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Education

- 2014 – 2020  **Ph.D. Economics, South Asian University**
Thesis title: *Incentives for Innovation- Patents, Standards and R&D in the Pharmaceutical Industry.*
- 2011 – 2013  **M.A. Development Economics, South Asian University**
Thesis title: *Skilled Labour Emigration and its Impact on Wages in the Source Country.*
- 2007 – 2010  **B.A.(Hons.) Economics, Delhi University**

Areas of Interest

Network Economics, Social Network Analysis, Econometrics, Microeconomics, Innovation and the Pharmaceutical Industry, Traditional Medicine and Incentives for Innovation, Intellectual Property Rights.

Work Experience

- Assistant Editor (Digital)  The Economic and Political Weekly, December 2020-August 2021.
- Visiting Faculty  Mumbai School of Economics and Public Policy for the Econometrics Module of the Research Methodology Course for Ph.D. Students in Winter Semester 2020.
- Teaching Assistant  South Asian University for the Quantitative Methods in Economics in Monsoon Semester 2015 and 2016 and for the Advanced Microeconomics in Winter Semester 2017.
- Research Assistant  RIS (Research and Information System for Developing Countries, Think tank under MEA), September 2013-July 2014.
- Intern  Institute of Economic Growth, July-August 2013.
- Summer Trainee  National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, June-July 2012.

Research Publications

1. Saha, D., & Vasuprada, T. M. (2021). Understanding the Trade-offs in Drug Development: Retrospect on Lessons from the Early Phase of the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Journal of Developing Societies*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0169796X21996833>
2. Saha, D., & Vasuprada, T. M. (2020). Investigating Commercial Incentives for Innovation: An Application in Traditional Medicine. *Studies in Microeconomics*, 2321022220941995.





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3. Saha, D., & Vasuprada, T. M. (2020). Reconciling Conflicting Themes of Traditionality and Innovation: An Application of Research Networks Using Author Affiliation. *Advances in Traditional Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13596-020-00515-w>
4. Vasuprada, T.M. & Saha, D. (2018). Role of Networks in Promoting Innovation: The Curious Case of Ayurveda Research in India”, Chapter in “Transforming Indian Economy: Vision to Reality”, Ane Publishers.
5. Saha, D., Shrestha, R. N., & Vasuprada, T. M. (2016). Competing with Virtual Entities: IT Product Purchases in India in Retail Marketing in India, Emerald Publishers.
6. Saha, D., Shrestha, R. N., & Vasuprada, T. M. (2016). On the Temporal Variations of Online Pricing in India: An Empirical Analysis published online on the Competition Commission of India’s website.
https://www.cci.gov.in/sites/default/files/whats_newdocument/Paper%20on%20Temporal%20Variations.pdf
7. Saha, D., & Vasuprada, T. M. (2018). Rethinking Innovation: The Case of Diabetes Drug Discovery., Working paper no. SAUFE-WP-2018-004, South Asian University.
<http://www.sau.int/fe-wp/wp004.pdf>
8. Vasuprada, T. M. (2017). Book Review: KS Chalam, Social Economy of Development in India in South Asian Economic Journal, SAGE Publications.
9. Vasuprada, T. M. (2015). Book Review: Nilanjan Banik, The Indian Economy: A Macroeconomic Perspective in South Asian Economic Journal, SAGE Publications.

Presentations

1. Paper titled “Measuring the Quality of Innovation: A Network Approach” at the Asia Pacific Innovation Conference held at Delhi School of Economics on 13-14th December, 2018.
2. Paper titled “Rethinking Innovation: The Case of Diabetes Drug Discovery” at The Augustin Cournot Doctoral Days Conference held by the University of Strasbourg, France, on the 23-24th May 2018, The Winter School Conference held at Delhi School of Economics on 13-15th December 2017 and The Research Scholar Workshop (Centenary Celebrations) held at the Department of Economics, Calcutta University on 14-15th February, 2018.
3. Paper titled “Role of Networks in Promoting Innovation: The Curious Case of Ayurveda Research in India” at the National Conference conducted by Department of Business Economics South Campus, University of Delhi on 28th February 2017.
4. Paper titled "Drivers of Patenting Activity in the Pharmaceutical Sector since the Adoption of a TRIPs Compliant Patent Policy: A Firm Level Analysis" at the National Conference on the Evolving Regime of IP Protection from 2-4th November 2015 at JNU.
5. Paper titled “Temporal Variations of Online Pricing in India: Empirical Analysis” at the First National Conference on "Economics of Competition of Law” organized by the Competition Commission of India on 3-4th March 2016.
6. Paper titled "Competing with Virtual Entities: A Case Study of Retail Competition in Personal Computers in India" at the Indian Retail Conference 2016 organized by School of Business, Public Policy and Social Entrepreneurship, Ambedkar University on 26-27th February 2016.

Skills

- Languages  English, Hindi and Telugu.
- Computer Skills  Stata, R, MATLAB, SPSS, Gephi, Microsoft Office, NVIVO, Canva, L^AT_EX.
- Databases  clinicaltrials.gov, Pubmed, inPASS, WITS-Comtrade, RBI.
- Others  Primary Survey Data Collection, Analysis of Network Data.

Achievements

- 2015  Qualified **UGC-JRF** in Economics.
- 2005, 2007  School first in C.B.S.E. Class X and XII Examinations.