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CURRENT AFFILIATION

Assistant Professor of Economics

(July 2024- Present)

School of Economics & Public Policy, *RV University*, Bengaluru, India

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Management and Labour Studies

September 2024

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

Thesis Title: Social Life Cycle Assessment, Supply Chain and Sustainability: The Indian Experience

Research Guide: Dr Unmesh Patnaik

M.Phil. in Management & Labour Studies

August 2020

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

Dissertation: The Informal Sector in India: Progression or Persistence? An analysis of firm-level performance

Research Guide: Prof. Bino Paul GD

M.A. in Economics, Specialization in Econometrics

August 2016

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

M.A. in Economics, Specialization in Public Finance, Environmental eco. & Agricultural Eco.

June 2013

Visva-Bharati University, India

B.A. Honors in Economics, Minor in Mathematics

July 2011

Visva-Bharati University, India

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Full-time Roles:

Assistant Professor at **RV University**, Bengaluru, Karnataka

July 2024 – Present

School of Economics & Public Policy

Part-time Roles:

Visiting Faculty in Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur, Maharashtra

Mar'24 -Aug'24 (Even Sem)

Course: Bachelor of Social Sciences (Fourth Semester) – 2 major course (**International Economics** and **Economics of Development**)

Total – **6 credits** (Each Credit 15 hours)

Visiting Faculty in Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur, Maharashtra

Sep'23 -Feb'24 (Odd Sem)

Course: Bachelor of Social Sciences (Third Semester) – 2 major courses (**Microeconomics** and **Macroeconomics**)

Total – **6 credits** (Each Credit 15 hours)

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Research Interests:

Development Economics, Labour Economics, Social Life Cycle Assessment, Social Sustainability, Applied Econometrics.

Teaching Interests:

Macroeconomics, Development Economics, Public Finance, Labour Economics, Business Economics, Circular Economy and Sustainability, Basic Econometrics.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- S. Ghosh & U. Patnaik, B. Paul (2025) *Unveiling the Well-Beings of Industrial Leather Glove Workers: A Social Life Cycle Assessment (S-LCA) Exploration*; **International Journal of Life Cycle Assessment** (Indexed: Scopus Q1; Impact Factor: 5.4) (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11367-025-02477-0>)
- S. Ghosh & S. Mitra (2023). *How Does Subcontracting Affect the Performance of the Informal Enterprise? - Source of Advancement or Exploitation?*; **Vision: The Journal of Business Perspective** (Indexed: ABDC, Scopus Q3; Impact Factor: 3.0) (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/09722629231164862>)
- S. Ghosh & B. Paul, Rahul S., U. Patnaik, A. Pulikkamath, Irfan R (2023). *Transition to Sustainable Development in the Tanning Industry: Evidence from leather value chain in Tamil Nadu, India*; **Sustainable Development** Volume: 31(4), (Indexed: ABDC, Scopus Q1; Impact Factor: 12.5) (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/sd.2560>)

Book/Book Chapters/Edited Volume

- S. Ghosh & S. Mitra (2024). *The impact of waste management practices on the performance of the apparel, textile and leather Industry: The Indian Case*; Environmental Risk and Resilience in the Changing World: Integrated Geospatial AI and Multidimensional approach Eds. Swapan Talukdar, Atiqur Rahman, Somnath Bera, GV Ramana, Atish Prashar; **A Springer Book Series GIScience and Geo-environmental Modelling** (DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-62442-1_10)
- S. Ghosh (2023). *A Bibliometric Analysis of Social Life Cycle Assessment (2008-2022)*; Developments in Energy and Environment- Select Proceedings of TRACE 2022 Eds. Rafid Al Khaddar, N. D. Kaushika, S.K Singh, R. K. Tomar and S.K. Jain; **A Springer Book Series Lecture Notes in Civil Engineering** (DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-99-1388-6_6).

Other Publications

- S. Ghosh & S.S Iyer (2022). *Challenges in Social Dialogue in India in Times of Crisis and Pandemic: Implications on Securing of SDGs*; **Friedrich Ebert Stiftung**, India (<https://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/indien/19117.pdf>)
- Soumen Ghosh & Vivekananda Datta, Dipak Kumar Mondal, Rishav Mukherjee, Kali Shankar Chattopadhyay, Saumya Chakrabarti (2015). *Adoption of recommended doses of fertilizers on soil test basis by farmers*; Agro-Economic Research Centre, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, India; Study No. 179.

Opinion Piece (Newspaper)

- S. Ghosh (2 May 2025). *Labour Rights and Ecological Sustainability*; **Telangana Today**, (<https://telanganatoday.com/opinion-labour-rights-and-ecological-sustainability>)
- S. Ghosh (8 April 2025). *Social security isn't enough: Indian manufacturing workers need something more*; **Manufacturing Today India** (<https://www.manufacturingtodayindia.com/social-security-isnt-enough>)
- S. Ghosh & B Renuka Ramakrishna (20 March 2025). *MSME Budgets ignores Women Workers*; **Telangana Today**, (<https://telanganatoday.com/opinion-union-budget-2025-26-msme-friendly-but-ignores-women-workers>)
- S. Ghosh (30 Jan 2025). *What Union Budget 2025 can offer women workers in manufacturing*; **Hindustan Times**, (<https://www.hindustantimes.com/ht-insight/economy/what-union-budget-2025-can-offer-women-workers-in-manufacturing-101738227129109.html>)

INVITED LECTURE

Invited lecture on *'Recent developments in Sustainability'*
ICFAI Business School

25th October 2024

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE: MAJOR ROLE

Consultant for Data Collection

March 2021– June 2021

-Society for Labour and Development, New Delhi; Asian Floor Wage Alliance.

Research Officer

July 2020–Dec 2020

“Due Diligence of Leather Supply Chain in India”

- Labour Market Research Facility (LMRF); *School of Management and Labour Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai*

Project Fellow

2017-18

UGC-SAP-DRS-II; Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati University, India

Temporary Research Staff

2014-15

“Adaption of Recommended Doses of Fertilizers on Soil Test Basis by Farmers”

-sponsored by Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India; *Agro-Economic Research Centre, Visva-Bharati University, India*

Project Assistant

2012-13

“A Comparative Study of some of the Livelihood Guarantee Schemes across the Global South”

- Brown International Advanced Research Institute BIARI (Brown University, USA) Alumni Research Grant 2012

sponsored research project; *Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati University, India*

Project Assistant

2012-13

“NREGS: Theoretical constraints! Interrogating Inclusive Growth”; sponsored by Planning Unit; Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, India

Project Assistant

2012-13

“A comparative study of some of the employment guarantee schemes across the developing countries”

- sponsored by UGC-SAP (DRS-I); *Department of Economics & Politics*, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, India;

WORKSHOP, SUMMER SCHOOL

Online Summer Workshop on Database on Indian Economy

7-18 June '21

-Organized by Centre for Development Studies Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

A week-long workshop on - **Quantitative Methods for Development Studies using R and Python** (Organized by IDSK) 1-5 March '21

Research Methodology Course for PhD Scholars in Social Sciences

9-18 July '19

Sponsored by the ICSSR, New Delhi - Organized by CRS – UoH

A week-long workshop on - **Frontiers of Research in Indian Economy:**

9-15 March '19

Emerging Issues, Theoretical Approaches, Data and Methods; Organized by IDSK & IGIDR

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS

- Paper Presented on “Social Sustainability, Industrial Relation and Gender: Evidence from two Indian Manufacturing Clusters” (with Srija Mitra as co-author) at the 65th annual conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE) held at Institute for Economic and Social Change, India during January 9-11, 2025.
- Paper Presented on “The Rise of ‘Khaabarwala’: A Case Study of a Food Platform's Journey in Bolpur and Beyond” (with Srija Mitra as co-author) at the 64th annual conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE) held at University of Hyderabad, India during March 29-31, 2024.
- Paper Presented on “Subcategory Assessment Method for Social Life Cycle Assessment: A Case Study of Leather Industrial Glove Workers in Kolkata, India” at the International Conference on Applied Economics and Finance (ICAEF) held at Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, Rajasthan during November 3-4, 2023.
- Paper Presented on “The Apparel, Textile and Leather Industry in India: Does Waste Management Practices impact the performance of the enterprise?” (with Srija Mitra as co-author) at the 63rd annual conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE) held at Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh during March 1-3, 2023.
- Paper Presented on “A Bibliometric Analysis of Social Life Cycle Assessment (2008-2022)” at 4th International Conference on Trends and Recent Advances in Civil Engineering (TRACE 2022) during October 18–19, 2022.
- Paper Presented on “The Women-Owned Enterprises in India: Performance, Condition and Challenges: an Overall Picture from NSS 73rd round Database” (with Srija Mitra as co-author) at 61st annual conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE) held at Punjabi University during December 7-9, 2019.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, ASSISTANTSHIPS AND AWARDS

Research Fellowship

December 2021

ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship; *Indian Council for Social Science Research, New Delhi*

Travel Grant

December 2019

61st Annual Conference of ISLE; *Indian Society of Labour Economics, New Delhi*

Young Researchers Grant (from *Tata Trust*)

June 2019

Doctoral Student Office, TISS, Mumbai

SOFTWARE SKILLS

STATA, IBM SPSS, GRETL, R Studio, Matlab, QGIS TABLEAU, UCINET (for Social Network Analysis), R Package, and Microsoft Excel.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Experience of preparing questionnaires, conducting the industry and household-level socio-economic survey, Unit Level Data Extraction (NSSO, PLFS, ASI, WORLD BANK Enterprise survey), Social Network Analysis (SNA) and report writing.

REFERENCES

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