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EDUCATION

School and university in Santiniketan, India. PhD (1989) from Centre for Development Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

RESEARCH FIELDS

Economic history and development of South Asia, global history, empires, environmental history, music.

TEACHING

EH307: Economic History of South Asia 1600-2000, BSc

EH404: India and the World Economy, MSc

EH421: Economic History of Colonialism, MSc (with Leigh Gardner)

Also in the past 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).

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS UNDER PREPARATION

1. *The Economic History of Colonialism*, with Leigh Gardner. Bristol: Bristol University Press.
2. *Law and the Economy in India: 1950 to the Present*, with Anand Swamy. Chicago: University of Chicago Press (manuscript submission 2019).
3. *Reserve Bank of India 1997-2007*, New Delhi: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

BOOKS PUBLISHED

1. *How British Rule Changed India's Economy: The Paradox of the Raj*, London: Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming.
2. *Global Economic History*, edited with Giorgio Riello, Bloomsbury Press, 2018.
3. *A Business History of India: Enterprise and the Emergence of Capitalism from 1600*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018.
4. *The Economy of South Asia: From 1950 to the Present*, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.
5. *Law and the Economy in Colonial India*, with Anand Swamy. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2016.
6. *A New Economic History of Colonial India*. Edited with Latika Chaudhary, Bishnupriya Gupta, Anand Swamy, Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2016.
7. *East India Company o Bharater Arthonoitik Itihas* (East India Company and the Economic History of India, in Bengali), Calcutta: Ananda Publishers, 2014.
8. *An Economic History of Early Modern India*, Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2013.
9. *India in the World Economy from Antiquity to the Present*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012. Japanese translation published by Nagoya University Press, 2017.
10. *Natural Disasters and Indian History*, Oxford India Short Introductions series, 2012.
11. *East India Company: The World's Most Powerful Corporation*, New Delhi: Allen Lane, 2012; Amazon audio book 2013; Penguin Portfolio Paperback

- 2016.
12. *The Economic History of India 1857-1947*, revised third edition, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2011 (previous editions 2000, 2006).
 13. *How India Clothed the World: The World of South Asian Textiles 1500-1850*. Edited with Giorgio Riello, Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2010 (paperback 2013).
 14. *Towards a History of Consumption in South Asia*. Edited with Douglas Haynes, Abigail McGowan, Haruka Yanagisawa, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2010.
 15. *Company of Kinsmen: Community and Enterprise in South Asian History 1700-1950*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2010 (second paperback ed. 2017).
 16. *Rethinking Economic Change in India: Labour and Livelihood*, Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2005.
 17. *Traditional Industry in the Economy of Colonial India*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999, Paperback 2007.
 18. *Artisans and Industrialization: Indian Weaving in the Twentieth Century*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1993.
 19. *Economic Reforms: The Next Step*. Edited with Ashok Desai, Delhi: Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, 1998.
 20. *Cloth and Commerce: Textiles in Indian History*. Delhi: Sage Publications, 1996.

ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

1. Music and Society in Later-colonial India: A Study of Esraj in Gaya, *Journal of Asian Studies*, accepted.
2. State Capacity and the Economic History of Colonial India, *Australian Economic History Review*, 2018.
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/aehr.12166>.
3. Reassessing FERA: Examining British Firms' Strategic Responses to 'Indianisation', *Business History* (with Michael Aldous), early-view on the journal website.
4. Transfer of Economic Power in Corporate Calcutta 1950-1970, *Business History Review*, 91(1), 2017, 3-29.
5. The Origins of Import Substituting Industrialization in India, *Economic History of Developing Regions*, 32(1), 2017, 71-95.

6. Natural Disasters in South Asia: Does History Matter?, *Toc Studies in Nepali History and Society*, 22(2), 2017, 287–299,
7. The British Empire and the Economic Development of India 1858-1947, *Revista de Historia Economica – Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History*, 34(2), 2016, 209-36.
8. Monsoon and the Market for Money in Late Colonial India, *Enterprise and Society*, 17(2), 2016, 324-357.
9. The Mutiny and the Merchants, *Historical Journal*, 59(2), 2016, 393-416.
10. Economic History of Early Modern India: A response, *Modern Asian Studies*, 49(5), 2015, 1657-66.
11. Geography or Politics? Regional Inequality in Colonial India, *European Review of Economic History*, 18(3), 2014, 306-23.
12. The Rise and Fall of Indian Economic History, *Economic History of Developing Regions*, 29(1), 2014, 15-41.
13. Trading Firms in Colonial India, *Business History Review*, 88 (Special Issue 1), 2014, 9-42.
14. Bringing Economics back in Labour History: A Study of the Historical Patterns of Labour Supply in India, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, 56(1), 2013, 37-56.
15. 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.
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17. Beyond Divergence: Rethinking the Economic History of India, *Economic History of Developing Regions*, 27(S1), 2012, S57-65.
18. Where is Bengal? Situating an Indian Region in the Early Modern World Economy, *Past and Present*, 213, 2011, 115-46.
19. Indigo and Law in Colonial India, *Economic History Review*, 64(S1), 2011, 60-75.
20. '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.
21. Colonialism and Industrialization in India 1870-1940, *International Journal of South Asian Studies*, 3, 2010, 11-32.

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23. 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.
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25. The Guild in Modern South Asia, *International Review of Social History*, 53 (Supplement), 2008, 95-120.
26. Knowledge and Divergence from the Perspective of Early Modern India, *Journal of Global History*, 3(4), 2008, 361-387.
27. 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.
28. Sardars, Jobbers, Kanganies: The Labour Contractor in Indian Economic History, *Modern Asian Studies*, 42(5), 2008, 971-998.
29. Out of Tradition: Master Artisans and Economic Change in Colonial India, *Journal of Asian Studies*, 66(4), 2007, 963–991.
30. A Delayed Revolution: Environment and Agrarian Change in India, *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 23(2), 2007, 239-250.
31. Globalization, Factor Prices, and Poverty in Colonial India, *Australian Economic History Review*, 47(1), 2007, 73-94.
32. Flourishing Branches, Wilting Core: Research in Modern Indian Economic History, *Australian Economic History Review*, 44(3), 2004, 221-240.
33. Changes in Wool Production and Usage in Colonial India, *Modern Asian Studies*, 37(2), 2003, 257–286.
34. Madras Handkerchiefs in the Interwar period, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 39(2-3), 2002, 285-300.
35. Economic History and Modern India: Redefining the Link, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 16(3), 2002, 109-30.
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47. Real and Financial Flows in the Indian Economy, 1970 to 1990 (with K. Sen), *International Journal of Development Banking*, 12(1), 1994.
48. Money Supply and Asset-choice in Interwar India, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 30(2), 1993, 163-80.
49. Size and Structure of Handloom Weaving in the Mid-1930s, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 25(1), 1988, 1-24.
50. Growth, Distribution and Demand for Textiles in India (with M.H. Suryanarayana and K.S. Parikh), *Journal of Quantitative Economics*, 10(1), 1993.

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5. The Writing of Economic History in India after Independence, In Ajit Sinha, ed., *Pluralistic Economics and Its History*, New Delhi: Routledge, forthcoming.
6. (with Bishnupriya Gupta) From Artisanal Production to Machine Tools: Industrialization in India in the Long Run, in Kevin H. O'Rourke and Jeffrey G. Williamson, eds., *The Spread of Modern Industry to the Periphery since 1871*, New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 229-55.
7. Indian Famines: Natural or Manmade? In Sanjukta Dasgupta and Arun Bandopadhyay, eds., *In Quest of the Historian's Craft: Essays in Honour of Prof. B.B. Chaudhuri*, New Delhi: Manohar, 2018, 75-102.
8. Origins of British India, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*, <http://asianhistory.oxfordre.com/>.
9. Asie (Inde), in Liliane Hilaire-Perez et al, eds., *Histoire des techniques, histoire des mondes XVIe-XVIIIe siècle*, Presses Universitaires de France, 2016.
10. Land Quality, Carrying Capacity, and Sustainable Agricultural Change in Twentieth-Century India, in Gareth Austin, ed., *Economic Development and Environmental History in the Anthropocene: Perspectives on Asia and Africa*, London: Bloomsbury, 2017.
11. (with Bishnupriya Gupta and Debin Ma) States and Development: Early Modern India, China, and the Great Divergence, in Jari Eloranta, Eric Golson, Andrei Markevich, Nikolaus Wolf, eds, *Economic History of Warfare and State Formation*, Springer, 2016, 51-69.
12. The Marwari Diaspora, *Oxford Handbooks Online: History*. <http://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/page/history>.
13. South Asia, in Joerg Baten, ed., *A History of the Global Economy: From 1500 to the present*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016, 249-73.

14. British Empire: 7. India, to 1858, and British Empire: 8. India, from 1857, in John M. Mackenzie, ed., *The Encyclopedia of Empire*, Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016.
15. Introduction to the second edition, Dharma Kumar, ed., *The Cambridge Economic History of India volume 2: 1750-1970*, Cambridge University Press, New Delhi, forthcoming.
16. (with Latika Chaudhary, Bishnupriya Gupta, Anand Swamy) Agriculture in Colonial India, in Latika Chaudhary, Bishnupriya Gupta, Tirthankar Roy, and Anand Swamy, eds., *A New Economic History of Colonial India*, Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2016, 100-116.
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18. 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.
19. Apprenticeship and Industrialization in India, 1600-1930. In Maarten Prak and Jan Luiten Van Zanden, eds., *Technology, Skills and the Pre-modern Economy in the East and the West*, Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2013, 69-92.
20. Capitalism in India in the very Long Run. In Larry Neal and Jeffrey Williamson, eds., *The Cambridge History of Capitalism*, 2014, vol. 1 of 2, 165-92.
21. Labour-intensity and Indian Industrialization. In Gareth Austin and Kaoru Sugihara, eds., *Labour-intensive industrialization in Global History*, Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2012, 107-21.
22. India and the World Economy 1757-1947. In Chetan Ghate, ed., *Oxford Handbook of the Indian Economy*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012, 33-55.
23. 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, 115-37.
24. The Great Depression and the Economy of Interwar India (tr. into Portuguese). In Francisco Carlos Palomanes and Flávio Limonic, eds., *A Grande Depressão. Política e economia na década de 1930 - Europa, Américas, África e Ásia*, 2010.

25. Economic History of India: Ending the Impasse. In Bharati Ray, ed., *Different Types of History*, New Delhi: Government of India and Pearson Longman, 2009, 179-97.
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29. 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.
30. 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.
31. 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.
32. Madras Handkerchiefs in the Interwar Period, in Sanjay Subrahmanyam, ed., *Land, Politics and Trade in South Asia*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2004, 282-302.
33. 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.
34. Deindustrialization. In Alice Thorner, ed., *Land, Labour and Rights: 10 Daniel Thorner Memorial Lectures*, Delhi: Tulika, 2001, 232-249.

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1. Economic Legacies of Colonial Rule in India: A Response, 2015.
2. The Economic Legacies of Colonial Rule in India: Another Look, 2015.
3. Empire, Law, and Economic Growth, 2012.
4. The Role of Labour Institutions in Industrialization: Japan and the Crisis of the Cotton Mills in Interwar Mumbai, 2008.
5. A Grand Synthesis, Review Article of Binay Bhushan Chaudhuri, *Peasant History in Late-precolonial and Colonial India*, 2009.
6. Agrarian Crisis in Interwar India: Retrieving a Narrative, 41(52), 5389-5400.
7. Economic History of India: An Endangered Discipline, 2004
8. Economic History and Postmodern Theory, 2003.
9. Handmade in India: Status Report on Indian Artisans (with Maureen Liebl), 2003.
10. 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)
11. An Asian World Economy? Review Article of André Gunder Frank, *ReOrient*, 2001.
12. Deindustrialisation, April 2000.
13. Growth and Recession in Small-scale Industry: A Study of Tamil Nadu Powerlooms, 1999.
14. The Proposed Textile Policy: Do We Need One?, 1998.
15. Development or Distortion? The Powerlooms in India, 1950-97, 1998.
16. Economic Reforms and the Textile Industry in India, 1998.
17. Market-resurgence, Deregulation and Industrial Response: Indian Cotton Textiles in the 1990s, 1996.
18. Changes in Savings-rate and its Implications for Growth (with K. Sen), 1991.
19. Relations of Production in Handloom Weaving in the Mid-1930s, 1989.
20. South Indian Economy, 1914 to 1945 (with G.N. Rao, R. Mahadevan, D. Rajasekhar), 1988.

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2. Rajeswary Ampalavanar Brown, *The Chinese and Indian Corporate Economies: A Comparative History of Their Search for Economic Renaissance and Globalization*, Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2017, in *Business History Review*, 2018.
3. Amit Kumar Gupta, *Crises and Creativities: Middle Class Bhadrakalok in Bengal c. 1939–52*, Delhi: Orient BlackSwan, 2009; Parimal Ghosh, *What Happened to the Bhadrakalok*, Delhi: Primus Books, 2016; Tanika Sarkar and Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, eds., *Calcutta: The Stormy Decades*, Delhi: Social Science Press, 2015. In *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 55(2), 2018.
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MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

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JOURNAL AND BOOK SERIES EDITORSHIP

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Editorial Board, Springer Economic History series.

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