

ASHWINI DESHPANDE

Curriculum Vitae

Research Areas

Economics of Discrimination and Affirmative Action, with a special focus on caste and gender in India, Aspects of the Chinese economy, International debt.

Education

Ph.D. (1994) on "Some Aspects of the International Debt Crisis of Developing Countries" from the Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.

M.A. (1987) in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. Graduated with a first division (top 8% in the university).

B.A. (1985) in Economics (Honours) from Hindu College, University of Delhi. Graduated with a first division (top 10% in the university).

Employment

November 2007 to present: Full Professor, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics.

Awards and Scholarships

V.K.R.V. Rao Award for economists under 45 years for original and significant contributions to Indian economics for the year 2007.

EXIM Bank award for outstanding dissertation in the area of international trade and related issues for 1994.

University Grants Commission (UGC) Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in 1989. [Simultaneously qualified the National Eligibility Test (NET) for teaching].

Other scholarships during the course of the MA programme at the Delhi School of Economics.

Fellowships

Indo-Shastri Fellowship to visit University of British Columbia, May-June 2005

Fellow, India-China Institute, New School, New York, 2008-2010.

Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Warwick, UK, October 1 to December 6, 2014

Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi (2013 to present)

Publications

Books

“Affirmative Action in India”, Oxford India Short Introductions Series, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, March 2013.

"The Grammar of Caste: Economic Discrimination in Contemporary India", Oxford University Press, New Delhi, July 2011.

Edited Books

“Boundaries of Clan and Color: Cross national comparisons of inter group inequality” (edited with William Darity Jr.), Routledge, London, 2003.

“Globalisation and Development: A Handbook of New Perspectives”, (edited volume), Oxford University Press, New Delhi, Hardcover 2008; Paperback 2010 .

“Capital without Borders: Challenges to Development”, (edited volume), Anthem Press, London, Hardcover 2010; Paperback 2012.

“Global Economic Crisis and the Developing World” (edited with Keith Nurse), Routledge, London, 2012.

Journal papers

2005 onwards; full CV on <http://econodse.org/ashwini/>

“The Eternal Debate” in Economic and Political Weekly, June 17, 2006.

“Overlapping identities under liberalisation: gender and caste in India”, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Vol. 55, No. 4, July 2007, pp.735-760

“ Where the path leads: the role of caste in post university employment expectations”, with Katherine Newman, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. XLII, No. 41, October 13, 2007, pp. 4133-4140.

“Quest for Equality: Affirmative Action in India”, The Indian Journal of Industrial Relations, Vol. 44, No.2, October 2008, pp. 154-163.

"Merit, mobility and modernism: caste discrimination in contemporary Indian labour markets", Indian Journal of Labour Economics, Volume 53, Number 3, July-September, 2010, pp. 433-455.

“Who is eligible: should affirmative action be group- or class-based?”, with William Darity, Jr. and Thomas Weisskopf, American Journal of Economics and Sociology, Vol. 70, No. 1, January 2011, pp. 238-268

“Entrepreneurship or Survival? Caste and Gender of Small Business in India”, with Smriti Sharma, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. XLVIII, No. 28, pp. 38-49, July 13, 2013

“Does Affirmative Action Reduce Productivity? A Case Study of the Indian Railways”, with Thomas E. Weisskopf, World Development, Vol. 64, December 2014, pp. 169-180

“Who is the Identifiable Victim?: Caste and Charitable Giving in Modern India”, with Dean Spears, forthcoming Economic Development and Cultural Change, 2015

Book Chapters (2005 to present):

“Graded Inequalities: An assessment of affirmative action in India”, in Elaine Dubourdieu, editor, “Affirmative Action Policies: a trans-national analysis”, Ashgate, 2006.

“Decomposing Inequality: Significance of caste” in Bibek Debroy and D. Shyam Babu, editors, “The Dalit Question: Reforms and Social Justice”, Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies, Globus Books, New Delhi, 2004, pp. 33 to 52 (Chapter 3)

“Do markets discriminate? Some insights from economic theories” , in “Reservations and the private sector: Quest for equal opportunity and growth”, editors Sukhadeo Thorat, Aryama, Prashant Negi, Rawat Publications, Delhi, 2005, pp. 59-65.

“Affirmative Action in India and the USA”: Background Paper, World Development Report, 2006

“Growth, reforms and inequality: comparing India and China”, with Lopamudra Banerjee, Yan Ming, Sanjay Ruparelia, Vamsicharan Vakulabharanam, Wei Zhong, in Bagchi, Amiya K. and D'Costa, Anthony P. (eds.) Transformation and Development: The Political Economy of Transition in India and China, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2012.

“Social Justice Through Affirmative Action in India: An Assessment”, in Jeannette Wicks-Lim and Robert Pollin (editors) “Capitalism on Trial: Explorations in the Tradition of Thomas Weisskopf”, Publisher: Edward Elgar Publishing Inc. (Northampton, MA), 2013.

“Caste, Class and Gender: Dynamism or Stasis” in Ashima Goyal (editor), “Handbook of the Dynamic Indian Economy”, Oxford India Handbook Series, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2014, pp. 352-373

“Deprivation, Caste inequality and the Maoist Conflict in India”, in N.Jayaram (editor), “For

Satish Saberwal: Essays in Historical and Comparative Studies”, Orient Blackswan, forthcoming, 2014

Working Papers

“How Backward are the Other Backward Classes? Changing Contours of Caste Disadvantage in India”, with Rajesh Ramachandran, Centre for Development Economics, Working Paper No. 233, November 2014, under submission.

“Is Self-Employment the Answer to Caste Discrimination? Decomposing the Earnings Gap in Indian Household Non-farm Business”, with Smriti Sharma, Centre for Development Economics, Working Paper No. 236, February 2014, under submission.

Encyclopaedia entries

“Affirmative Action”, in Kaushik Basu (editor), Oxford Companion to Economics in India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2007, pp. 5-6

“Caste” in Kaushik Basu (editor), Oxford Companion to Economics in India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2007, pp 48-50

“Women in the Labour Force” in Kaushik Basu (editor), Oxford Companion to Economics in India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2007, pp 557-559

“The Theil Index” in William Darity, Jr. (editor) The International Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, 2nd Edition, Thomson.

“Creamy layer” in William Darity, Jr. (editor) The International Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, 2nd Edition, Thomson.

“Caste and Diversity in India”, in The Companion to Social Economics , editors John Davis & Wilfred Dolfsma, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2008, pp. 171-187.

Other Papers (2005 to present):

"Gender Caste and Growth Assessment – India, Report to Department for International Development", (with Rao, N., Verschoor, A., and Dubey, A.), DEV Reports and Policy Paper Series, The School of International Development, University of East Anglia, UK, 2010.

“Exclusion and inclusive growth”, UNDP Discussion Paper, 2013.

Work in Progress:

“Education, Social Mobility and Affirmative Action”: two primary surveys in New Delhi, as a part of the NOPOOR consortium funded by EU (www.nopoor.eu)

“The effects of female literacy and numeracy on household decision-making and child outcomes”, a collaborative project based at the University of Ottawa and Centre for Development Economics, funded by the SSHRC, Canada.

Impact evaluation of the Maharashtra State Rural Livelihoods Mission (MSRLM) programme, through a “Maharashtra Well-Being and Livelihoods Panel Survey”, funded by the Social Observatory unit of the World Bank.

“Impact of social policies to mitigate social exclusion and reduce poverty”, a collaborative project with colleagues at IIM-Udaipur and Duke University, funded by Duke University.

“Glass ceiling or sticky floor? An analysis of gender wage discrimination in India”, joint with Deepti Goel and Shantanu Khanna

“Caste Identity and Institutions: Perceptions About Remunerative Earnings from Self-Employment in India”, joint with Deepti Goel

Writings on music:

“The singer and the voice: where is the music”, Economic and Political Weekly, vol. 39, No.48, November 2004 and on the Underscore Records website: http://www.underscorerecords.com/resources/articles/ashwini_deshpande-the_singer_and_the_voice.pdf

“Understanding the singer”, Economic and Political Weekly, 28 May 2005

“Not understanding the singer”, Economics and Political Weekly, Vol. 40, No. 22-23, 2005.

"A Matter of Name and Shame", Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. XLIV, No. 44, October 31, 2009.

"A man who resides in music", translated from original Marathi by P.L.Deshpande to English, published in the Mallikarjun Mansur centenary celebration volume, September 2010.

“Scholar Extraordinaire: Ashok Ranade on Hindi Film Music”, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol XLVI, No. 39, September 24, 2011

Pieces on Hindi Film music for the Indian Express: “The Deep Sounds of the Mughals”; “*Behnon and Bhaiyon: Cibaca Geet Mala*”; “New Sounds of Hindi Film Music”.

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