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Educational Qualifications

- Ph.D. in Economics, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada (2006-2012)
Thesis title: "Essays on economic development and political economy"
- M.A in Economics, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada (2005-2006)
- B. Technology in Mechanical Engineering, IIT Kanpur, Kanpur, India (2000-2004)

Work Experience

India Development Foundation (April 2018 – Present)

Head – Projects

Ashoka University (January 2020 – Present)

Visiting Faculty of Economics

India Development Foundation (June 2016 – Present)

Fellow

Shiv Nadar University (June 2012 – May 2016)

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

TATA Motors (2004-2005)

Graduate Engineer Trainee

Academic papers

Chadha, N., & Nandwani, B. (2018). Ethnic fragmentation, public good provision and inequality in India, 1988–2012. *Oxford Development Studies*, 46(3), 363-377.

Chadha, N., & Nandwani, B. (2017). Ethnic fragmentation and school provision in India (No. 2017/176). *WIDER Working Paper (R&R at Journal of Development Studies)*

Chadha, N., & Nandwani, B. (2019). Growth, Development Spending and Inequality in Indian States. *Economic & Political Weekly*, 54(11), 45-52.

Chadha, N., & Nandwani, B. (2019). Right to Education in India: Examining the role of corporate social responsibility funding. *NORRAG Special Issue 04: New philanthropy, disruption, and other debatable trends*

Chadha, N., & Nandwani, B. (2019). Public vs. Private Schooling in India: What do we know? *Forthcoming in the India Development Report 2021*

Chadha, N., & Nandwani, B. (2019). How do Household's Finance Private School Education: Insights from the NSSO data

Chadha, N., & Wadhwa, S. (2018). Impact of an Adult Literacy Programme on the Personal and Public Lives of Women: Evidence from India. *Journal of South Asian Development*, 13(1), 82-111.

Chadha, N. & Chakravarty, S. (2019). Illiteracy and Exclusion: Evidence from a Women's Adult Literacy Programme in India

Chadha, N., Gangopadhyay, S., & Yadav, B. (2018). No Demand for Skill: The Bane of India's Vocational Training. *Review of Market Integration*, 10(2), 120-137.

Chadha, N. & Das, A. (2017). How Long the Shadow of the City? The impact of Urbanization on Schooling.

Chadha, N. & Gangopadhyay, S. (2019). India's New Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code and Efficient Priority Rules. IDF Working Paper

Reports and other writings

Enhancing the Adoption of Technology in the Infrastructure Sector. October 2020. India Development Foundation.

Internet Readiness and Mobile Application Startup Ecosystem in Kerala. December 2018. India Development Foundation.

Digitisation and the Ease of Doing Business in the Districts of Maharashtra. March 2018. India Development Foundation.

The impact of Demonetization on Agriculture and the Informal sector. January 2017. India Development Foundation.

Impact Evaluation of TA+ programme. December 2016. India Development Foundation

The economic impact of “unwanted” children. January 2015.
Shiv Nadar University.

Earlier research grants

PPRU grant on “Backward linkages in the provision of education: Effect of tertiary education on schooling” (with Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay and Shampa Bhattacharjee)

UNU-WIDER grant on “Group-Based Inequalities: Patterns and trends across and within countries” (with Bharti Nandwani)

PFI sponsored project on “Cost of Inaction in Family Planning in India” (with Shubhashis Gangopadhyay and Dipankar Gupta)

Teaching and research guidance

Economics of Technology (2021), Economic Growth (2020, 2021), Impact Evaluation for Development Managers (2016 – 2021), Markets and Development (2018), Development Economics (2013 – 2016), Economics and Politics (Spring 2016), Introductory Econometrics (2013 – 2015), Graduate Econometrics (2012, 2013), Economics and Society (2012, 2013)

Thesis Advisor to Bharti Nandwani (first placement: IGIDR Mumbai)

Conferences and workshops

NALSAR Law and Economics Conference, NALSAR Hyderabad (2019), Centre for Public Policy conference, IIM B (2018), DSE workshop on female adult literacy (New Delhi, 2017), Centre for Public Policy conference, IIM B (2017), Duke - Middlebury - SNU conference (2016), ISI Delhi Growth and Development Conference (2012, 2015), Meetings of the Asian Econometric Society (New Delhi, 2012), Symposium on Caste and Politics, IIT Kanpur (2013), Duke SNU conference on Urbanization (2013), North Eastern Universities Development Consortium (MIT, Boston 2010), Canadian Economics Association (Montreal 2010), BREAD Summer School on Development Economics (Verona, Italy 2008)

Invited talks

IGIDR Mumbai, IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, Delhi School of Economics, IIT Kanpur, Indraprastha college Delhi University, UNU-WIDER Helsinki, ISI Delhi

Prior administrative experience

Controller of Examinations, SNU, January 2013 - April 2015

Chair, Grading practices and performance Review Committee, Spring 2014

Undergraduate Adviser, Department of Economics, SNU, 2012- 2016

Awards and Honours

University of British Columbia:

Fellowships University Graduate Fellowship, 2007-2010

Sun Life Insurance Fellowship, 2006-2007

Graduate Entrance Scholarship, 2005

John Cragg prize in Econometrics (awarded for best performance in PhD 1st year Econometrics), 2007

Travel grant to attend BREAD summer school, 2008

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur:

Best Undergraduate Thesis Project (Mechanical Engineering), 2004

Placed in the top 1% of students in Mathematics and Physics Olympiads, 1999