

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Institute of Development Studies (IDS), United Kingdom

NATIONALITY: Indian

LANGUAGES: English (Fluent), Hindi (Fluent), Bengali, Italian

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: Political Economy, Trade Policy, Agriculture, Value Chains, Innovation

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: India, Africa, South Asia

OVERVIEW

Amrita is a researcher affiliated with the Rural Futures and the Business, Markets and the State Cluster at IDS. Amrita holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Sussex. Her current post-doctoral roles include data management officer for the consortium on Agricultural Policy Research in Africa (APRA) at IDS and as visiting fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Her ongoing research explores the political economy of trade protection, agricultural commercialization in Sub-Saharan Africa, innovation and inclusive structural change. She has also taken up various teaching roles at SOAS, at the University of Sussex, and University of Bath. Her research roles have also been as a consultant with the Commonwealth Secretariat in London; with the Ministry of Commerce in India, WTO Geneva, ITAD Brighton and United Nations ESCAP. She is particularly interested in working on political economy issues for India and developing countries.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2011-2015	PhD Economics University of Sussex, Department of Economics, United Kingdom Thesis- Essays in Indian Trade Policy: Political Economy of Trade Protection Advisors- Prof. Alan Winters and Dr Ingo Borchert
2011-2012	MSc Economics, Audit University of Sussex, Department of Economics, United Kingdom
2008-2010	MA Economics School of Economics, University of Hyderabad, India
2005-2008	BA (Honors) Economics University of Delhi, India.

EMPLOYMENT

2016- PRESENT	Institute of Development Studies, Sussex Post-Doctoral Research Officer, Rural Futures Cluster Agricultural Policy Research in Africa (APRA)
2017- Present	London School of Economics & Political Science Visiting Fellow, International Political Economy (Trade)
2016	Institute of Development Studies Research Officer, Business, Markets and the State Cluster Pathways to Inclusive Development through Innovation, Technology and Change

2015 - PRESENT	Research Consultant, Commonwealth Secretariat, London Trade Competitiveness Section India's Participation in Value Chains; Links with LDC Partners for SME Upgrading
2016	Consultant, ITAD, Brighton Cost Effectiveness Analysis
2015	Visiting PhD Research, WTO, Geneva Political Economy of Trade Policy
2012-2015	Research Assistant, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex -UK-China cooperation on African Trade, March-Sep 2015 -Cost Effectiveness Analysis in Developing Countries, March-Dec 2014 -Trade Facilitation and Regional Integration, July-Nov 2012
2013	Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Sussex
2014	Research Consultant, United Nations, ESCAP, Bangkok Project under Aid for Trade
2010-2011	Researcher, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi Market Access Initiatives for Indian Trade

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017	Guest Lectures, University of Bath; International Political Economy. Institute of Development Studies, Sussex; Professional Skills Training, STATA.
2015-16	Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics, SOAS, University of London International Economics
2012-2016	Seminar Tutor, Department of Economics, University of Sussex
2016	Advanced Micro Economics
2015-16	Introduction to Economics, Lectures & Seminars
2014	STATA Workshops (Oct-Dec)
2013-14	Applied Statistics for Economics and Finance
2012-14	Statistics for Economics
2014-15	Seminar Tutor, Department of Business and Management, University of Sussex Introduction to Economics for Finance

AWARDS

PhD Awards	
2011-2014	Commonwealth PhD Scholarship , United Kingdom, Funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID).
2014	Royal Economic Society (RES) , United Kingdom 2014, Grant for Travel. Best PhD Paper Dec 2014 , Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Delhi
Research Awards	
2011	MacArthur Foundation Grant , Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)
2010	Sir Ratan Tata Trust , Institute of Social and Economic Change (ISEC), India

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Conferences	
2016	Dynamics, Economic Growth and International Trade (DEGIT) XXI; European Trade Study Group (ETSG), Nottingham
2015	DEGIT, XX, Geneva; ETSG, Paris
2014	Empirical Investigations in International Trade, IIFT, India Sinergia CEPR Conference, Ascona, Switzerland

Seminars

2017	Lobbying Effectiveness for Trade Protection in Developing Countries
2015	Lobbying for Trade Policy, WTO, Geneva
2013	Policy Advocacy for Trade Protection: UNESCAP, Bangkok
2012	Identifying Potentials for Global Value Chains: ICRIER, New Delhi

Referee Experience

Review of Development Economics
Journal of South Asian Development
Economic Modelling
South Asian Economic Journal

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

Journal Articles

Saha, A. (2016) 'Inclusive Innovation, Development and Policy: Four Key Themes', in Leach, M.(2016) 'States, Markets and Society – New Relationships for a New Development Era'. IDS Bulletin 47.2A, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex.

Saha, A. (with S. Jory) (2015) 'The Market Response to Corporate Scandals Involving CEOs', in *Applied Economics*, Sage Pub. 47.17: 1723-38.

Saha, A. (2014) 'Negotiating exclusions in Developing country FTAs, Foreign Trade Review', *Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Sage Publications*; 49.4: 349-57.

Saha, A. (2014) 'Pruning India's Sensitive Lists under SAFTA', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 46.16: 80.

Saha, A. (2013) 'International Trade in Services in India', Book Review, *Journal of South Asian Development*, 8.2: 257-60.

Book Chapters

Saha, A. (with Prabir De) (2014) 'Logistics Performance, International Trade and Production Fragmentation', In *Trade Performance and Competitiveness: Selected Issues Relevant for Asian Developing Economies*, United Nations Economic and Social Council for Asia-Pacific, pp. 91-130.

Saha, A. (with Z Nain) (2013) 'Is the Export-Led Growth Hypothesis Valid for India?' (With Z. Nain); In *International Trade in Emerging Economies*, India: Bloomsbury Publications: p. 217-31.

Reports

Saha, A. (Forthcoming) 'India's Participation in Global Value Chains', Commonwealth Secretariat, London

Saha, A. (2011) 'Identifying Participation in Value Chains for South Asia', India: ICRIER, India

Saha, A. (2010) 'Pruning India's Sensitive Lists under SAFTA', India: Ministry of Commerce, India

Work In Progress

Protection for Sale with Lobbying Effectiveness: Theory and Evidence for India
<https://www.sussex.ac.uk/webteam/gateway/file.php?name=wps-04-2017.pdf&site=24>

Join Hands or Walk Alone: Evidence on Lobbying for Trade Policy in India

India's Participation in Global Value Chains: A New Framework to match Input-Output in Product Space