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 33(4), 1996, 373–401.
32. Home Market and the Artisans in Colonial India: A Study of Brass-ware, *Modern*

- Asian Studies*, 30(2), 1996, 357–385.
33. Price Movements in Early Twentieth Century India, *Economic History Review*, 48(2), 1995, 118–33.
 34. Foreign Trade and the Artisans in Colonial India: A Study of Leather, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 31(4), 1994, 461–490.
 35. The Pattern of Industrial Growth in Interwar India, *Journal of Indian School of Political Economy*, 1994.
 36. Real and Financial Flows in the Indian Economy, 1970 to 1990 (with K. Sen), *International Journal of Development Banking*, 12(1), 1994.
 37. Money Supply and Asset-choice in Interwar India, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 30(2), 1993, 163–80.
 38. Size and Structure of Handloom Weaving in the Mid-1930s, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 25(1), 1988, 1–24.
 39. Growth, Distribution and Demand for Textiles in India (with M.H. Suryanarayana and K.S. Parikh), *Journal of Quantitative Economics*, 1993.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

1. Technology in Colonial India: Three Discourses.

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

1. British Indian Empire to 1858, and British Indian Empire 1757–1857, in Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Empire, forthcoming.
2. Embracing the World. Parsis after China Trade, in *Across Oceans and Flowing Silks : From Canton to Bombay 18th - 20th centuries*, edited by Pheroza J. Godrej and Firoza P. Mistree, Bombay, 2014.
3. Apprenticeship and Industrialization in India 1600–1930. In Maarten Prak and Jan Luiten Van Zanden, eds., *Technology, Skills and the Pre-modern Economy*, Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2013.
4. Capitalism in India in the Very Long Run. In Larry Neal and Jeffrey Williamson, eds., *The Cambridge History of Capitalism*, 2014, vol. 2.
5. Labour-intensity and Indian Industrialization. In Gareth Austin and Kaoru Sugihara, eds., *Labour-intensive industrialization in Global History*, London: Routledge, 2012.
6. Colonial India and the World Economy 1757–1947. In Chetan Ghate, ed., *Oxford Handbook of the Indian Economy*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.

7. Law and the Economy of Early Modern India. In Debin Ma and Jan Luiten van Zanden, eds., *Law and Long-term Economic Change*, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2011.
8. The Great Depression and the Economy of Interwar India. In Francisco Carlos Palomanes and Flávio Limoncic, eds., *A Grande Depressão. Política e economia na década de 1930 - Europa, Américas, África e Ásia*, 2010.
9. Economic History of India: Ending the Impasse. In Bharati Ray, ed., *New Approaches to Indian History*, New Delhi: Government of India and Pearson Longman, 2009.
10. The Long Globalization and Textile Producers in India. In Lex Herma van Voss et al, eds., *The Ashgate Companion to the History of Textile Workers*, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2010.
11. Introduction (with Giorgio Riello). In Giorgio Riello and Tirthankar Roy, eds., *How India Clothed the World: Indian Textiles and World History*, Leiden: Brill, 2009.
12. Consumption and Craftsmanship in Colonial India 1850–1950. In A. McGowan, D. Haynes, H. Yanagisawa, and T. Roy, eds., *Towards a History of Consumption in South Asia 1850–1950*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2009.
13. End of Aid: External Assistance and Development Strategy in India, 1950–65. In Helge Pharo and Monika Pohle Fraser, eds., *The Aid Rush: Aid Regimes in Northern Europe During the Cold War*, Oslo: Oslo Academic Press, 2008, vol. 2, 95–113.
14. Legislation, Enforcement and Adjudication in Indian Labor Markets: Origins, Consequences and the Way Forward (with Carmen Pages and Ahmad Ahsaan). In Dipak Mazumdar and Sandip Sarkar, eds., *Globalization, Labor Markets and Inequality in India*, New York and Oxford: Routledge, 2008, 247–282.
15. Handmade in India: Traditional Craft Skills in a Changing World (with Maureen Liebl). In J.M. Finger, ed., *Poor People's Knowledge. Promoting Intellectual Property in Developing Countries*, Washington DC: World Bank and Oxford University Press, 2004, 53–74.
16. Madras Handkerchiefs in the Interwar Period, in Sanjay Subrahmanyam, ed., *Land, Politics and Trade in South Asia*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2004, 282–302.
17. Economic Reforms and the Textile Industry. In S. Gokarn, A. Sen, R. Vaidya (eds.), *The Structure of Indian Industry*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2003, 82–111.
18. Deindustrialization. In Alice Thorner, ed., *Land, Labour and Rights: 10 Daniel Thorner Memorial Lectures*, Delhi: Tulika, 2001, 232–249.

ARTICLES IN *ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WEEKLY*

1. Empire, Law, and Economic Growth, 2012.

2. The Role of Labour Institutions in Industrialization: Japan and the Crisis of the Cotton Mills in Interwar Mumbai, 2008.
3. A Grand Synthesis, Review Article of Binay Bhushan Chaudhuri, *Peasant History in Late-precolonial and Colonial India*, 2009.
4. Agrarian Crisis in Interwar India: Retrieving a Narrative, 2007.
5. Economic History of India: An Endangered Discipline, 2004
6. Economic History and Postmodern Theory, 2003.
7. Handmade in India: Status Report on Indian Artisans (with Maureen Liebl), 2003.
8. Subaltern Studies: Questioning the Basics, 2002, Review article of David Ludden, ed., *Reading Subaltern Studies. Critical History, Contested meaning, and the Globalization of South Asia* (Delhi: 2001)
9. An Asian World Economy? Review Article of André Gunder Frank, *ReOrient*, 2001.
10. Deindustrialisation, April 2000.
11. Growth and Recession in Small-scale Industry: A Study of Tamil Nadu Powerlooms, 1999.
12. The Proposed Textile Policy: Do We Need One?, 1998.
13. Development or Distortion? The Powerlooms in India, 1950-97, 1998.
14. Economic Reforms and the Textile Industry in India, 1998.
15. Market-resurgence, Deregulation and Industrial Response: Indian Cotton Textiles in the 1990s, 1996.
16. Changes in Savings-rate and its Implications for Growth (with K. Sen), 1991.
17. Relations of Production in Handloom Weaving in the Mid-1930s, 1989.
18. South Indian Economy, 1914 to 1945 (with G.N. Rao, R. Mahadevan, D. Rajasekhar), 1988.

BOOK REVIEWS 2011-14

1. Jean Drèze and Amartya Sen, *An Uncertain Glory: India and its Contradictions*, Allen Lane, 2012, forthcoming in *Business History Review*.
2. B.R. Tomlinson, *The Economy of Modern India*, Cambridge University Press, Second Edition, 2013, forthcoming in *Economic History Review*.
3. David Arnold, *Everyday Technology. Machines and the Making of India's Modernity*, The University of Chicago Press, 2013, forthcoming in *Indian Economic and Social History Review*.
4. Sumit Guha, *Beyond Caste*, Brill, 2013, published in 2014 in *Economic and Political Weekly*.

5. Douglas Haynes, *Small Town Capitalism in Western India. Artisans, Merchants, and the Making of the Informal Economy, 1870-1960*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012, forthcoming in *Journal of Asian Studies*.
6. David Lockwood, *The Indian Bourgeoisie. A Political History of the Indian Capitalist Class in the Early Twentieth Century*, London and New York: I.B. Taurus, 2012, published in 2013 in *American Historical Review*.
7. David Sunderland, *Financing the Raj: The City of London and Colonial India 1858-1940*, by, Woodbridge, Boydell Press, 2013, published in 2013 in *Business History*.
8. Prasannan Parthasarathi, *Why Europe Grew Rich and Asia Did Not: Global Economic Divergence 1600-1850*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011, published in 2012 in *Journal of Economic History*.
9. Om Prakash, ed., *The Trading World of the Indian Ocean, 1500-1800*, Delhi: Pearson Education and Centre for Studies in Civilizations, 2012, published in 2014 in *Indian Economic and Social History Review*.
10. Feza Günergun and Dhruv Raina, edited, *Science between Europe and Asia. Historical Studies on the Transmission, Adoption and Adaptation of Knowledge*. Dordrecht, Heidelberg, London and New York: Springer, 2011, published in 2013 in *Taurus*.
11. Rila Mukherjee, ed., *Pelagic Passageways: The Northern Bay of Bengal before Colonialism*, edited by, Delhi: Primus Books, 2011, published in 2014 in *Economic and Political Weekly*.
12. Dwijendra Tripathi and Jyoti Jumani, *The Oxford History of Contemporary Indian Business*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2013, published in 2013 in *Economic and Political Weekly*.
13. Jeffrey G. Williamson, *Trade and Poverty: When the Third World Fell Behind*. Cambridge Mass. and London England: The MIT Press, 2011, published in 2012 in *Eh-Net*.
14. Peter Robb, *Sex and Sensibility: Richard Blechynden's Calcutta Diaries 1791-1822*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2011, published in 2012 in *Economic and Political Weekly*.
15. Deepak Kumar, Vinita Damodaran, and Rohan D'Souza, eds., *The British Empire and the Natural World: Environmental Encounters in South Asia*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2011, and Bhangiya Bhukya, *Subjugated Nomads: The Lambadas under the Rule of the Nizams*, Hyderabad, Orient Blackswan, 2010, published in 2012 in *Indian Economic and Social History Review*.
16. Claude Markovits, *Merchants, Traders, Entrepreneurs: Indian Business in the Colonial Era*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008, published in 2011 in *Business History Review*.

17. Marcel van der Linden, *Workers of the World: Essays towards a Global Labour History*, Leiden, Brill, 2008, and Marcel van der Linden and Prabhu P. Mohapatra, eds., *Labour Matters: Towards Global Histories (Studies in Honour of Sabyasachi Bhattacharya)*, New Delhi, Tulika Books, 2009, published in 2011 in *Indian Economic and Social History Review*.

INVITED TALKS 2010–13

University of Tokyo History Seminar, 2013
Yale University Economic History Seminar, 2013
Williams College History Seminar, 2013
Harvard Business School Seminar, 2013
King's College, London, 2013
Radhakamal Mukherjee Memorial Lecture, Indian Society of Labour Economics, Varanasi 2012.
Tata Institute of Social Sciences, 2012.
Columbia Alumni Association, Kolkata, 2012.
Pranab Sen Memorial Lecture, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, 2011.
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, 2011.
University of Osaka, 2011.
Tokyo University, 2011.
Lancaster University, 2011.
Copenhagen Business School, 2010.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION 2010–13

Co-organizer of panel on India in the World Economic History Congress, 2012, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

REFEREED FOR

Columbia University Press, Cambridge University Press, Routledge, Anthem Press, Social Science Press, Oxford University Press, *The English Historical Review*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Australian Economic History Review*, *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, *Economic History Review*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *European Review of Economic History*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Enterprise and Society*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Modern Asian Studies*, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, *Economic and Political weekly*, *Journal of Historical Sociology*, *Journal of Historical Geography*, *Journal of Material Culture*, *Conservation and Society*, *Business History Review*, *Journal of Philosophical Economics*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary Economics*, National Science Foundation, Pasold Fund, ESRC.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Executive Committee, International Economic History Association, 2009–
Member, Governing Board, Pasold Research Fund.
Research Fellow, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), London, 2012–6.
Research Fellow, Centre for Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy (CAGE),
University of Warwick, 2010 –.

JOURNAL AND BOOK SERIES EDITORSHIP

Editorial Board, Springer Economic History series.
Editorial Advisory Board, *Modern Asian Studies*, Cambridge, 2008 –.
Series Editor, Anthem Modern South Asian History series, London, 2007 –.
Editorial Board, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Sage Publications, 2002 –.
Editorial Board, *Medical History*, Cambridge and Wellcome Trust, 2011 –.
Editorial Board, E.J. Brill Global Economic History Series, 2007 –.
Editorial Advisory Board, *Economic History of Developing Regions*, Routledge,
2010–.
Editorial Advisory Board, *Indian History*.
Editorial Board, *Journal of Interdisciplinary Economics*.