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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate, Economics, University of Goettingen, Germany, Oct 2014 – Present
Thesis Committee Chair: Prof. Stephan Klasen
Thesis Title: Essays in Poverty, Inequality and Development
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Master of Public Administration, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA),
Columbia University, New York, 2006 - 2008

Masters in Computer Science, University of California, San Diego, CA, 2001- 2003

B.E. (Hons), Computer Science, Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani,
India, 1997 - 2001

AWARDS

German Academic Exchange Service – DAAD Research Grant for Doctoral Candidates
and Young Academics, 2014-2017

Tarakanath Foundation Grant for Graduate Students, 2008

Research Fellowship, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia
University, New York, 2008

Research Fellowship, University of California, San Diego, 2001 – 2003

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. 'Aadhar Linked Direct Benefit Transfers for LPG: A "Phenomenal" Success?',
forthcoming in *Economic & Political Weekly*.
2. '[The Global Consumption and Income Project \(GCIP\): An Overview](#)', *Journal of
Globalization and Development*, 7(1): 61–108, 2016 (with Arjun Jayadev and
Sanjay Reddy) [[Working Paper Version](#)].

3. '[International Income Poverty Measurement: Which Way Now?](#)', *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 14(2): 199-225, 2016 (with Stephan Klasen, Tatyana Krivobokova, Friederike Greb, Syamsul Hidayat Pasaribu & Manuel Wiesenfarth) [[Working Paper Version](#)].
4. '[\\$1.90 Per Day: What does it say?](#)', *New Left Review* 97, 2016 (with Sanjay Reddy) [[Working Paper Version](#)].
5. '[Not in her Name](#)', *Economic & Political Weekly*, 51(5), 2016 (with Hema Swaminathan and Suchitra J Y).
6. '[Economic Development and Female Labor Force Participation in India](#)', *Feminist Economist*, 22(2): 168-195, 2016 (with Hema Swaminathan) [[Working Paper Version](#)]
7. '[Moving from Household to Individual: Multidimensional Poverty Analysis](#)', *World Development*, 59: 70-81, 2014 (with Ramya Vijaya and Hema Swaminathan) [[Working Paper Version](#)].
8. '[A Rejoinder on LPG Subsidies](#)', *Economic & Political Weekly*, 48(1), 2013 (with Suchitra J.Y. and Prodyumna Goutam).
9. '[Subsidies for Whom? The Case of LPG in India](#)', *Economic & Political Weekly*, 47(44), 2012 (with Suchitra J.Y. and Prodyumna Goutam).
10. '[Gender Asset and Wealth Gaps: Evidence from Karnataka](#)', *Economic & Political Weekly*, 47(35), 2012 (with Hema Swaminathan and Suchitra J.Y.).

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. 'The Middle Muddle: Conceptualizing and Measuring the Global Middle Class', forthcoming in book to be published in Honor of Joseph Stiglitz's 75th Birthday (with Arjun Jayadev and Sanjay Reddy) [[Working Paper Version](#)].

WORKING PAPERS

1. '[Are Educated Leaders Better for Education? Evidence from India](#)', November, 2016 (with Soham Sahoo).
2. '[How Serious is the Neglect of Intra-Household Inequality in Multi-dimensional Poverty Measures?](#)', *Courant Research Center: Poverty, Equity and Growth*, 2016 (with Stephan Klasen).
3. '[Inequality - Worldwide Trends and Current Debates](#)', *Courant Research Center: Poverty, Equity and Growth*, 2016 (with Stephan Klasen, Sebastin Vollmer, Sophie Ocmann and Nathalie Scholl).

4. '[Who Got What, Then and Now? A Fifty Year Overview from the Global Consumption and Income Project](#)', *Initiative for Policy Dialogue*, 2015 (with Arjun Jayadev and Sanjay Reddy) [also published in Courant Research Center Series, New School Working Paper Series].
5. '[Measuring Personal Wealth in Developing Countries: Interviewing Men and Women about Asset Values](#)', *The Gender Asset Gap Project Working Paper Series*, 2013 (with Gender Asset Gap Team).
6. '[Individual Property Rights and Bargaining Outcomes: Evidence from Intra-Household Asset Data](#)', *Indian Institute of Management Working Paper Series*, 2012 (with Hema Swaminathan and Suchitra J.Y.).
7. '[Women's Property, Mobility and Decision Making: Evidence from Rural Karnataka, India](#)', *IFPRI Discussion Paper*, 2012 (with Hema Swaminathan and Suchitra J.Y.).
8. '[Individual Asset Holding Patterns: District Level Estimates from Karnataka](#)', *The Gender Asset Gap Project Working Paper Series*, 2011 (with Hema Swaminathan and Suchitra J.Y.).

REPORTS

1. '[Karnataka Household Asset Survey: Measuring the Gender Asset Gap](#)', for the *Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, MDG3 Fund for gender equality*, 2011 (with Hema Swaminathan and Suchitra J.Y.).
2. '[The Gender Asset and Wealth gaps: Evidence from Ecuador, Ghana and Karnataka, India](#)', for the *Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, MDG3 Fund for gender equality*, 2011 (with Gender Asset Gap Team).
3. 'Compendium on Best Practices in Reducing Hunger and Food Insecurity', background paper for *Beyond the Midpoint: Accelerating Support for MDG Achievements*, *Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP*, New York, 2009.

POLICY ARTICLES

1. '[How Serious is the Neglect of Intra-household inequality in poverty measures in India?](#)' *Ideas for India*, 2016 (with Stephan Klasen).
2. '[Rightfully Hers](#)', *India Together*, 2012 (with Hema Swaminathan and Suchitra J.Y.).
3. '[Right to Food Act: essential but inadequate](#)', *The Hindu*, 2009 (with Sanjay Reddy).

BLOG POSTS

[‘\\$1.90 Per Day: What Does it Say?’](#), *Institute of New Economic Thinking*, Oct 6th, 2015 (with Sanjay Reddy).

[‘Is Devil in the Details? Estimating Global Poverty’](#), *Institute of New Economic Thinking*, Oct 3rd, 2015 (with Sanjay Reddy).

PROJECTS

Global Consumption and Income Project (GCIP)

The Global Consumption and Income Project (GCIP) aims to provide a deeper understanding of the evolution of material well-being both within and across countries, for regions and the world as a whole, extending from description to interpretation and explanation.

Gender Asset Gap Project

The Gender Asset Gap project demonstrates the importance and feasibility of collecting individual-level data on women’s and men’s access to and ownership of property. The fielded surveys in three countries have been used to calculate measures of the gender asset and wealth gaps.

RESEARCH GRANTS

2015: ‘Inequality – Worldwide Development and Trends’, *German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development* (with Stephan Klasen, Sebastian Vollmer and Nathalie Scholl)

MEDIA CITATIONS

1. [‘The tricky work of measuring falling global poverty’](#), *The Economist*, Oct 12th, 2015.
2. [‘Household income inequality: ladders to climb’](#), *The Economist*, April 30th, 2016.
3. [‘What makes the Give it up Campaign Click’](#), *Business Standard*, July 25th, 2015.
4. [‘Nearly half of Indians survived less than Rs. 38 a day in 2011-12’](#), *Live Mint*, April 20th, 2016.
5. [‘The World Banks updated international poverty line, a case of poor measurment?’](#), *Bretton Woods Project*, April 5th, 2016.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

REFeree SERVICE

World Development, Review of Income and Wealth, Journal of Globalization and Development, Journal of South Asian Development

PRESENTATIONS

2016: Indian Human Development Survey Users Conference, Delhi; Goettingen Schule, Development Economics Conference; European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), Berlin; International Workshop on Inequality and Middle Class Development in Africa, Cape Town; Goettingen Development Seminar; Gokhale Institute Development Seminar, Pune; IGIDR Development Seminar, Mumbai

2015: Sixth ECINEQ Meeting, Luxembourg; Winter School on Inequality and Social Welfare Theory, Verona, Italy; Goettingen Development Seminar; German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Meeting

2014: UNU Wider Conference

2013: XXVII IUSSP International Population Conference

2012: 54th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Labor Economics

2011: Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics, Paris

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Goettingen (for Master's students)

Designed and taught Advanced Stata (Winter 2015, Summer 2016, Winter 2016)
Teaching Assistant for Development Economics I (Winter 2015),
Development Economics II (Summer 2015),
Panel Data Econometrics (Summer 2016)

Columbia University (for Master's students at SIPA)

Teaching Assistant for Macroeconomics & Policy Analysis (Winter 2007),
Microeconomics & Policy Analysis (Summer 2008)

University Of California, San Diego (for Bachelor's students)

Teaching Assistant for Computer Architecture (Summer 2002)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- Consultant, *Global Economics Monitoring Unit, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)*, New York (June 2016 – Present)

Generated estimates of national and global inequality measures to be included in macro framework for forecasting.

- Senior Research Associate, *Center for Public Policy, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore*, India (Feb 2010-Aug 2014)
Collected asset data at individual level in Karnataka and calculated measures of gender asset and wealth gaps.
- Consultant, *Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*, New York (May 2009 –November 2009)
Wrote report on best practices to reduce food insecurity to be used as background material for proposals to achieve Millenium Development Goals.
- Research Associate, *Center for Evaluation and Global Action, University of California, Berkeley* (July 2008 – August 2009)
Worked in collaboration with faculty to support impact evaluation programs in developing countries.
- Research Consultant, *Tropical Agricultural Program, Earth Institute, Columbia University*, New York (April 2007 – June 2007)
Analyzed data for the Millenium Villages Project.
- Research Consultant, *Arete Consulting*, New York (May 2007 – December 2007)
Designed surveys and analyzed data to determine the extent of inequality in education outcomes in New York city.
- Software Engineer, *Microsoft*, Redmond, WA (Aug 2003 – July 2006)

REFERENCES

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2. Sanjay Reddy, Associate Professor of Economics, New School for Social Research, New York. Email: sanjayreddy@newschool.edu
3. Arjun Jayadev, Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts, Boston. Email: Arjun.Jayadev@umb.edu