

1. **Name of Staff:** Arpita Mukherjee

2. **Current Position:** Professor

3. **Total Work Experience:** 25+ years

4. **Employer:** Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)

5. **Date of Birth:** 20th June 1969
Indian

Nationality:

6. **Education:**

School, college and/or University Attended	Degree/certificate or other specialized education obtained	Date Obtained
University of Portsmouth, UK	PhD Economics	1995-1999
University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India	MSc Economics	1990-1992
Lady Brabourne College, University of Calcutta, India	BSc (Economics)	1987-1990

7. **Professional Certification or Membership in Professional Associations:**

- **Select Memberships/Nomination**

- 1 Member, Expert Committee, Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL), Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), India
- 2 Technical Expert for the Medical Technology Division & Core Group on Ayurveda, Confederation Indian Industry (CII)
- 3 Advisor, Invest India, Global Value Chain in Organic and India
- 4 Member, Research Advisory Board, Innovative Change Collaborative Services Pvt. Ltd. (ICCo)
- 5 Member of the Department of Commerce Services Advisory group on Logistics and Distribution
- 6 Member, Expert Committee for the Development of the Business Service Price Index (BSPI), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
- 7 Member, Asian Institute of Transport Development
- 8 In the Panel of Experts for Indian Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) oral evaluations
- 9 Member of the ADB Expert Group on Vishakhapatnam Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC)
- 10 Member, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion Advisory Group for the India-Taiwan Secretary-Vice Ministerial Level Economic Consultations.

- **Journal Editorial / Board Memberships / Reviewer**

- 1 India Quarterly, published by Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi.
- 2 Journal of International Commerce, Economics and Policy, published by World Scientific Publishing, Singapore.
- 3 Journal International Review of Public Administration (IRPA), published by Taylor and Francis Group, Korea.
- 4 Journal of International Commerce, Economics and Policy, World Scientific, Singapore
- 5 Journal of International Business Education (JIBE), Nielson Journals Publishing, Scotland, UK
- 6 South Asian Economic Journal (SAEJ), SAGE Journals Publishing in association with Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka and Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India
- 7 Journal of International Commerce, Economics and Policy, World Scientific, Singapore;
- 8 IMI Konnect, published by IMI Kolkata, West Bengal, India
- 9 IIMB Management Review, published by Indian Institute of Management (Bangalore), India.

10 Reviewer of proposals for Indian Council for Cultural Relations (India) and The Economic and Social Research Council (UK)

• **Teaching/Research- Related Experiences and Training**

- 1 Evaluator of Thesis for IIM (Bangalore), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) and Aligarh University
- 2 Visiting faculty at Fore School of Management, Institute of Rail Transport, JNU (School of International Studies), IIFT, Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), Institute of Chartered Accountants and Indian Institute of Public Administration among others
- 3 Conduct courses for Indian Economic Services and Indian Administrative Services at IIFT and IEG
- 4 Certificate for successful completion of
 - ‘Teaching and Learning in Higher Education’ workshop, University of Portsmouth in October 1996
 - Applied Econometric Modelling (APEM) course organised by the Department of Economics, University of Portsmouth in February 1996
 - Research Methods course organised by the Department of Economics, University of Portsmouth in January 1996

8. Countries of Work Experience: India, UK

9. Languages:

Language	Speaking	Reading	Writing
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Hindi	Excellent	Average	Good
Bengali	Excellent	Good	Excellent

10. Employment Record:

From	To	Employer	Position Held
10-2008	Till date	ICRIER, New Delhi, India	Professor
05-2002	09-2008	ICRIER, New Delhi, India	Senior Fellow
03-2000	05-2000	ICRIER, New Delhi, India	Fellow
09-1999	03-2000	Policy Studies Institute, London, UK	Research Associate
10-1998	08-1999	Policy Studies Institute, London UK	Research Fellow
08-1995	10-1998	University of Portsmouth, UK	Lecturer, Department of Economics
04-1992	07-1995	A M Technology Centre, Kolkata, India	Head Analyst

11. Detailed Tasks Assigned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading Team of Professionals • Multi-stakeholder Projects Management / Coordination • Report Writing/Action Plan Design • Complete Project Monitoring and End to End Project Delivery
12. Select Projects in ICRIER	
<p>Project: Sales and Purchase Trends of Processed Foods and Beverages in India: Analysis of Trends over the Past Decade and Forecast till 2030</p> <p>Year: May 29, 2020 to November 2, 2020; Countries covered: India</p> <p>Client: World Health Organization (WHO), India</p>	

Main project features: A large number of people in India are suffering from diet related illnesses, be it under-nutrition or over-nutrition/wrong diet. In this context, the objective of this study, conducted for the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), through the World Health Organization (WHO) is to analyse the trends of sales and purchase of packaged processed foods and beverages between 2010 and 2020 and then project the likely growth till the year 2030. It will estimate the likely revenue generated from sales of processed food and beverages and likely changes in the volume of per capita purchase and consumption of certain select categories of processed food. The purpose is to document the changes in food habits which may lead to diet related illnesses. The study will be based on secondary information and data analysis and will analyse the food purchases made through different retail and distribution channels and through out-of-home and on-the-go consumption including fast food outlets to understand household budget spent on processed foods and beverages. It will also analyse the heterogeneity in patterns of sales and/or purchase of processed foods and beverages over time, across geographical areas (urban/rural) and different socio-economic strata (low/middle and high income) and across regions/states. The study will undertake a detailed analysis of the regulatory environment governing sales of processed foods and beverages, identify the gaps, if any, and make policy recommendations.

Position held: Project Coordinator and Principal Researcher

Project: UK-India Economic Policy and Prosperity Partnership (EPPP)

Year: September 2017 – September 2022; **Countries covered:** India, G20 countries and the UK

Client: Department for International Development (DFID), UK and Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India

Main project features: The Department for International Development (DFID), UK, is supporting Government of India's reform programmes under the UK-India Economic Policy and Prosperity Partnership (EPPP), which includes research and capacity building of Indian central government agencies. PwC India is the consortium lead for this initiative and ICRIER is a consortium partner. Twenty research studies have been commissioned, based on request received from the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) and other departments under Ministry of Finance for their G20 negotiations and domestic policymaking. The core aim of this project is to build the capacity for India's G20 Presidency in the year 2022 and provide research-based inputs for policymaking across multiple sectors.

Position held: ICRIER Project Coordinator and Research Head

Project: Facilitating Trade through Promoting Ease of Doing Business in India's Food Sector – Streamlining Imports and Reducing Compliance Burden

Year: November 2018 – March 2019; **Location:** India & UK

Client: Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO), UK and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India

Main project features: FCO (UK) is working closely with FSSAI on an UK-India capacity building initiative for improving ease of doing business. The FSSAI is trying to leverage information technology (IT) to enhance consistency, transparency and predictability of the business environment and reduce compliance burden. The purpose of this project is to support FSSAI in streamlining the process of food imports and in reducing compliance burden for the domestic companies to facilitate trade and ease of doing business. Out of the four studies, two studies cover issues faced by Indian micro, small and medium enterprises in food business, which results in delays and higher compliance costs. An IT led process and IT manual has been designed for FSSAI to improve ease of doing business in the food sector.

Position held: Project Leader & Principal Researcher

Project: Policy Paper on Skill Development in the Agriculture and Allied Sectors in Assam: The Case of the Piggery, Fishery and the Spices Sectors

Year: 2019; **Location:** Assam (India); **Client:** Civil Engagement Alliance, Netherlands

Main features: This paper is based on a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ICRIER and Innovative Change Collaborative (ICCo), India, for joint research and funding raising in areas of agriculture value chain and sustainable business practices.

The policy paper presents an overview of the piggery, fishery and spice sectors in the State of Assam, with a focus on the value chain development, scope for commercialisation and skill development in the

three sub-sectors. It presents the government schemes and policies in agriculture and allied sectors, including training and entrepreneurship development and the effectiveness of such policies/schemes for the State of Assam. Based on a primary survey and secondary information analysis, it identifies issues in value chain with a focus on skill and training gaps and examines the best practices of other states, which can be implemented in Assam. It then suggests policy recommendations for the Central and the Government of Assam on how to address the challenges, work with stakeholders and develop strategies for skill development and entrepreneurship.

Positions held: Principal Author

Project: Survey on Nutrient Intake of School Children, Nutritionists & Dieticians

Year: April 2017 – December 2017; **Location:** India

Client: PepsiCo India Holding Private Limited

Main project features: This survey-based study analysed the consumption pattern of fruits, vegetables and juices of dieticians and nutritionists and school children, examined the shortfall in the consumption, if any, and suggested policy recommendations based on the survey findings. The study provided inputs into the FSSAI's East Right Campaign.

Positions held: Project Coordinator

Project: Organic Farming in India: Status, Issues and Way Forward

Year: August 2016 – August 17, January 2020 - March 2020

Location: India, Vietnam, United Kingdom, Bhutan & Vienna (Austria)

Client: Amway India Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. (2017-18)

Main project features: This survey-based study conducted for FSSAI, examined the current status and future potential for organic farming in India, analysed the regulatory practices in India and examined how India can learn from global best practices in promoting organic farming. The study highlighted issues faced by organic farmers and processed food producers and exporters and made policy recommendations to support the growth of this sector, which have been accepted by Indian government agencies.

Positions held: Project Coordinator and Lead Author

Project: Capacity Building Initiative for Trade Development in India

Year: April 2015 – September 2017; **Location:** India, Belgium, Netherlands and United Kingdom

Client: European Community, represented by the Delegation of the European Union to India

Main project features: This project aimed to enhance trade-related capacity building in India through research, training, workshops and field visits. This was a demand driven project and the demand was raised by Indian policymakers and Export Promotion Councils to the European Commission and its member states. Focus was to help Indian farmers, SMEs and other stakeholders to meet European standards and understand the requirements and processes. It was expected that the project would enhance their knowledge and make it easier to export/access the EU market. The project was given to a consortium of three research organisation – Ecorsys Nederlands BV, ICRIER and Ecorsys India within which ICRIER's prime objective was to conduct research.

Position held: Project Coordinator, ICRIER

Project: India's Phytonutrient Report: A Snapshot of Fruits and Vegetables Consumption, Availability and Implications for Phytonutrient Intakes

Year: May 2015 – December 2015; **Location:** India, USA & United Kingdom

Client: Amway Opportunity Foundation

Main project features: The objective of this study is to (a) understand the consumption patterns of fruits and vegetable in India and compare this against the recommended quantity for an adult as is specified by the World Health Organization and (b) understand the demand and supply gaps and (c) identify the reasons for shortfall and (d) make policy recommendations so that India becomes a healthy nation. The study covered a sample survey of consumption pattern of urban middle- and high-income consumers

across six metro cities. This class of the population is now increasingly prone to lifestyle related diseases. Based on this study FSSAI came out with the Nutraceutical guidelines.

Positions held: Project Co-coordinator and team lead

Project: Evaluation of the Impact of the Scheme of Mega Food Park

Year: December 2014 – April 15; **Location:** India

Client: Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India

Main project features: The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India, launched the Mega Food Park (MFP) scheme in the Eleventh Five Year Plan. The project evaluated the impact of the MFP scheme. The objectives of this study was to (a) understand how stakeholders, such as farmers and small and medium enterprises, have benefited from the schemes (b) identify issues with the implementation of the schemes (c) understand other issues faced by developers and units (d) compare this scheme with other schemes and (e) make policy recommendations for improving the scheme. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has accepted the recommendations of this report.

Position held: Project Coordinator

Project: 4 Pilot Studies in Trade in Telecommunications, Logistics, Audiovisual and Professional Services.

Year: June 2014 – June 2015; **Location:** India

Client: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

Main project features: This study examined the methodologies and institutional framework adopted by some developed and developing countries for collection and compilation of services trade data. It suggested a suitable mechanism for regular collection of country-wise, sector-wise and mode-wise services trade data. A pilot survey was conducted to check the validity of the data collection procedure and to help in the design of a business directory. The study provided a framework for on-line and offline services trade data collection.

Position held: Project Leader

Project: Revisiting Special Economic Zones (SEZ): A Review and Evaluation of India's SEZ Policy

Year: April 2013 – January 2015; **Location:** India

Client: Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and Export Promotion Council for EOUs and SEZs (EPCES)

Main project features: This study evaluated the performance of SEZs in India, against the objectives laid down in the SEZ policy. It also examined the impact of India's trade agreements on SEZs and how India can learn from global best practices in developing successful SEZs. The findings of this study have been used by the Department of Commerce to revise the SEZ policy after India lost the case against the US in the WTO in 2019.

Position held: Project Leader

Project: Facilitating Investments between India and the European Union: The Case of Bilateral Investments between India and Germany

Year: January 2013 – December 2013; **Location:** India and Germany

Client: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), New Delhi

Main project features: India and the EU were negotiating a Broadbased Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA). Within the EU, Germany is an important investor in India and a key source country for technology transfer. The BTIA was expected to have an impact on the flow of investment and transfer of technology between India and Germany. Given this background, the objective of this study was to (a) analyse the trends and patterns in bilateral investments between India and Germany (b) understand the opportunities and prospects for investment in each other's markets (c) identify the barriers to investments (d) determine the expectations of investors from the India-EU ongoing BTIA and (d) make policy recommendation to the Indian and German governments and suggest strategies for the BTIA and beyond

to facilitate an increase in bilateral investment flows in the two markets. The study was based on primary survey and secondary data analysis.

Positions held: Project Leader

Project: Integrating South and East Asia: The Case of Liberalizing Services under the India-Thailand CECA under the project 'Integrating South and East Asia: An Analysis of the Economic Effects of Intensified Regional Cooperation and Integration'.

Year: September 2012 - January 2014; **Location:** India and Manila (Philippines)

Client: Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Main project features: The objective of this study was to understand the services value chain between India and the ASEAN countries, taking the example of enhancing services trade, investment and cooperation between India and Thailand. The paper is a part of ADB multi-country project on Capacity Building for Implementing Private Sector-Led Integration in South Asia - An Analysis of Economic Effects of Intensified Regional Cooperation and Integration.

Position held: Lead Researcher of the study

Project: Non-Alcoholic Beverages: The Untapped Potential

Year: June 2012 – December 2013; **Location:** India

Client: Indian Beverage Association (IBA)

Main project features: This study sponsored by the Indian Beverage Association analysed the contribution of the non-alcoholic beverage sector to the Indian economy, type of companies in business, their models of operation, the potential growth of this sector, likely investment that it can attract and its employment generating potential. It also examined the barriers faced by the sector and made policy recommendations to facilitate the growth of this sector, attract investment and create employment.

Position held: Project Coordinator

Project: Study on Enhancing Bilateral Trade, Investment and Collaboration in Services: India and European Union

Year: January 2012 – December 2012; **Location:** India and Germany

Client: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), New Delhi

Main project features: This study examined the trade, investment and collaborations in services between India and the EU, identified the areas of future cooperation and barriers faced in each other's markets. The study was based on secondary data analysis and a primary survey. The findings of the study are being used by Indian and EC policymakers for their trade negotiations.

Positions held: Project Leader

Project: The Express Industry in India: Impact, Constraints and Way Forward

Year: 2012; **Location:** India, USA & EU

Client: Express Industry Council of India (EICI)

Main project features: This study examined the role of the express delivery industry globally and in India. It identified the areas where it can support Indian businesses to grow and exports, the issues that the sector faces and made policy recommendation. One of the key recommendations was to treat express as an essential service, which has happened during the 2020-COVID-19 pandemic. The study was based on secondary data and information analysis and a primary survey.

Positions held: Project Leader

Project: Joint Feasibility Study on Enhancing Trade, Investment and Cooperation between India and Taiwan

Year: August 2011 – September 2013; **Location:** India and Taiwan

Client: Ministry of External Affairs and Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and Taipei Economic and Cultural Center (TECC), India

Main project features: To enhance trade, investments and cooperation between India and Taiwan, the Indian and Taiwanese governments had commissioned a Joint Feasibility Study, which was carried out jointly by ICRIER and a Taiwanese think-tank, Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research (CIER). The objective of the study was to understand the current scenario, identify the scope of enhancing trade and investments, examine the barriers and make policy recommendations to the two countries for inter-government trade and investment discussions. For this study, surveys were conducted in India and Taiwan to understand the issues faced by companies across multiple sectors.

Position held: Project Coordinator, India

Project: Prospects for Liberalising Trade in Services in the India-Thailand and India-Indonesia CECA

Year: March 2011 – May 2012; **Location:** India, Thailand and Indonesia

Client: Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

Main project features: This project examined the trade in services between India and the two ASEAN economies, identified the trade barriers and suggested negotiating strategies for the Indian policymakers for trade agreements with Thailand and Indonesia. The project provided inputs in the India-ASEAN Trade in Services Agreement. It also supported the Department of Commerce, Trade Policy Division, in bilateral negotiations.

Position held: Project Coordinator

Project: Joint Study Group (JSG) to Explore the Possibility of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and Turkey

Year: May 2010 – March 2011; **Location:** India & Turkey

Client: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Main project features: At that time, India and Turkey had expressed interest to negotiate a free trade agreement (FTA) to enhance bilateral trade, investment and cooperation. A Joint Study Group was set up by the governments of the two countries to explore the trade potential, identify areas of cooperation and suggest means for removal of barriers to trade. This study was an input into the Joint Study Group report and for designing the future negotiation strategies of the Indian government.

Positions held: Project Leader

Project: A Report on Non-Tariff Barriers in the Transport & Logistics Sectors: India

Year: 2010 – 2011; **Location:** India

Client: European Business & Technology Centre (EBTC)

Main project features: To conduct a detailed analysis of the transport and logistics sector of India, identified the opportunities and constraints for the European Companies based on a primary survey and write a report to make policy recommendation to the Indian government.

Positions held: Project Leader

Project: Socio-economic Impact of Direct Selling in India: Need for Policy Stimulus

Year: July 2009 – March 2011; **Location:** India

Client: Indian Direct Selling Association and World Federation of Direct Selling Associations

Main project features: Direct selling is a form of non-store retail format. This study provided an overview of the direct selling sector in India and examined its socio-economic impact. It examined the barriers faced by the industry, including regulatory gaps. The report made policy recommendation to sustain the growth of this sector and for development of entrepreneurship. One of the key recommendations was to help create a supporting environment for flexible jobs for women with facilities to work from home.

Position held: Project Leader

Project: Indian Retail Sector: Opportunities for Italian Retailers

Year: April 2009 – March 2010; **Location:** India & Italy

Client: Italian Trade Commission, New Delhi

Main project features: This study examined the market opportunities for Italian and other European retailers in India in 10 selected sectors, identified the trade barriers and suggested reform measures to enhance India-Italy trade, investment and collaboration in the retail sector. The study provided go-to-market strategies for foreign companies in India.

Position held: Project Leader

Project: Trade in Services for the Proposed India EU BTIA

Year: September 2007 – May 2008; **Location:** India, Brussels (Belgium) and United Kingdom

Client: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Main project features: In the context of the India-EU Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA), this project sponsored by the Indian government examined India's current and future trade possibilities with EU in 13 services sectors, identified the trade barriers and suggested how these can be addressed under the agreement. It analyses the commitments made by the EU and India in the WTO and other bilateral/regional agreements. It suggested reforms that are needed to improve the productivity and global competitiveness of the respective sectors and enable them to meet the challenges and opportunities arising from the agreement.

Positions held: Project Leader

Project: India-US Agricultural Knowledge Initiative (AKI)

Year: 2007 – 2008; **Location:** India

Client: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

Main project feature: This study focuses on two key research areas identified by the India-US AKI namely agricultural reforms and agri-business investment. Several papers were commissioned to experts under this project. The findings were compiled in a book format by Cambridge University Press with a grant from NABARD. The aim was to support the government in agriculture reforms and development of value chains.

Positions held: Project Co-coordinator

Project: Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Retail Sector: India

Year: 2005; **Location:** India

Client: Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumers Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India

Main project features: This study, based on a pan-India primary survey, examined the impact of allowing FDI in retail on different stakeholders. It presented the perception and views of the stakeholders, and how the sector has been liberalized across a number of developed and developing countries. It identified the issues faced by the stakeholders, including regulatory gaps, and presented a road map for retail liberalisation so as to maximise the gains and minimise the adverse impacts.

Position held: Project Leader

Project: India-GCC FTA: Trade in Services

Year: 2004-2005; **Location:** India

Client: Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

Main project features: This survey-based study provided inputs to the Indian government for the India and Gulf Cooperation Countries FTA negotiations and other engagements. It also discussed different bilateral/multilateral/regional engagements of GCC countries to understand what other trading partners are demanding and getting from these countries. The focus of this study was on services and energy security.

Positions held: Team Leader

Project: Indo-Sri Lanka Trade in Services: FTA II and Beyond

Year: 2003-2004; **Location:** India and Sri Lanka

Client: SANEI (South Asian Network of Economic research Institutes), Collaborating Partner: Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka

Main project features: India and Sri Lanka already had an FTA and were negotiating a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). Services sector was identified as one of the key sectors of that agreement. This survey-based study was conducted for providing inputs into the CEPA negotiations. It examines the scope for trade, investment and collaboration in services, identified the barriers and suggested the way forward.

Positions held: Team Member

Project: Indo-US Trade in Services: Prospects for the ICT Sector under a Possible FTA

Year: 2003 – 2004; **Location:** India & US

Client: NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Service Companies)

Main project feature: This project examined the possibilities of enhancing trade in Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) sector if India and its largest trading partner, the US, enter into an FTA. Four sectoral studies (telecommunication services, audio-visual services, IT-enabled services, and software services) were conducted under this project. The study findings were used in the Indo-US Trade Forum and bilateral dialogues.

Positions held: Project Leader

Project: India-China Trade in Services

Year: 2002 - 2003

Location: India

Client: Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

Main project features: This study contributed to Chapter 3 (Titled: India-China Trade in Services) of the Report of the India-China Joint Study Group on Comprehensive Trade and Economic Cooperation (<http://meaindia.nic.in/treatiesagreement/2005/11ta1104200504.pdf>) set up by the governments of the two countries. The purpose was to identify the trade and investment potential, examine the barriers and suggest a way forward.

Positions held: Team Leader

Project: Indo-Singapore CECA: Enhancing Cooperation in Services

Year: 2002-2003; **Location:** India & Singapore

Client: Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

Main project features: The research was used in the Joint Study Group Report on India-Singapore Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) and later in the Indo-Singapore CECA negotiations.

Positions held: Team Leader - Services Sector

Project: Globalization of Transport Services: India's Trade and Investment Prospects

Year: 2000-2003; **Location:** India

Client: Sir Ratan Tata Trust

Main project features: Sir Ratan Tata Trust had a three-year long research programme in ICRIER, which included consultation, workshops, research and report writing. Under that this study discussed India's trade and investment prospects in the transport sector. It highlighted the recent trends and development in different sub-sectors of transport (road transport, rail transport, air transport and maritime transport), both globally and within India. It also analysed the linkages of transport with rest of the economy, areas of weaknesses and reform requirements. It examined unilateral/multilateral/bilateral liberalisation in this sector and how India is likely to address this sector in the ongoing WTO negotiations and in its bilateral/regional agreements.

Positions held: Lead Author of the Report

<p>Project: Trade in Services: Opportunities and Constraints</p> <p>Year: 1999-2003; Location: India</p> <p>Client: Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India</p> <p>Main project features: This project examined India's trade and investment opportunities and areas of concerns in selected service sectors for the Doha Round of WTO negotiations. The study findings have been used by the government in drawing up the requests/ offers in the Doha Round. As a part of this project, studies were conducted on Maritime Transport services; Construction, Architecture and Engineering services; Audio-visual, Recreational, Cultural and Sporting services; Distribution services; Road Transport services, Rail transport Services and Energy services. After the successful completion of these studies, ICRIER created a niche for itself in services research.</p> <p>Position held: Head Researcher for 8 studies</p>
<p>Selected Projects in Policy Studies Institute, UK: Position Held: Team Member/Co-author</p>
<p>Name of assignment or project: The British Lone Parent Cohort (1991-1998)</p> <p>Year: October 1998 – March 1999; Location: UK</p> <p>Client: Department of Social Security (DSS), Government of UK</p> <p>Main project feature: This project was a part of the DSS/Policy Studies Institute (UK) Programme of Research into Low Income Families (PRILIF). This study looked at the changes in respondents' circumstances from 1991 to 1998 and focused on issues such as family changes, receipt of income support and family credit, employment, family welfare and patterns of family health.</p>
<p>Name of assignment or project: Health of 18-24 years old New Deal Participants</p> <p>Year: October 1998 – March 1999; Location: UK</p> <p>Client: Department of Health, Government of UK</p> <p>Main project feature: The study involved quantitative analysis of the health conditions of 18-24-year-old New Deal participants.</p>
<p>Name of assignment or project: New Deal for Over-25s</p> <p>Year: April 1999 – September 1999; Location: UK</p> <p>Client: Employment Services, UK; Partner: British Market Research Bureau (BMRB)</p> <p>Main project feature: The study was conducted in Policy Studies Institute, UK. Working closely with British Market Research Bureau (BMRB), the primary responsibilities were in the areas of questionnaire design, interviewer briefings and preliminary data analysis.</p>
<p>Name of assignment or project: South Asian Women & Employment</p> <p>Year: April 1999 – September 1999; Location: UK</p> <p>Client: Nuffield Foundation, UK</p> <p>Main project feature: This project involved qualitative analysis of employment profiles of South Asian Women in the UK.</p>
<p>Name of assignment or project: Health & Youth Unemployment: A Review of Literature</p> <p>Year: October 1999 – March 2000; Location: UK</p> <p>Client: Department of Health, Government of UK</p> <p>Main project feature: This project involved a review of econometric literature concerning health and employment.</p>

13. Selected Publications

- **Books/Chapters in Books**

- 1 ***Skill Development in the Agriculture and Allied Sectors in Assam: The case of the Piggery, Fishery and the Spices*** coauthored, published by Academic Foundation, ICRIER and Innovative Change Collaborative (ICCo India), August 2020. (Policy Series – 1).
- 2 ***Five Strategies to Revive India's Trade Post-COVID-19***, chapter in report titled 'Covid-19 - Challenges for the Indian Economy: Trade and Foreign Policy Effect' jointly published by Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) India and ASEAN India Centre at Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS). (Pgs. 127-130), May 2020. <https://lnkd.in/g7RNMye>
- 3 ***Streamlining Food Imports for Trade Facilitation and Ease of Doing Business in India***, with Divya Satija, Angana Parashar Sarma, Soham Sinha, Brahma Chauhan and Raj Kumar Shahi, published by Academic Foundation, July 2019.
- 4 ***Facilitating Ease of Doing Business and Supporting FSSAI in Streamlining Food Safety Compliance Ecosystem: India***, with Divya Satija, Brahma Chauhan and Raj Kumar Shahi, published by Academic Foundation, July 2019.
- 5 ***India's Experience with the Special Economic Zones (SEZs): Status, Concerns and Way Forward*** with Avantika Kapoor in 'International Economic Law and the Challenges of the Free Zones: Global Regulatory Issues and Trends' Edited by Julien Chaisse and Jiaxiang Hu, published by Kluwer Law International, Global Trade Law Series, Vol. 38, May 2019.
- 6 ***Measuring Services Trade: Major Challenges in India and Way Forward*** with Tanu M. Goyal in 'India's Trade Patterns and Export Opportunities: Reflection through Trade Indices and Modeling Techniques' Ed. Biswajit Nag and Debashis Chakraborty, Sage Publications, October 2018.
- 7 ***Survey of Fruits, Vegetables & Juice Intake of School Children, Nutritionists & Dieticians***, co-authored, published by Academic Foundation, October 2018.
- 8 ***Labor Mobility and Remittances in South Asia*** in "Next Steps to South Asian Economic Union: A Study on Regional Economic Integration (Phase II), Edited by Selim Raihan, published by South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Secretariat, August 2018, pgs 155-184.
- 9 ***Integrating South and Southeast Asia through Services Value Chain: The Case of India and Thailand*** coauthored in "Integrating South and East Asia" Edited by Jayant Menon and T. N. Srinivasan, published by Oxford University Press (OUP), October 2017.
- 10 ***Organic Farming in India: Status, Issues and Way Forward***, coauthored, published by Academic Foundation, August 2017.
- 11 ***Special Economic Zones in India: Status, Issues and Potential***, coauthored, published by Springer, August 2016.
- 12 ***Institutional Framework for Collection of Statistics on Trade in Services: Four Pilot Surveys on Trade in Audiovisual, Logistics, Professional and Telecommunication Services***, coauthored, published by Academic Foundation, June 2016.
- 13 ***India-UK Collaborations and Investments in Food Supply Chain: Opportunities, Concerns and the Way Forward***, coauthored, published by Academic Foundation, April 2016.
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