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I am currently an independent consultant on economics, development and statistics, with a focus on food and agriculture in Asia. I have consulted on economics and statistics in international organizations such as FAO and ILO and taught economics and development in India and Thailand and lectured in various academic institutions. The development experience in Asia, in particular China and India, have been the focus of my research over the years.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2012) Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi,**

Title: *Agrarian Change and Rural Transformation in China: China's Development Experience Since 1965.*

WORK / CONSULTANCIES

- **Lead Consultant FAO –RAP, Bangkok-** Food Security and Nutrition Statistics Project (Nepal, Lao PDR, Philippines) (February 2015 –)

-**Consultant, Agricultural Data Analysis,** Food and Agricultural Organization, Regional Office for the Asia and the Pacific (**FAO-RAP**), Bangkok (December, 2013 – September 2014). Worked with selected Asia Pacific countries (Nepal, Lao PDR, Philippines) to create capacity in compiling and analyzing food balance sheets.

-**Course Coordinator and Visiting Lecturer at Southeast Asia Program, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok.** Designed course outline and taught an MA course titled “*India, Southeast Asia and the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)-2015*”, (June-October 2013).

-**Consultant** on Food and Agriculture Statistics, **FAO-RAP**, Bangkok, (September – October 2011).

Research Associate, Institute of Chinese Studies, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi., (January -September 2005).

-**Guest Lecturer,** M.Phil. course “China’s Economic Development”, **Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi.** (March - April 2005).

-**Consultant,** Working Conditions and Employment Programme, **ILO, Geneva.** Prepared a study on - “Indicators of wages in industrializing Countries” (December 2003 - January 2004).

Research Economist, In focus Programme on Socio Economic Security, ILO, Geneva.

Developed a Global Income Security Index for 99 countries, included in the “**Economic Security for a Better World**”, ILO, Geneva, 2004., (February 2002 to March 2003).

-**Consultant, Employment Strategies Department, ILO, Geneva.** Prepared a background paper on “Wage Policies in Developing Countries”. (February – April 2001).

-**Economist, In focus Programme on Socio Economic Security and Travail, ILO,** Prepared a review of existing data and information on different Socio Economic Security Indicators and prepared an analysis of Child labour estimates, (July 1999 – August 2000).

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS

Visiting Fellow, Centre for Development Studies, University of Cambridge. 1996-1997

Visiting Fellow, China Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of Population and Labour, Beijing, May– June 2005,

Visiting Fellow, Indian Delegation of China Scholars in Japan, to exchange views on research pm China, co sponsored by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of India, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, November - December 2005.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS / PUBLICATIONS

“Food and Feed in a Resource Constrained System: Revisiting China’s Agrarian Questions”, Working Paper, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, 2014.

“Labour Mobilization and Rapid Capital Accumulation in Modern China’s Agrarian Transformation” Paper for a Workshop on Indian and International Experiences of Cooperatives in Agriculture, New Delhi, March 2013.

“Food and Agriculture in China”, in M. Rasgotra, ed. *China: Economy and Environment, 2 Volumes*, ORF China Studies Series #2, (New Delhi: Academic Foundation, 2011), pp.39-62.

Agriculture and Food in China – (with a comparative reference to India), Seminar presentation **Chinese Economy and Environment** at Observer Research Foundation, Delhi, July 2009.

“Food Balances and Nutrition in China since the 1990s”, Paper presented at the **3rd World Forum on China Studies**, Shanghai, China, 8-9 September, 2008.

Enterprise Labour Flexibility and Security Surveys – A Training Manual, (November 2006, ILO, Geneva), jointly authored with I. Chernyshev and A. Khan.

“Inter-provincial Disparities in Rural ‘People’s Livelihood’ in China: An Empirical Assessment (1980-2004)”, *China Report*, Vol. 42, No. 3, 2006.

“Measuring Income Security in Industrialised Countries”, Paper presented at the Workshop on ‘Re-conceptualising Work’, ILO, Geneva, December 2002.

“Output and Employment in Rural China: Some Post-reform Problems”, with Utsa Patnaik, *Economic and Political Weekly*, September 16, 2000.

“Post-reform trends in crop area, output and employment in China and in India”, March 1999, University of Hyderabad, India, International seminar on Economic Reforms in India and China, with U.Patnaik.

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES

“Economic Growth, Food and Nutrition in Contemporary China” Institute of Asian Studies and The Political Economy Study Center, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, 27 Feb., 2013.

“The Asian Century: Towards an Asian Perspective on Growth and Development in East and South Asia”, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, August 30, 2010.

“Political Economy or economics? Some Foundational Considerations”, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, **Jawaharlal Nehru University**, New Delhi, September 2008.

“Economics for International Studies” Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, **Jawaharlal Nehru University**, New Delhi, 17 Nov. 2006.

“Agriculture in India and China: Towards a Comparative Perspective”, China Agricultural University (Beijing), at Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (Shanghai) and at Nanjing Agricultural University (Nanjing) May/June, 2005.

LANGUAGES: English, Tamil and Hindi – can speak read and write;

Bengali, Telegu - Can speak fluently;

French , Chinese (Mandarin): Basic knowledge.