

OVERVIEW

I am a Global Public Health academic and practitioner instrumental in the field of health, international development, sustainability and rights to design, plan and implement health systems to withstand ecological, social, political, economic and technological predicaments. I was a recipient of the **Swiss Government Excellence Fellow** in the field of **Global Public Health** for the year of 2022 – 2023.

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[University Researcher](#) at the Health Sciences Unit, Faculty of Social Sciences in Tampere University, Finland

[Research Fellow](#) at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Geneva, Switzerland

Other engagements:

Member in the technical review panel for research on **biodiversity and human health linkages**, **Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)**, Germany

Member, Roadmap to Multi-Source Statistics (RAMSES) Project - **Working Group on Interoperability**, **United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)**

Member in the Department of Integrated Health Service, **WHO-Geneva's global Pool of Experts** to support activities related to health systems and services performance assessment and monitoring for Universal Health Coverage

Scientific collaborator of **UNESCO** on **climate change and health systems resilience** in Bangladesh and India

Member, Academic Stakeholder, **European Medicine Agency (EMA)**, European Union

[Research Associate](#), **Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy (AHCD)**, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Geneva

Research Collaborator for the 'Review of Health Systems Research in India' study at the Centre of **Social Medicine and Community Health**, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

EDUCATION

Postdoc (2022 – 2023) at the Global Health Centre, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Postdoc (2021 – 2022) at the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex - Jawaharlal Nehru University Transdisciplinary Research Cluster

Postdoc (2020 – 2021) at the Department of Global Health, School of Public Health, Peking University, China

PhD (2013 – 2020) in **Public Health** at the Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. (*awarded on 13.10.2020*) [Thesis topic: **Policy Analysis of the World Bank's Aid in Health System Strengthening**, available at the [World Bank Group Library](#) in Washington, 2019; pp. XVII + 494]

Post Graduation (2005 – 2007) in **Public System Management** (specialisation in Health care & Hospital Management) from Indian Institute of Social Welfare & Business Management (IISWBM), Calcutta, India.

B.Sc. (2002 – 2005) in **Bio-Science** from Scottish Church College, University of Calcutta, India

WORK EXPERIENCE (RESEARCH/TEACHING/POLICY ANALYSIS)

<i>Public Health Fellow</i> <i>Health Sciences Unit, Tampere University, Finland (September, 2023 onwards)</i> Research engagements: - International Health Regulations (IHR) capacity development strategies - Pandemic Agreement's programmatic-financing frameworks and compliance-accountability structure - Supporting the Tampere University's WHO Collaborating Centre on Health in All Policies and Social Determinants of Health mandates Pedagogical engagements: - Disciplinary integration of systems science with public health to incorporate epidemiological models in health systems planning, designing and implementation. - Teaching: Strategic Health Policy (in Autumn semester) and Systems Analysis in Public Health Policy and Planning (in Spring semester). - Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on 'Implementation Research and Intervention Design'
<i>Research Fellow</i> <i>United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Geneva (January, 2024 onwards)</i> - Coordinating the implementation of the World Social Summit 2025 recommendations for health , wellbeing and social development - Developing aid investment principles for the Development Financing Institutions in health systems intervention in the low middle-income, middle-income countries and fragile-conflict states.
<i>Swiss Government Excellence Fellow</i> <i>Global Health Centre, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva (September 2022 – December 2023)</i> - UNESCO-supported pilot study to work on climate resilient health systems for sustainable development in the Sundarbans of Bay of Bengal in South Asia. - Mapping of World Health Organization's (WHO) pharmaceutical access strategies (1970 – 2023) - Served as an Applied Research Project (ARP) Supervisor for the Masters Programme of Development Studies (Global Health Track)
<i>Research Associate</i> <i>Transdisciplinary Research Cluster on Sustainability Studies in Jawaharlal Nehru University and Institute of Development Studies, Sussex (September, 2021 – August, 2022)</i> - Designed and developed socio-ecological model of public health to develop a new Primary Health Care (PHC) approach - Conducted the pilot testing of new PHC approach in the health emergency settings
<i>Health Information System Researcher</i> <i>University of Oslo's Digital Health Cluster (consortium-based research project) (May, 2021 – August, 2021)</i> - Developed digital health information architecture for primary level care in India in collaboration with Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI)
<i>China – India Visiting Scholar</i> <i>Department of Global Health, School of Public Health, Peking University (April 2020 – March 2021)</i> - Prepared the action plan for public health preparedness and responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in all the eight countries of South Asia (WHO Best Practice document for regional planning during the pandemic)
<i>Sir Ratan Tata Trust Visiting Fellow</i> <i>Institute for Social and Economic Change (November, 2016 – May, 2017)</i> - Process evaluation of "Two Decades of World Bank Aid in Karnataka: A Case Study of Health System Strengthening Policy Implementation"
WORK EXPERIENCE (PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS)
<i>Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant</i> <i>Plan International (October, 2015 – March, 2018)</i> - In-charged of the team for developing Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) framework of the pilot, developed logical framework for result-based programme management, devised Management Information System (MIS) tools, established the quarterly and annual M&E reporting systems, and field work protocols to serve the European Commission's programme for implementing "Combating Discrimination-worst forms of gender discrimination against girl child"

<i>Monitoring and Evaluation Officer</i> <i>Solidarity and Action Against The HIV Infection in India (SAATHII) (December, 2010 – July, 2013)</i> - HIV/AIDS surveillance for GFATM's (Round 9) Community Systems Strengthening (for sexual minorities) programme in India - Co-developed India's first-ever Computerised Management Information System (CMIS) for HIV/AIDS surveillance - Conducted six Bio-social behavioural surveys
<i>Monitoring Officer – Health</i> <i>The Hope Foundation (December, 2009 – November, 2010)</i> - In-charge of Primary Health Care (PHC) operations and urban cholera outbreak programmes in South Asia
<i>Project Associate (Health Systems Research Division)</i> <i>Indian Institute of Bio-Social Research & Development (IBRAD) (August, 2008 – October, 2009)</i> - Field Epidemiologist in the 'Community Management Health System' programme in rural West Bengal, India - Co-developed and tested community-centric public health surveillance tool, namely the 'Self Initiative Community Organiser', in collaboration with the District Health Service Project Management Unit.
<i>Public Health Trainee</i> <i>GIZ (German Technical Cooperation) – Health Sector Support (April, 2007 –July, 2007)</i> Dissertation: Assessment & Analysis of Cesarean Delivery: A Case Study of Bardhaman District, West Bengal, SURVEY, Vol.-48, Issue: 1-2, ISSN 2224-9680, November, 2008.

RESEARCH PROJECTS/CONSULTANCIES

Methodological integration of systems science theories and tools in public health application, National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (2023).

Evaluation of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) investments in private health care sector, Oxfam (2022)

Health in All Policies (HiAP) and Social Determinants of Health (SDH) in global health policies in the leg up to 2025 World Social Summit (in collaboration with Professor Meri Koivusalo of Global Health and Social Policy (GHSP), Tampere University, Finland), Nordic Centre in India (NCI) (2022)

Pandemic in South Asia, International Foundation for Research and Education, Ashoka University (2020-2021)

Evaluation on the World Bank's health system projects (1996 – 2017) in Indian state of Karnataka, Sir Ratan Tata Trust hosted by Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore, India (2016-2017)

Mid-term Evaluation of the Nagaland Health Project (NHP), IPSOS Public Affairs (2020)

PUBLICATIONS (reverse chronological order)

Priya, R., Das, S., Kuriakose, L. M., Shukla, M., **Sarkar, A.**, Dumka, N., Hannah, E., Basheer, N., & Kotwal, A. (in press). *The Dialogic Health Systems Research Framework (DHSRF): A tool for facilitating self-criticality, researcher interactions and knowledge management in health systems research & policy studies*. *PLOS Global Public Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1101/2025.01.29.25320166>

Sarkar A & Koivusalo M (work in progress): Editor for 'Handbook on Globalization and Health' by Edger Elgar; Cheltenham, the United Kingdom. (tentative publication March 2026)

Sarkar, A. (2025). Applying social sciences to study health inequalities: Dialoguing across disciplines. In N. Barman, P. Morang, & B. Deka (Eds.), *Sustainable development: A multidisciplinary way forward* (Chapter 32). Purbayon Publication.

Sarkar, A. (**Lead Author**: 2024). *G20-World Health Organization Policy Note on Social Determinants of Health*. October 2024. World Health Organization / G20 Joint Finance and Health Task Force. <https://www.gov.br/g20/pt->

[br/trilhas/trilha-de-financas/financas-saude/5-g20-who-policy-note-on-social-determinants-of-health.pdf/@download/file](https://trilhas.trilha-de-financas/financas-saude/5-g20-who-policy-note-on-social-determinants-of-health.pdf/@download/file)

Sarkar A (2024). Karnataka: The journey from enlightened modernity to reformed development, in an edited volume on 'Governance and Development in Karnataka by Anil Kumar and Jeevan Kumar. Writers Choice; New Delhi, India. (the chapter is on the context analysis of health systems intervention)

Bauernfeind, A., Reid, J., McCallum, A., Sheek-Hussein, M., Magid, A., Lopes, H., Cunningham, C., Green, M. S., Koivusalo, M., **Sarkar, A.**, Middleton, J., & Davidovitch, N. (2024). No time to lose: Pandemic agreement-Urgency over complacency; unity over fragmentation. *The International journal of health planning and management*, 39(6), 1810–1818. <https://doi.org/10.1002/hpm.3847>

Chakraborty G, Roy Chowdhury S & **Sarkar A** (2024) Recasting Citizenship: Predispositions to Non-Citizenship in South Asia. AHCD Working Paper No. 3, June 2024. Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, the Geneva Graduate Institute; Geneva, Switzerland. ([Link](#))

Sarkar A & Koivusalo M (2023). One Health and Sustainable Development: A Roadmap for Development Finance. *Development*. (<http://link.springer.com/10.1057/s41301-023-00392-1>)

Sarkar A, Ghosh D & Das A (2023). One Health for Sustainable Development: An Eco-Social Design for a Climate Resilient Health Systems in the Sundarbans of Bay of Bengal. United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) Working Series. (https://cdn.unrisd.org/assets/library/papers/pdf-files/2023/dcp-sarkar-et-al_draft-paper_clean.pdf)

Priya R, **Sarkar A (corresponding author)**, Das S, Gaitonde R, Ghodajkar P, and Gandhi P M (2023). Questioning Global Health in the Times of COVID-19: Re-imagining Primary Health Care through the lens of Politics of Knowledge. *Nature's Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*. (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41599-023-01741-8>)

Simon, D., Gómez, O. A., Gasper, D., Bennett, K., Washbourne, C., Abasli, I., Mukhtarov, F., Dias, S., & **Sarkar, A.** (2023). Global social challenges for development studies in the Crisis in the Anthropocene. *Global Social Challenges Journal*, 2(2), 229-246. Retrieved Jul 7, 2024, from <https://doi.org/10.1332/27523349Y2023D000000004>

Sarkar, A. (2023). The World Bank and Health Systems: A Policy Process Analysis. *Population Medicine*, 5(Supplement), A998. <https://doi.org/10.18332/popmed/164564>

Priya R, Porter J, Payyappallimana U, **Sarkar A**, Das S, Kuriakose L M (2023). Universalising Health Coverage or Crisis? Contours of the Challenges and Solutions. T20 Policy Brief (<https://t20ind.org/research/universalising-health-coverage-or-crisis-contours-of-the-challenges-and-solutions/>)

Taneja A & **Sarkar A (equal authorship)** (2023): Tracking International Finance Corporation in India's Private Health Care Provisioning; New York, OXFAM International. (<https://www.oxfam.org/en/research/first-do-no-harm-examining-impact-ifcs-support-private-healthcare-india>)

Priya R, **Sarkar A**, Abraham L, Kesharvani P, Unnikrishnan, P (2021). COVID-19: Urban Middle Class Survey Highlights Need for People's Agency in Policy Making, in *The Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy*, Chennai, India ([link](#))

Sarkar, A., Liu, G., Jin, Y., Xie, Z., & Zheng, Z. J. (2020). Public health preparedness and responses to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in South Asia: a situation and policy analysis. *Global Health Journal*, 4(4), 121–132. (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.glohj.2020.11.003>)

Priya R, Gaitonde R, Ghodajkar P, **Sarkar A**, Gandhi M, Das S (2019). Three-article series, on behalf of the JNU PHC Version 2.0 Study Group, on 'Primary Health Care to Strengthen Health System', published in *Medico Friend Circle Bulletin* (Vol. 380, February 2019) ([link](#))

Sarkar, A (2018). World Bank's Reformed Model of Development in Karnataka, in *Institute for Social and Economic Change* (Working paper No. 408, April 2018) ([link](#))

Sarkar, A, Ghosh S (2017). Filling and refilling – the melancholy of malaria since independence in India, *Journal of the Indian Medical Association* (Vol. – 115, No. 6, June 2017, ISSN: 0019-5847)

Sarkar, A (2016). Methodological Critique from an Epidemiological Perspective on ‘Transitions in Health Financing and Policies for Universal Health Coverage’, Commentary in *Indian Journal of Hygiene and Public Health*, Vol. - 2, December 2016, ISSN: 2455-1813) ([link](#))

Sarkar, A (2016). The World Bank and health systems strengthening: experiences from four Indian states, EPHP conference abstract in *BMJ Global Health* (vol. 1 no. Suppl 1 A30-A31), ([link](#))

Sarkar, A (2016). Understanding Hunger and Mortality through Social Epidemiology, *Medical Anthropology and Bioethics* (Vol. - 2, Issue - 12, 2016, E1 No. FS77-39035). (In [English](#) ; in [Russian](#))

Sarkar, A & Ghosh, S (2015). Socio-cultural Dimensions of Health Seeking Behaviour- A Community Perspective, *SURVEY*, Vol.-55, Issue: 1-2, ISSN 2224-9680, June, 2015: Kolkata

Chakravarti, V & **Sarkar, A** (2011). Community Managed Health System - an experience of success from South West Bengal, *Journal of Social Work and Social Development*, Vol.-2, Issue-1, June, 2011, by Department of Social Work, Visva Bharati University (ISSN 2229-6468).

Sarkar, A. (2008). Assessment & Analysis of Cesarean Delivery: A Case Study of Bardhaman District, West Bengal, *SURVEY*, Vol.-48, Issue: 1-2, (ISSN 2224-9680)

PROJECT REPORTS (reverse chronological order)

Corporate Medicine: Mapping IFC in the field of private health care. This single-authored report was commissioned by Oxfam to conduct an independent expert review on the role of International Financing Institutes in private health care. The report was submitted to Oxfam, and subsequently got published as Oxfam report.

The Pandemic Agreement: A Springboard for Urgent Progress or a Safety Net for Basic Commitments? The [briefing paper](#) was published on behalf of *The Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER)* on the eve of the 77th World Health Assembly (27 May – 1 June, 24).

Survey Report on the 'Health Seeking Behaviour and Experience of the Lockdown among the Indian Urban Middle Class in the Early Phase of the COVID-19 Pandemic', a 10-city survey in India. The [full report](#) is available on the site of Holistic Health Systems Research Network.

Unpublished Report: Research Report entitled “Two Decades of World Bank Aid in Karnataka: A Case Study of Health System Strengthening Policy Implementation” (February 2019). Submitted to Institute for Social and Economic Change, Karnataka, India.

OPINION PIECES (reverse chronological order)

From 1946 to now: WHO shows why health demands unity, *UN Today Magazine*, October Issue of 2025 ([Link](#))

Solidarity Globalism: Reclaiming Multilateralism in Global Health, *Geneva Solutions*, September 15, 2025 ([Link](#))

Heritage in Motion (on the need for climate friendly transports in the Global South cities), *The Telegraph*, September 13, 2025 ([Link](#))

In Bengali: জনস্বাস্থ্য বনাম মুক্ত বাণিজ্য (Public health and free trade), *Anandabazar Patrika*, 8 September, 2025 ([Link](#))

Reconciling trade ambitions with public health, *Deccan Herald*, September 9, 2025 ([Link](#))

In Bengali: ব্যক্তির শাস্তিতে কী হবে, যদি সমাজ না পাল্টায় (Rape culture is a public health problem: Analysis of R G Kar social movement), *Ei Samay*, 28 August, 2025 ([Link](#))

Merit, Meritocracy, and Decolonising Knowledge for Development, [European Association of Development Research & Training Institute](#), 26 August, 2025 ([Link](#))

Model College to Model Society (higher education inequality and the role of rural colleges as social rural infrastructure), [The Shillong Times](#), 21 November, 2024 ([Link](#))

The World Health Assembly and the Imagined Citizens of the World, [The Geneva Graduate Institute Newsletter](#), May 9, 2023 ([Link](#))

In Bengali: তৃতীয় ডেউ শেষ পর্যন্ত শাপে বর হয়ে উঠবে? (Public health planning at the time of Omicron surge during a pandemic, [Ei Samay \(Bengali edition of the Times of India\)](#), 14 January, 2022 ([Link](#))

In Bengali: নগর পরিকল্পনা ও জনস্বাস্থ্য (Importance of public health in urban planning), [Anandabazar Patrika](#), 14 December, 2021 ([Link](#))

Immunity is liberty: Vaccine internationalism during a pandemic, [TNI \(Transnational Institute\) long read](#), June 16, 2021 ([Link](#))

In Bengali: চিকিৎসা হাতের কাছে এলে আতঙ্কও কমবে (Advisory on emergency planning and long-term goal to combat COVID-19 in West Bengal, India), [Ei Samay \(Bengali edition of the Times of India\)](#), 7 May, 2021 (second author) ([Link](#))

In Bengali: জনস্বাস্থ্য ছাড়া জননীতি হয় না (There is no public policy without public health), [Anandabazar Patrika](#), April 29, 2021 ([Link](#))

An unhealthy health budget, [The Telegraph](#), February 23, 2021 ([Link](#))

My struggle with COVID-19, [The Indian Express](#), 24 July, 2020 ([Link](#))

In Bengali: যত বেশি টেস্ট, ততই বাড়বে রোগমুক্তির আশা (epidemic preparedness and response management on COVID-19), [Ei Samay \(Bengali edition of the Times of India\)](#), 6 April, 2020 ([Link](#))

In Bengali: কামান দেগে মশা মরে না কেন (Why mosquitoes won't die by mosquito fogging machine on Dengue endemic), [Anandabazar Patrika](#), 16 December, 2019 ([Link](#))

In Bengali: স্বাস্থ্যনীতির চিকিৎসা চাই (on India's Health Budget of 2019 – 20), [Anandabazar Patrika](#), March 12, 2019 ([Link](#))

People over Profit: National Health Assembly, [Deccan Herald](#), October 23, 2018 ([Link](#))

Wealth is not health (on the distinctions between Alma-Ata and Ayushman Bharat), [The Telegraph](#), October 1, 2018 ([Link](#))

In Bengali: জনস্বাস্থ্য হোক রাজনৈতিক প্রশ্ন (Public Health should be of political question), [Anandabazar Patrika](#), September 15, 2018 (second author) ([Link](#))

Regulating Private Healthcare: What should Karnataka do?, [Deccan Herald](#), June 6, 2017 ([Link](#))

In Bengali: সদিচ্ছার প্রশ্ন, মতাদর্শের নয় (Health services provision is the matter of willingness, not ideology), [Anandabazar Patrika](#), March 29, 2017 ([Link](#))

Health first (on the National Health Policy 2017), [The Telegraph](#), March 23, 2017 ([Link](#))

Demonetisation logic not in sync with implementation plan, [Deccan Herald](#), December 6, 2016 ([Link](#))

[Blogs](#)

Lost in negotiation: Re-positioning public health in the Pandemic Agreement, Alusta! (Blog of Tampere University), May 25, 24 ([Link](#)) (collaborative piece)

Can a global 'vaccine citizenship' help us move toward an inclusive pandemic-free space?, Bliss (blog of the International Institute of Social Studies on global development and social justice), July 15, 2021 ([Link](#))

In Bengali: *বঙ্গনাকে জয়ের নাম ইস্টবেঙ্গল* (Historical importance of East Bengal club and football in the context of Bengal partition, nationalism, refugee crises, and cultural evolution in pre and post-independence India), Guruchandali, August 1, 2020 ([Link](#))

In Bengali: *করোনা কিন্তু সরকার ও সমাজেরও পরীক্ষা* (Generating public debate on COVID-19 testing issue in West Bengal, India), Guruchandali, May 31, 2020 ([Link](#))

PRESENTATIONS (reverse chronological order)

Oral presentation entitled 'Policy Epidemiology for Intersectoral Health Systems Action', presented in the 'WHO Symposium: An optimized and Capable Workforce Modeling for the future' (28 – 30 April 2025) organised by the World Health Organization - European Region (WHO Euro) in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Oral presentation entitled 'Academic collaboration for international development: A dialogue between South and North', presented in the 'Research Ethics Seminar: Academic Partnerships with the Global South' (26 March 2025) organised by the Finnish University Partnership for International Development/UniPID.

Oral presentation entitled 'Rape Culture and Public Health', presented in the Health Research Webinar (21 November 2024) organised by the *Akavan sairaanhoitajat ja Taja ry* (Finland's national professional association for experts and managers in health care)

Oral presentation entitled 'Global access to medicine and healthcare technologies: WHO over the last half a century (1973 – 2023)', presented in the Joep Lange Chair and Fellows Masterclass 2024 on 'Towards a Just Future in Global Health' (12 November 2024) organised by the Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development, University of Amsterdam in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Oral presentation entitled 'Methodological Integration of System Analysis with Governmentality: A New Framework for Realist Evaluation', presented in the MethodsNet Launch Conference (31 October – 1 November 2024) organised by The Methods Excellence Network in UC Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.

Oral presentation entitled 'WHO's medicine governance policy for the past fifty years', presented in the seminar on 'how international organisations (e.g. WHO, EU) shape access to medicines in developing economies' (10 October 2024) organised by the Law Centre for Health and Life, Amsterdam Law School, University of Amsterdam in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Oral presentation entitled 'Society, Health and Culture', presented in the special invited seminar (14 August 2024) organised by the Department of Sociology at the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya (PDUAM), Tulungia in Bongaigaon, Assam, India.

Oral presentation entitled 'Merit, Meritocracy, and Human Capital Development', presented in the Development Studies Conference (26 – 28 June 2024) organised by Development Studies Association and School of Oriental Studies (SOAS), University in London in London, UK.

Oral presentation entitled 'Global health: Colonial gaze in decolonial maze', presented in the DIH seminar (16 May 2024) organised by Tampere Center for Child, Adolescent and Maternal Health Research, Faculty of Medicine and Health Technology, Tampere University, Finland.

Oral presentation entitled 'Determinants of Planetary Health', invited class lecture (6 May 2024) for the Faculty of Medicine undergraduate course at the University of Helsinki, Finland.

Oral presentation entitled 'Pharmaceutical access strategy in Europe: A roadmap for the governance of commons', presented in EU Public Pharma Conference (15 – 16 March 2024) organised by EU Public Pharma Group in Brussels, Belgium.

Oral presentation entitled 'Using Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach for designing one health intervention: Field experiences from South Asia', presented in the *Colloque de l'ISG* (20 October 2023) organized by the Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

Oral presentation entitled 'One health and sustainable development: An eco-social contract in the Sundarbans of Bay of Bengal', presented in Global Policy Seminar (29 – 30 August 2023) organised by United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) in Bonn, Germany.

Oral presentation entitled 'System sciences in public health for health systems and services research: Some reflections from other disciplines', presented in the 41st International System Dynamics Conference (23 – 27 July 2023) organised by Systems Dynamics Society in Chicago, USA.

Oral presentation entitled 'Planet health in the age of Anthropocene: A medicine for sustainable development', presented in the Development Studies Conference (28 – 30 June 2023) organised by Development Studies Association and Reading University in London, UK.

Presentation entitled 'Mapping Development Effectiveness: World Bank in India's Health Systems Landscape', presented in the international research conference on Effective Development Co-operation (17 – 18 November 2022) organised by UNU-WIDER and the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation in Brussels, Belgium.

Oral presentation entitled 'Reconceptualising Health Systems Resilience', presented in the 'Resilient Societies' Early Career Research Symposium 2022 (6 – 8 September 2022) organised by the German Academic Exchange Service, the Max Weber Forum for South Asian Studies and ICAS:MP Metamorphosis of the Political.

Oral presentation entitled 'Eco-social model of health systems and sustainable development', presented in the 'International Ecological Congress' (INTECOL 2022; theme no. 8 - pandemics and ecology of disease or any other relevant theme), (28 August – 2 September 2022) at the Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG) in Geneva, Switzerland.

Oral presentation entitled 'World Bank's Method of Development Finance in Repurposing Public Policy: A Case Study from Indian State of Karnataka in health governance', presented in the 'Shifting Narratives: the political economy on public spending, services and production (PSSP)' conference (27 June–30 June 2022) at the UCL Institute of Innovation and Public Policy (IIPP) in London, the United Kingdom.

Oral presentation entitled 'Karnataka: The Journey from Enlightened Modernity to Reformed Development', presented in the ISEC Golden Jubilee Seminar on Governance and Development in Karnataka (26 – 27 April 2022) at the Institute for Social and Economic Change and in Bangalore, India.

Oral presentation entitled 'World Bank's Method of Development Finance: A Case Study from Indian State of Karnataka', presented in the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) and the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) General Conference 2021 (July 5 – 8, 2021) at the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in Hague, the Netherlands (originally scheduled in July 2020, but postponed due to pandemic).

Oral presentation entitled 'Realist Evaluation's Framework for Health Systems Strengthening', presented in the International Realist Conference 2021 (February 16 – 18, 2021) in Dublin, Ireland (originally scheduled in March 2020, but postponed due to pandemic).

Oral presentation entitled 'Can the euphoria of strategic purchase be the panacea for fragile health system?', presented in the Eighth Annual Conference of Indian Health Economics and Planning Association (IHEPA) (January 23 -24, 2020) at the National Institute of Science Education and Research in Bhubaneswar, India on January 24, 2020.

Oral presentation entitled 'International Health Governance Revisited: World Bank in the Age of Global Health Governance', presented in the intentional workshop on 'The Contested Authority of International Institutions in Global health: National De-Couplings, Regional Stumbling Blocks and International Collisions' (November 13 – 14, 2019) at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg, Germany on November 13, 2019.

Oral presentation entitled 'PhD Dissemination Seminar on the topic of World Bank's Aid in India's Health System Strengthening: A Policy Analysis', organised by the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), Government of India, (June 7, 2019) at the campus of National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIH&FW), New Delhi.

Oral presentation entitled 'PHC, UHC and the Politics of Knowledge – factoring in epistemological pluralism as an ethical imperative' in the Workshop on Politics of Knowledge, presented at the '14th World Congress of Bio-Ethics & 7th National Bio-Ethics Conference', (5 – 7 December 2018) at Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Oral presentation entitled 'Two Decades of the World Bank Aid in Karnataka: A Case Study of Health System Strengthening Policy Implementation', presented at the 'Project Dissemination Seminar of SRTT ISEC Visiting Fellowship Program' at Bengaluru, Karnataka, India on May 9, 2017.

Oral presentation entitled 'The World Bank and health systems strengthening: experiences from four Indian states', presented at the 'Third National Conference on bringing Evidence into Public Health Policy (EHPH)' (July 7 - 9, 2016) at Bengaluru, Karnataka, India on July 9, 2016.

Oral presentation entitled 'Determinants of Health System and Health Service System: An Empirical Exercise to Compare the Health Status between UK, USA, China and India', presented at the international conference on 'International Conference on Social Issues and Social Work: Public and Private' (January 29, 2016) at Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management (Calcutta, India) on January 29, 2016.

Oral presentation entitled 'Association between Hunger and Mortality: A Social Epidemiology Perspective', presented at the 'International Interdisciplinary Scientific and Practical Symposium- Medical Anthropology: Issues, Methods and Research Field' (June 28 - 30, 2015) at the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow, Russian Federation).

Oral presentation entitled 'Prescription of Global Governance: Innovative Medicine for Global South- Universal Health Coverage', presented at the international conference on 'Social Sciences and Medical Innovations: Doing Things Together' (May 21 – 23, 2015) at Tomsk State University (Tomsk, Russian Federation) on 22nd May 2015

Poster presentation entitled 'The Dream of UHC under the Reality of Global Governance for Health', presented at International Symposium on 'Global Governance and Health' (September 7- 9, 2014) at Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi, India).

FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS

Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences (SWAG) International Conference Travel Award, 2023

Excellence Fellowship by the Switzerland Government for 2022 – 2023

Visiting Fellowship by the **Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Geneva** for 2022 – 2023

China India Visiting Scholar Fellowship for 2020-2021

Indian Council of Social Science Research (**ICSSR**) Fellow for PhD Research, 2019.

Sir Ratan Tata Trust Visiting Fellowship award to conduct an evaluation study on the World Bank's health system projects (1996 – 2017) in Karnataka, India, 2016-2017.

International Travel Grant from **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research**, Govt. of India to visit Russia for scientific paper presentation at the international conference on 'Social Sciences and Medical Innovations: Doing Things Together' at Tomsk State University, Russian Federation, 2015.

University Grant Commission (**UGC**), Government of India Fellowship for PhD Research, 2013 - 2018

TRAININGS (availed full scholarships to attend the trainings listed here)

Three days workshop on AI in Social Science Research in 2024 at the UC Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.

Five days workshop on Technical Briefing Seminar on Medicines and Health Products in 2023 at WHO Headquarter in Geneva, Switzerland conducted by the Access to Medicines and Health Products Division.

Five days International Alps Winter School for Global Public Policy Scholars in 2023 in Aussois, France conducted by International Public Policy Association (IPPA), France

Five days International Summer Training for Public Policy Scholars in 2022 conducted by Department of Asian and Policy Studies, The Education University of Hong Kong

Five days training in Cutting Edge Research on Health Inequities: Concepts and Methods in 2016 conducted by Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, India

Completed four weeks online course in System Thinking in Public Health offered by Coursera in collaboration with Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2016 (online)

Five days workshop on Qualitative Research Methods in Social Sciences in 2015 conducted by Institute of Development Studies in Kolkata (IDSK), India

Nine days training in the Youth Workshop on Intellectual Property, Public Health and Access to Medicine in 2015 under the aegis of People's Health Movement.

Four days training in Universalisation of Health Care in India in 2014 conducted by University of Pondicherry and French Institute of Pondicherry

Five days training in Health Equity and Efficiency Assessment in 2013 conducted by Institute of Development Studies in Kolkata (IDSK), India in 2013. Theme: The national workshop on 'Capacity Development for Young Health Researchers in Social Sciences'

Three days training in MESST (Monitoring & Evaluation System Strengthening Tool) in 2010 conducted by USAID and India chapter of International HIV-AIDS Alliance

MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Development Studies Association | Member, System Dynamics Society | Life Member of Indian Red Cross Society | Member, International Public Policy Association | Life Member, The Asiatic Society, Kolkata | Life member of Indian Public Health Association (IPHA) | Life Member of the World Federation of Public Health Association (WFPHA) | Member of Health Systems Global | Associate, Transnational Institute (TNI) | Member, Holistic Health Systems Research Network (HHSRN) | Member, Sonar Global (an international network of studying disease ecology) | Member, JNU PHC 2.0 Group | Member of Global Health and Social Policy, Tampere University | Member, WHO Collaborating Centre for Health in All Policies and Social Determinants of Health.

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