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Dr. Saswati Chaudhuri, is currently Assistant Professor of Economics in St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata. Formerly, the Head of Economics in the Department of Commerce, she had long been associated with this esteemed institution since 2001. She is currently a Guest Faculty in the Department of Economics, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata teaching courses like Development Economics and Issues in Indian Economy. She also taught in the Post-graduate Department of Commerce, St. Xavier's College; Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Institute of Management Science, Kolkata and IMT (Centre for Distant Learning), Gaziabad as Guest Faculty. She completed her Master's degree (Specialization in Advanced Economic Theory and Development Economics) and Ph.D. from University of Calcutta. Her research and teaching focusses on social and economic issues, informalisation of labour, and the gender implications of the process, social protection, and issues related to migration. She has a number of publications in national and international Journals to her credit.

Academic Position:

2001, February–Present: Assistant Professor in St. Xavier's College, Kolkata.

2018, July – Present: Guest Faculty in St. Xavier's University, Kolkata.

2006-08: Guest Lecturer in the M.Com Department of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata.

2001-03: Guest faculty at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Institute of Management Science, Kolkata.

2001-06: Guest faculty at IMT (Centre for Distant Learning), Gaziabad.

Academic Qualifications:

I.C.S.E (1991) from Auxilium Convent School, Dum Dum with (89%).

H.S (1993) from Bethune College, Kolkata with 70.2% .

B. Sc (Hons.) (1996) in Economics from Maulana Azad College, University of Calcutta with 57.2%.

M. Sc (1998) in Economics, University of Calcutta with 60.2%.

UGC-NET (2000)

Ph. D. (2016) in Urban Economics, University of Calcutta

Awards:

Teacher Research Fellowship under FIP scheme of UGC for pursuing Ph.D.

Publication:

1. Informal Wage, Informal Price and Extortion under Migration and Tariff Reform (with Biswajit Mandal) (2011): ***Modern Economy***. Vol 2 (1), pp. 38-43.
2. In Servitude in the Shadows of Affluence: Domestic Maids of Kolkata (2013): ***Artha Beekshan***, Vol.21, No. 4.
3. Living at the Edge: A Socio-economic Profile of Kolkata's Poor (2013): ***South Asian Survey***, Vol. 20(1), pp. 44-58, **Sage Publications**.
4. Swasthyo, Swasthyo Utpadon abong Upokoroner jonyo Arthosansthan. [A Simple Model of Health, Health Production and Input Financing] (with B. Mandal and P. Datta) (2016): ***Arthabishleshon*** (A Biannual Journal of Economics in Bengali). a UGC approved journal (ISSN:2321-1903), Vol. 4(1), pp 33-44.
5. Some Dimensions of Vulnerability: A Study of the Urban Poor with Reference to Kolkata (2017): ***Indian Journal of Human Development***, Vol. 11(1), pp 109-123, **Sage Publications**.
6. Livelihood Patterns and Survival Strategies of the Poor in Kolkata (2018): ***Social Change***, Vol. 48, No. 3, pp 345-366, **Sage Publications**.
7. Perception of individual investors towards different investment avenues with special reference to mutual funds (with Ami Jain) (2018): ***Kindler*** a UGC approved journal (Journal No. 42831, ISSN: 0973-0486) Vol. XVII.
8. Some Aspects of Vulnerability and the Urban Environment: A Study with Reference to the Slums of Kolkata (2018): ***International Journal of Social Science and Economic Research***, Volume 3 No. 7 (UGC Approved Journal No: 63200, ISSN: 2455-8834)

9. Women Breadwinners: A Study of Women Work Participation in the Slums of Kolkata (2018): **Urban India – A bi-annual journal published by the National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi**, Vol. 32, No. 2, pp 85-99.
10. “Rural Livelihood Diversity and Migration: Impact on Kolkata” (2007) published in West Bengal Today: 25 Years of Economic Development/edited by Raj Kumar Sen and Asis Dasgupta. New Delhi, Deep and Deep Pub., ISBN 81-7629-984-7.
11. “Whither Population Growth Aid Economic Growth? Time-Series Analysis of Selected South Asian Economies” (with Samrat Roy) (2014) published in Growth and Development: Emerging Issues, Dr. Prankrishna Pal (ed.), pp.25-37, Regal Publications, New Delhi, ISBN 978-81-8484-330.
12. “Migration and Informality in Developing Economies” (2016) published in Indian Economy: A Visionary Perspective, J. Felix Raj et al. (eds.), pp. 79-84, Regal Publications, New Delhi, ISBN 978-81-8484-524-2.
13. “Socio-economic Factors, Health Inputs and Child Mortality in Eastern and North-eastern States of India” (2019) published in Social Sector at its Cross Roads – The Indian Scenario, Mriganka De Sarkar (ed.) Himalaya Publishing House, New Delhi, ISBN 978-93-5299-760-2.

Books in Bengali:

Byabosaik Arthoniti O Paribesh (in Bengali) (2003)– BM Publication Pvt. Ltd.

Byabosaik Arthoniti O Paribesh (Niti Ebong Samasya)(in Bengali) (2004)– BM Publication Pvt. Ltd.

Artha O Arthik Byabostha (in Bengali) (2003)– BM Publication Pvt. Ltd.

Op-Eds in Bengali:

NOTA r kromobordhoman jonopriyota kisher ingit?, (with B. Mandal) **Ei Samay**, 15th June, 2016.

Proshno holo voter onkoi ki chalabe rajneetike? (with B. Mandal) **Ei Samay**, 5th January, 2018.

Proshno holo prapokder chinhito kora hobe ki bhabe? (with B. Mandal) **Ei Samay**, 2nd April, 2019.

Op-Eds in English:

1. Grime Beneath the Shine (with J. Felix Raj) in The Statesman, 15th February, 2004.

2. Years of Decline (with J. Felix Raj) in The Statesman, 4th April, 2004.

Papers presented in seminars/conferences:

1. Acted as a Resource Person and delivered an Invited Lecture on ‘ **Direct Cash Transfer and Universal Income Scheme**’ on 30th May, 2018 in **Soka University, Japan**.
2. Acted as a Resource Person and delivered a lecture on “**Direct cash transfer in developing countries: Review of Lessons and experiences**” on 31st January, 2018 in a Two Day Seminar on “*Emerging Issues in Economics at a global scale*” organized by the Department of Economics, Scottish Church College, Kolkata.
3. Acted as a Resource Person and delivered a lecture on “**Sample Survey and Questionnaire Design**” on 2nd June, 2017 [Two sessions, session time: 11.45- 1.15 p.m. and 2 p.m-3.30 p.m.] in the workshop on Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences organized by **A.K.Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development** [A Centre sponsored by the **NITI AAYOG**, Govt. of India].
4. Delivered an invited lecture on “**Opportunities and Challenges of a Liberalised India – the Quest for Inclusive Growth**” in the Lecture Series THINKONIMICS in St. Paul’s School, Darjeeling on 9th July, 2017.
5. Presented a paper titled “**Covariates of Maternal Health Inputs and Child Mortality in West Bengal - An Analysis Based on NFHS-3**” in the 5th IHEPA Conference held in 15th-17th December 2016 at IDSK, Kolkata.
6. Presented a paper titled “**The Vulnerable Poor: An Edgy Existence of the Urban Poor of Kolkata**” in the XI Annual International Conference on Public Policy held on August 8th – 10th, 2016 organized by IIM Bangalore.
7. Presented a paper titled “**Some Dimensions of Vulnerability: A Study of the Urban Poor with Reference to Kolkata**” in the Global Conference on “Prosperity, Equality and Sustainability: Perspectives and Policies for a Better World” held on 1-3 June, 2016 organized by Institute for Human Development and the World Bank , New Delhi.
8. Presented a paper titled “**An Analysis of Migration Behaviour of Kolkata’s Rural In-migrants**” in the International Conference on “Issues of Economic Development with a special focus on Indian Agriculture” held on 11-12 March, 2016 organized by Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati.
9. Presented a paper titled “**In the midst of dire hopelessness: An Analysis of Migration Behaviour of Kolkata’s Rural In-migrants**” in the Conference on Business and Public Policy held on 18-19 March, 2016 organized by Integral University, Lucknow and the Aquietas Group.
10. Acted as a Resource Persons for Development Dynamic Courses organized by Caritas India on 4th September, 2015.
11. Presented a paper “**Migration as a Livelihood Strategy: A Study of Kolkata’s Poor**” in the National Seminar on “Rural Development and Planning” held on 16th – 17th March, 2012 and Organized by Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati (Under Planning Commission).
12. Presented a paper “**A Struggle within struggle: Livelihood Strategies of Domestic Maids of Kolkata**” in the National Seminar on Challenges and Prospects of Inclusive Growth in Rural India on 23rd-24th November, 2013 and Organized by Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati.
13. Presented a paper “**Domestic Maids of Kolkata**” in the UGC sponsored Conference of BEA held on February 23-24, 2013.

14. Acted as a Resource Persons for Development Dynamic Courses organized by Caritas India on 13th January, 2013.
15. Presented a paper entitled “**An Edgy Existence: The Vulnerable Urban Poor of Kolkata**” in the Two-Day UGC SAP International Seminar on “Mapping Changes in South and South-East Asia: Geopolitics, Economy and Demography” held on 24-26 March, 2011 organized by the Department of Geography, NEHU, Shillong.
16. Presented a paper entitled “**The Vulnerable Urban Poor in Kolkata**” in the Two-Day National Seminar on “Contemporary Issues in Development” held on 3rd and 4th March, 2011 organized by the Department of Economics, Kalyani University.
17. Presented a paper entitled “**Informal Wage, Informal Price and Extortion Under Migration and Tariff Reform**” in the Two-Day 31st Annual Conference of Bengal Economic Association held at St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Kolkata on 12th and 13th February, 2011.
18. Presented a paper entitled “**In Servitude in the Shadows of Affluence: Domestic Maids of Kolkata**” in the 54th Annual Conference of ISLE held on December 20-22, 2012 organized by Department of Economics, BHU.
19. Presented a paper entitled ‘**The Urban Poor in Kolkata**’ on 27th February, 2010 in the one-day seminar on ‘Economic Development with a Human Face’ organized by Jesuit Economic Association of India at St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Kolkata.
20. Sustainable Livelihood and Migration – A case study of Kolkata in a seminar on “25 years of the West Bengal Economy” organized by Bengal Economic Association in 2004.

Reviewer:

Acted as a reviewer in various international Journals like **Sage Open, World Development**.

Awarded for Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing by **World Development (Elsevier)**.

Supervision of Ph.D Thesis (ongoing):

1. Ami Jain (Mutual Fund Investment: A Study on Investors of Kolkata)
2. Milton Costa (Socio-economic Conditions of Women Workers: A Study of Garment Industry in Bangladesh)

Radio Programme:

Regular Consultant Economist for **BBC Radio**.

Acted as a guest speaker in **Akashvani** for deliberations on “The Role of Women in Economic Development” (Arthonitite Meyera) on 30th May, 2017.

Television Programme:

Acted as a panelist in a Panel Discussion on “The fluctuations in the price of Rupee” in Arthanitir Duniya (a programme on Economic Issues) on Doordarshan (28th August, 2018).

Moderated a Panel Discussion on “The Aspirations and Capabilities” in Arthanitir Duniya (a programme on Economic Issues) on Doordarshan (30th October, 2018).

Moderated a Panel Discussion on “Inclusive Growth” in Arthanitir Duniya (a programme on Economic Issues) on Doordarshan (20th November, 2018).

Moderated a Panel Discussion on “Migration and Economic Development” in Arthanitir Duniya (a programme on Economic Issues) on Doordarshan (18th December, 2018).

Guest Speaker:

Acted as the Guest Speaker on “Poribortoner Ahobane Nirbhikota” as International Women’s Day Celebration in St. Xavier’s College, Raghobpur Campus held on 5th March, 2017.

Acted as a panelist in a Panel Discussion on ‘Women education as a tool to empower the society’ on 29th October, 2017 in the Annual General Meet ‘ Reunion 2 K 17’ at Auxilium Convent School, Dum Dum.