

Saswati Chaudhuri

Dr. Saswati Chaudhuri, is currently Associate 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. She has contributed to the Op-eds of dailies like The Hindu Business Line, The Millennium Post and Ei Samay.

Academic Position:

2015 – Present – Associate Professor in St. Xavier's College, Kolkata

2001, February–2015: 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

H.S (1993) from Bethune College, Kolkata

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

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

UGC-NET (2000)

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

Awards:

1. **Teacher Research Fellowship under FIP scheme of UGC for pursuing Ph.D.**
2. **Travel Grant by UGC for presenting a paper titled “Maternal Health Inputs and the consequent child mortality in West Bengal” for the Workshop on the Economics of Health, Inequality and Behaviour**, organised by **Macquarie University, Sydney**, Australia that was held over 11-13 November, 2019.

Supervision of Ph.D Thesis

1. Milton Costa (Socio-economic Conditions of Women Workers: A Study of Garment Industry in Bangladesh) (**Awarded on 3rd May, 2021**).
2. Ami Jain (Mutual Fund Investment: A Study on Investors of Kolkata. (**Awarded**)

Publication (Journal Articles):

1. Does Democracy Impact Economic Growth? An Empirical Study of Benin (with Amith Sooraj) **Empirical Economics Letters**, Vol. 21(No.3), pp. 107-126.
2. Institutional quality and public healthcare.(with K. Tibrewal) (2022) **Theoretical & Applied Economics**, Volume 29, No. 1(630) Spring, pp. 63-82.
3. "A Note on Unemployment of Unskilled Labor due to COVID-19 led Restriction on Migration and Trade." (with B. Mandal, and Alaka Shree Prasad) (2021) **Review of Economics** 71, no. 3, pp. 223-236, De Gruyter.
4. Health, health production and input financing: A theoretical note. (with B. Mandal and A. Mandal) (2021) **Theoretical & Applied Economics**, Volume XXVIII (2021), No. 1(626), Spring, pp. 219-230.
5. "Perceptions of consumers about celebrity endorsements: A study with reference to Kolkata." (with Parmesh Agarwal) **Manthan: Journal of Commerce and Management** 8.2 (2021): 122-136.
6. "Determinants of Gross Savings Rate: Selected Cross-Country Evidence using Panel Data Approach." (with Mukund Khemka) **FOCUS: Journal of International Business** 8.2 (2021): 54-75.
7. “A Note on Valuation of Trust, Social Capital and Development” (with B. Mandal) (2020): **Trade and Development Review**, Vol. 13, Issue 1, pp 57-76. ISSN 0974-4347.

8. "Predictive behaviour of maternal health inputs and child mortality in West Bengal—An analysis based on NFHS-3" (2020): *Heliyon*, 6(5), e03941, Elsevier.
9. "Maternal son preference in India: Exploring its determinants." (with Samridhi Nahata.) *Pragati: Journal of Indian Economy* 8.2 (2021): 99-119.
10. "Access to Opportunities and Educational Outcome: a Study with Reference to Kolkata." (with Rudraneel Pore), *Asian Journal of Economics, Finance and Management* (2021): 1-13.
11. "E-personality of the online shopper: A study with reference to Kolkata." (with Mukund Gupta) *Manthan: Journal of Commerce and Management* 8.1 (2021): 152-170.
12. "What it's Like to be a Woman during COVID-19 – The Indian Experience" in *Urbanet*, September, 2020. <https://www.urbanet.info/women-during-covid19-in-india/>
13. Livelihood Patterns and Survival Strategies of the Poor in Kolkata (2018): *Social Change*, Vol. 48, No. 3, pp 345-366, Sage Publications.
14. 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*.
15. 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)
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. Swasthyo, Swasthyo Utpadonabong Upokoronerjonyo 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.
19. In Servitude in the Shadows of Affluence: Domestic Maids of Kolkata (2013): *ArthaBeekshan*, Vol.21, No. 4.
20. Living at the Edge: A Socio-economic Profile of Kolkata's Poor (2013): *South Asian Survey*, Vol. 20(1), pp. 44-58, Sage Publications.
21. Informal Wage, Informal Price and Extortion under Migration and Tariff Reform (with Biswajit Mandal) (2011): *Modern Economy*. Vol 2 (1), pp. 38-43.

Publication (Book Chapters):

1. "Health Policies and Economic Impact of Fever on Indian Society" published in Monograph on Tropical Fever, Jyotirmoy Pal, Nandini Chatterjee, Kamlesh Tewari (eds.), Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers (ISBN: 978-93-506-7)
2. "In the Midst of Dire Hopelessness: An Analysis of Poverty, Social Capital and Migration Behaviour of Kolkata's Rural In-Migrants." Published in *Internal Migration Within South Asia*. Ujjayini Mukhopadhyaya (ed.) Springer, Singapore, 2022. 183-204.

3. "Reformatory Policies and Factor Prices in a Developing Economy with Informal Sector" (with B. Mandal and S. Ghosh) (2021) published in **Neoliberalism in the Emerging Economy of India: The Political Economy of International Trade, Investment and Finance**, Byasdeb Dasgupta, Archita Ghosh, Bishakha Ghosh (eds.), **Routledge**.
4. "Students' Perception of Learning Environment: A Case Study of an Educational Institute in Kolkata" (with Dominic Savio and Kevin Gaughan) (2021) published in **Arthaniti Katha: Economics through different lenses**, Nilanjan Patra and Uttam Bhattacharya (eds.), pp. 158-173, Mohta Publishing House, Kolkata, ISBN 978-81-932331-2-2.
5. "Agricultural Productivity In India: A Statewise Analysis" (with Vardan Bokaria) (2021) published in **In Search of Balanced Development in India through Reducing Disparity and Inequality**, Budhen Saikia (eds.), pp. 199-220, Avon Publishing House, New Delhi, ISBN 978-81-946182-1-8.
6. "Students' perception towards using social media sites in their academic learning" (with Arunava Dutta) (2020) published in **Youth Empowerment for Holistic Development in India**, Budhen Saikia (eds.), pp. 222-245, Avon Publishing House, New Delhi, ISBN 978-81-939997-3-2.
7. "Impact of taxation on economic growth: A study of some selected economies" (with Aman Agarwal) (2020) published in **Era of New Normal: Undefined Paradigm**, Soma Ghosh and Sonali Mukherjee (eds.), pp. 62-74, **Levant Books**, Kolkata, ISBN 978-93-88069-71-7.
8. "Impact of food delivery apps on consumers' lifestyle" (with Aman More) (2020) published in **Era of New Normal: Undefined Paradigm**, Soma Ghosh and Sonali Mukherjee (eds.), pp. 45-61, **Levant Books**, Kolkata, ISBN 978-93-88069-71-7.
9. "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.
10. "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.
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. "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.

Publications (Non-refereed articles):

- 1.The Farm Bills and The Bengal Farmer (with B. Mandal) (2021) in Goethals News. (<http://www.goethals.in/GoethalsNewsBulletin/2021/GoethalsNews-April-June-2021.pdf>).
- 2.Deconstructing the Farm Bills and the State of the Indian Farmer (10th December, 2020), Feature article in https://www.felixrajsj.com/featured_articles.php
- 3.Atmanirbhar Indian Economy, (with B. Mandal) (18th May, 2020) Feature article in https://www.felixrajsj.com/featured_articles.php

4. The COVID-19 and the Trembling Indian Economy, (with B. Mandal) (2020) in Goethals News, www.goethals.in
5. “Kanyashree Prakalpa - Empowering the girls of West Bengal : A District wise Analysis” (with A. Chowdhury) (2021): Magis - Xaverian Journal of Education, Vol. 10, pp. 37- 47.
6. “A Study of Financial Inclusion and Financial Literacy of the Urban Poor: A Study with reference to Kolkata” (with A. Jain and M. Sharma) (2020): Magis - Xaverian Journal of Education, Vol. 9, 78-88.
7. “Role of Children in Household Decision Making in the City of Kolkata” (with S. Ghosh) (2018): Youthink, Vol. 13, pp. 159-166.

MOOC COURSES:

1. **C0o-ordinator of a 50 module MOOC Course on ‘Money and Financial Markets’.**
2. **Developed the modules and e-content for 25 modules for the course ‘Money and Financial Markets’.**
3. **Developed the modules and e-content for 9 modules for the course ‘Political Economy II’.**
4. **Developed the modules and e-content for 6 modules for the course ‘Political Economy I’.**
5. **Developed the modules and e-content for 5 modules for the course ‘International Economics’.**

Books in English:

6. **Transforming Our World Together towards Sustainable Development (2023) Cambridge Scholars Publishing, ed. Jointly with Dominic Savio and Samrat Roy, ISBN: 1-5275-8995-1.**

Books in Bengali:

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

ByabosaikArthoniti O Paribesh (NitiEbongSamasya)(in Bengali) (2004)– BM Publication Pvt. Ltd.

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

Op-Eds in Bengali:

1. NOTA r kromobordhoman jonopriyota kisher ingit?,(with B. Mandal) Ei Samay, 15th June, 2016.
2. Proshno holo voter onkoi ki chalabe rajneetike? (with B. Mandal) Ei Samay, 5th January, 2018.
3. Proshno holo prapok der chinhito kora hobe kibhabe? (with B. Mandal) Ei Samay, 2nd April, 2019.
4. Bajar to Jontro, Dokkho Jontree Hote Hobe Rashtrokei, (with B. Mandal), Ei Samay, 15th April, 2020.
5. Corona Na Hoy Niyontrone Ana Gelo, Kintu Monda?, (with B. Mandal), Ei Samay, 18th March, 2020.
6. Nagorik Day Erale Kora lokdaun I Daoai, (with B. Mandal), Ei Samay, 30th June, 2020.

<https://www.epaper.eisamay.com/Details.aspx?id=57748&boxid=39173&fbclid=IwAR3liXrLQHehrF6G4TEhBT9aFwnZRhrnr2k6b55jq2PkOKGz23Dfb7pBENQ>

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.
3. The Corona Chronicle: Between open world and closed economies (with S. Chaudhuri, and N. Ghosh), **India Today**, 4th April, 2020.

<https://www.indiatoday.in/news-analysis/story/the-coronavirus-chronic-between-open-world-closed-economies-1663275-2020-04-04>

4. Limited Scope, (with B. Mandal), **Millennium Post**, 1st April, 2020. <http://www.millenniumpost.in/opinion/limited-scope-406651>

5. A Devolving Outlook, (with B. Mandal), **Millennium Post**, 24th March, 2020. <http://www.millenniumpost.in/opinion/a-devolving-outlook-406230>

6. Government shouldn't junk unpleasant data, (with B. Mandal), **The Hindu Business Line**, 17th March, 2020, <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/govt-shouldnt-junk-unpleasant-data/article31084414.ece>

7.A Scheme that can score over PM-Kisan, (with B. Mandal), **The Hindu Business Line**, 28th November, 2019 <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/article30102940.ece>

8.For an economic rebound, (with B. Mandal), **Millenium Post**, 5th May, 2020. <http://www.millenniumpost.in/opinion/for-an-economic-rebound-408332>

9. Valuation of 'trust' lockdown and social capital: In good faith, (with B. Mandal), **Millenium Post**, 26th July, 2020. <http://www.millenniumpost.in/sundaypost/beacon/valuation-of-trust-lockdown-and-social-capital-in-good-faith-413733>

Papers presented in seminars/conferences:

Presented a paper titled “Demand For Maternal Health Inputs And Health Outcomes: A Study With Reference To West Bengal” in the **5th SANEM Annual Economists’ Conference (SAEC) 2020**, that was held over February 1-2, 2020, **Dhaka**, Bangladesh.

Presented a paper titled “Maternal Health Inputs and the consequent child mortality in West Bengal” for the **Workshop on the Economics of Health, Inequality and Behaviour**, organised by **Macquarie University, Sydney**, Australia that was held over 11-13 November, 2019.

Presented a paper titled ‘Socio-economic profile of women workers in the garment industry in Bangladesh’ in the **International Conference on “Contemporary Caste, Gender and Minority Questions in West Bengal and Bangladesh: Some Explorations”** organized by the Department of Sociology, St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Kolkata from 31st October to 2nd November, 2019.

Presented a paper titled ‘In the midst of dire hopelessness: An enquiry into the lives of migrants in the slums of an Indian city, Kolkata’ in the **XIV Annual International Conference on Public Policy** held on August 22nd – 24th, 2019 organized by **IIM Bangalore**.

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**.

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.**

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].**

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.

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.**

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.**

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.

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.**

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**.

Acted as a Resource Persons for **Development Dynamic Courses organized by Caritas India** on 4th September, 2015.

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, VisvaBharati (Under Planning Commission)**.

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**.

Presented a paper “Domestic Maids of Kolkata” in the UGC sponsored Conference of **BEA** held on February 23-24, 2013.

Acted as a Resource Persons for **Development Dynamic Courses organized by Caritas India** on 13th January, 2013.

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**.

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**.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

Resource Person in Webinars:

1. Speech in INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR, Malda College with Sivanath Sastri College on 5th June, 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msou13HJFJE>
2. Speech in a WEBINAR, The Bhawanipur Education Society College on 16th June, 2020
2. Speaker in an INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR, Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women on 12th August, 2020. https://youtu.be/X_W3C59j1dE

Reviewer:

Acted as a reviewer in various international Journals like Sage Open, World Development, International Journal of Social Economics, Heliyon.

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

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.

Was interviewed by All India Radio on 29th April, 2020 on “Impacts of Corona on the World Economy” which can be accessed in <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=emx0Vd42MHY&feature=share>

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, Raghampur 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.

Delivered a special lecture on Union Budget 2020 at Xavier Law School, Kolkata on 15th February, 2020.

Chaired a session in the National Conference on the theme "Contemporary Issues in Economic Theory and Policy" organized by St. Xavier's University, in collaboration with the Jesuit Economic Association of India on 24th-25th March, 2023.

Consultancy:

1. Member of the Consultancy Team that prepared a ‘Report on industries in West Bengal’ in collaboration with ICAI.