

## Debdatta Saha

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CURRENT POSITION	Senior Research Fellow Planning Unit Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi	
CITIZENSHIP	Indian	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	industrial organization, public economics, development economics, finance (bond markets), game theory, econometrics	
EDUCATION	<b>Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi</b>  Doctoral fellowship, 2006- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advisor: Professor <a href="#">Prabal Roy Chowdhury</a></li><li>• Area of Study: Industrial Organization</li></ul> <b>London School of Economics, London</b>  MSc in Economics with merit, 2001 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MSc Dissertation: Liquidity constraints and adoption of new technology in the agriculture of developing countries- A bounded rationality approach</li></ul> <b>Centre for International Trade and Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi</b>  MA in economics, 2000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First class</li><li>• Specialization in world economy</li></ul> <b>Presidency College, Calcutta University, Kolkata</b>  BSc in economics, 1998 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First class second rank in the university</li></ul>	
AWARDS AND HONOURS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inlaks Take-Off Grant (2002-03), Mathematical Sciences Foundation, Delhi</li><li>• Ford Foundation Fellowship for academic excellence (1998-2000), Jawaharlal Nehru University</li><li>• Best teacher for undergraduate class teaching at the London School of Economics, 2000</li><li>• Honorable mention for First class second rank in Calcutta University, 1998</li></ul>	

ACADEMIC  
EXPERIENCE

**Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi**

*Seminar Presentations and Talks*

- Presented current working paper “Does the market kill bad ideas? An institutional comparison of committees and markets in network industries” at the Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi (22 August, 2008)
- Delivered two lectures at the Jamia Milia Islamia University on “The Economics of Networks: Theory and Applications” (03 November, 2008)
- Presented updated version of the paper “Does the market kill bad ideas? An institutional comparison of committees and markets in network industries” at the Delhi School of Economics Winter School Conference (13-16 December, 2008)
- Presented updated version of the paper “Does the market kill bad ideas? An institutional comparison of committees and markets in network industries” at the 4th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development at the Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi (17-18 December, 2008)

*Teaching Assistant*

- Macroeconomics teaching assistant for the Indian Statistical Service (ISS) probationers, 2007 batch

**London School of Economics, University of London**

*Graduate Student*

**2000 to 2001**

- Undergraduate Class Teaching at London School of Economics (2000-2001) for statistics, microeconomics and macroeconomics
- Research assistant for Prof. Tim Besley at LSE for a project on the electoral behavior of Indian citizens
- Research assistant to Dr. Liz Barnett at LSE for a project to restructure the Teaching and Learning website at LSE
- Attended workshops on training teachers for teaching quantitative subjects

PUBLICATIONS

*Journal Publications*

- “Equity and Consistency Properties of the Twelfth Finance Commission Recommendations”(coauthored with Indira Rajaraman), Economic and Political Weekly, XL:31 (30 July 2005); 3413-20
- “An Empirical Approach to the Optimal Size of the Civil Service” (coauthored with Indira Rajaraman), Public Administration and Development, (John Wiley), 28:3 (August 2008); 239-249

*Published Report*

- Final Report on Restructuring State and Local Finances for Rajasthan (coauthored with Indira Rajaraman and O.P. Mathur), (2005), National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi

*Work in Progress*

- Working paper “Does the market kill bad ideas? An institutional comparison of committees and markets in network industries” (coauthored with Prabal Roy Chowdhury)

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi**

*Economist*

**November 2004 to June 2006**

- Consultancy for the government of Rajasthan for Fiscal Responsibility and Budgetary Management Bill (FRBM) implementation and fiscal assesment for future development, with particular reference to the financing and management of electricity, roads and public sector enterprises
- Critical analysis of the Twelfth Finance Commission Report

**Centre for International Trade and Development, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**

*Visiting Lecturer*

**January 2004 to April 2004**

- Offered a course on corporate finance and policy to the graduate class
- Designed projects on portfolio management, project planning and inventory management with software applications for students to execute

**London School of Economics External Programme, Institute of Technology and Management, Gurgaon**

*Lecturer*

**July 2003 to August 2004**

- Taught undergraduate courses on microeconomics, advanced mathematics and econometrics

**Mathematical Sciences Foundation, (Formerly ICICI Centre of Mathematical Studies, St. Stephen's College, Delhi)**

*Fellow*

**November 2001 to June 2003**

- Taught finance and econometrics to students of the mathematical finance programme
- Coordinated a course on mathematical simulations using computers

TECHNICAL  
SKILLS

- Programming on C and C++, working knowledge of Stata, Gauss and EViews
- Applications: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office, Open Office and other common productivity packages for Windows and Linux platforms

REFERENCES

**Dr. Prabal Roy Chowdhury**  
Professor, Planning Unit  
Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi

**Dr. Indira Rajaraman**  
Member, Thirteenth Finance Commission  
Emeritus Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi