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**Area of Research:** Applied Microeconomics, Labour Economics, Development Economics, Environmental Economics, Public Economics, Political Economics.

## Journals:

1. Pakrashi, D., & Saha, S. Intergenerational consequences of spousal violence: effect on nutritional status of children. *Review of Economics of the Household*, 2024 Volume 22(1), 67-94.
2. Tanika Chakraborty, Anirban Mukherjee, Sarani Saha, Divya Shukla; Caste, courts and business; *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*; Volume 212, 2023; Pages 333-365, ISSN 0167-2681
3. Pakrashi, D., Maiti, S. N., & Saha, S. Caste, Awareness and Inequality in Access to Maternal and Child Health Programs: Evidence from India. *Social Indicators Research*, 2022; 163(3), 1301-1321.
4. Maiti, S. N., Pakrashi, D., Saha, S., & Smyth, R. Don't judge a book by its cover: The role of intergroup contact in reducing prejudice in conflict settings. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 2022; 202, 533-548.
5. Stigma of Sexual Violence and Women's Decision to Work. Tanika Chakrabarti, Anirban Mukherjee, Swapnika Reddy and Sarani Saha. *World Development* vol 103(C), pages 226–238, 2018.
6. A Random Effects Multinomial Logit Model for the Determinants of Exit Modes: Evidence from a Panel of US Manufacturing Firms. Mohd. Irfan, Sarani Saha, Sanjay Singh. *Journal of Economic Studies* Volume 45, Issue 5, 2018.
7. Income Inequality, Club Formation and the Quality of Public Good: A Developing Country Perspective. Sukanta Bhattacharya, Sarani Saha, Sarmila Banerjee. *Journal of Development Economics* vol. 123(C), pages 1–17, 2016.
8. Determinants of being acquired in Indian Manufacturing Sector: A Panel Data Analysis. Mohd. Irfan, Sarani Saha, Sanjay Singh. *Journal of Indian Business Research* Volume 8, Issue 4, 2016.

9. Court-ship, Kinship and Business: A Study on the Interaction between the Formal and Informal Institutions and its Effect on Entrepreneurship. Tanika Chakrabarti, Anirban Mukherjee, Sarani Saha. *IZA Journal of Labor and Development* 4(1), pages 1–21, 2015.
10. Public and Private Sector Jobs, Bribes and Consumption Gap in India: Evidence from Micro Data. Sarani Saha, Poulomi Roy, Saibal Kar. *North American Journal of Economics and Finance* 29, pages 285–300, 2014.
11. City-Level Analysis of Effect of Political Regimes on Public Good Provision. Sarani Saha. *Public Choice* 147(1), pages 155–171, 2011.
12. Cross-Country Analysis of the Effect of Political Institutions on Public Good Provision. Sarani Saha. *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*, 3(11), pages 129–144, 2009.

#### **Publications Books (edited):**

Contemporary Issues in Sustainable Development: Case of India. Tanika Chakraborty, Deep Mukherjee, Sarani Saha. Routledge, December, 2020.

#### **Book Chapters:**

1. Indian Youth's Willingness to Pay for Climate Change Policies: A Contingent Valuation Study. Debarun Sengupta, Abhishek Kumar, Sarani Saha. *Contemporary Issues in Sustainable Development: Case of India* edited by T. Chakraborty, D. Mukherjee and S. Saha, Routledge, December 2020.
2. Investigating the Existence of Environmental Kuznets Curve (EKC) Hypothesis for South Asian Countries. Mohd. Irfan, Sarani Saha, Sanjay Kumar Singh. *Contemporary Issues in Sustainable Development: Case of India* edited by T. Chakraborty, D. Mukherjee and S. Saha, Routledge, December 2020 .
3. Formal Contract Enforcement and Entrepreneurial Success of the Marginalized. Tanika Chakrabarti, Reema Kumari, Anirban Mukherjee, Sarani Saha. *Opportunities and Challenges in Development* edited by S. Bandopadhyay and M. Dutta, Springer, 2019.
4. Public Good Provision by Dictatorships: A Survey. Robert T. Deacon, Sarani Saha. *The Elgar Companion to Public Economics* edited by A. F. Ott and R. J. Cebula, 2005.

#### **Working Papers:**

1. Anil, Deepthi & Pakrashi, Debayan & Saha, Sarani. (2023). The Gendered Effect of Co-residence on Health. Reconciling Labour and Autonomy responses.
2. Bhattacharya, Nilanjan & Pakrashi, Debayan & Saha, Sarani & Sahoo, Soham. (2023). Impact of Early Childhood School Intervention on Enrollment and Learning Outcomes: Evaluation of a Public Program in India
3. Bhukta, R., Pakrashi, D., Saha, S., & Sedai, A. (2023). Does Financial Inclusion Mitigate Social Exclusion?. *Available at SSRN 4686788*.

4. Community Electrification and Women's Autonomy; R Bhukta, D Pakrashi, S Saha, AK Sedai; Australian National University, Crawford School of Public Policy
5. The Apple doesn't fall far from the tree: Identifying the role of religion and culture in philanthropic behaviour . Nilanjan Bhattacharya, Debayan Pakrashi and Sarani Saha
6. Self-defense training & perception of safety among young adolescent girls: A Field Experiment from India. Chitwan Lalji, Debayan Pakrashi and Sarani Saha
7. The causal impact of the Odd-Even car policy on vehicular emissions in New Delhi. Debarun Sengupta and Sarani Saha.
8. Who Cares about Climate Change/Global Warming? An Econometric Investigation of US Public Opinion. Deep Mukherjee and Sarani Saha.
9. International Environmental Agreement in Presence of Heterogenous Countries. Sarani Saha.

### **Media Publications:**

1. Popular Summary for Ideas for India
  - Court congestion, caste identity, and business performance with Tanika Chakraborty, Anirban Mukherjee and Divya Shukla) appeared on the Ideas for India website in March 2020. [https:// www.ideasforindia.in/topics/governance/court-congestion-caste-identity-and-business-performance. html](https://www.ideasforindia.in/topics/governance/court-congestion-caste-identity-and-business-performance.html)

### **Sponsored Projects:**

- “Knowledge is Power: A Scoping Study on Women’s Safety”, co-PI, International Growth Centre (IGC), |18,40,000 (INR Eighteen lakhs forty thousand), October 2019 – August 2020.
- “Courts, Networks and Start-ups: Institutions Matter for Small Enterprise Development in South Asia”, PI, International Development Research Center (IDRC), |83,00,000 (INR Eighty three lakhs), December 2014 – June 2018.
- A Study on the Interaction between Formal and Informal Institutions and its Effect on Entrepreneurship”, co-PI, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), |10,00,000,2013-2015.

### **Education:**

2007 Ph.D. in Environmental Economics, Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA.

2003 M.A. in Economics, Dept. of Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA.

2001 M.Sc. in Economics, Dept. of Economics, Calcutta University, Kolkata, India. First Class 2nd.

1999 B.Sc. in Economics (Honours), St. Xaviers College, Calcutta University, Kolkata, India. First Class

## **Experience:**

1. Professor, Dept. of Economic Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur, India. January 2020 – Present.
2. Associate Professor, Dept. of Economic Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur, India. May 2017 – January 2020.
3. Associate Professor, Economics, Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur, India. June 2015 – May 2017.
4. Assistant Professor, Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India. December 2007 – June 2015.
5. Graduate Student Research Assistant, Dept. of Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA. June 2004 – September 2005.
6. Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA. September 2003 – March 2007.
7. Teaching Assistant, Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA. April 2003 – December 2005.

## **Ph.D. Thesis Supervision:**

### 1. Students Graduated :

- Md. Irfan, “Three Essays on Modes of Firms’ Exit and their Determinants”, June 2013 – Current Placement: Assistant Professor, Department of Management Studies, Indian School of Mining, Dhanbad.
- Surya N. Maiti, “Essays in Development Economics”, 2021– Current Placement: Assistant Professor, Shiv Nadar University, Chennai.
- Debarun Sengupta, “Essays on Economics of Air pollution”, November 2022 – Current Placement: Post Doctoral Fellow, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru.
- Soubhagya Sahoo, “Essays in Experimental Economics”, December 2022 – Current Placement: Assistant Professor, National Research University- Higher School of Economics, Russia.
- Nilanjan Bhattacharya, “Essays in Development Economics”, May 2024 – Current Placement: Visiting Assistant Professor, Centre for Research on the Economics of Climate, Food, Energy and Environment (CECFEE), ISI Delhi.

### 2. Ph.D. Supervision: Current Students

- Divya Shukla, “Essays in Institutional Economics”
- Rikhia Bhukta, “Essays in Development Economics”, December, 2025 (expected)
- Deeksha, “Essays in Educational Economics”, 2027 (expected)
- Gargi Sarkar, “Essays in Development Economics: Gender and Child Health”, 2027 (expected)

**Conferences:**

1. "Domestic Violence and Child's Health: Evidence from India" by Sarani Saha and Debayan Pakrashi. Twelfth Biennial ACFEA Conference, Fuzhou, China, July, 2018.
2. "Courts and Start-Ups" by Tanika Chakrabarti, Reema Kumari, Anirban Mukherjee and Sarani Saha. 57th ISLE Annual Conference, October, 2015
3. "Crime and Women's Work Force Participation" by Tanika Chakrabarti, Anirban Mukherjee, Swapnika Reddy and Sarani Saha. Tenth Annual Conference on Growth and Development, ISI Delhi, December, 2014.
4. "Public and Private Sector Jobs, Bribes and Consumption Gap in India: Evidence from Micro Data" by Saibal Kar, Poulomi Roy and Sarani Saha. Seventh Annual Conference on Growth and Development, ISI Delhi, December, 2011.
5. "Public and Private Sector Jobs, Bribes and Consumption Gap in India: Evidence from Micro Data" by Saibal Kar, Poulomi Roy and Sarani Saha. XXIst Annual Conference on Contemporary Issues in Development Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, December, 2011.
6. "Income Inequality, Club Formation and the Quality of Public Good: A Developing Country Perspective" by Sukanta Bhattacharya, Sarani Saha and Sarmila Banerjee. Sixth Annual Conference on Growth and Development, ISI Delhi, December, 2010.
7. "Cross-Country Analysis of the Effect of Political Institutions on Public Good Provision" by Sarani Saha. Third International Conference of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Prato, Italy, June 2008.

**Fellowships:**

- Visiting Fellow at Dept. of Economics, Jadavpur University
- Research Fellow at Global Labor Organization (GLO)

**Invited Talks:**

- "Domestic Violence and Child's Health: Evidence from India" at Dept. of Economics, Jadavpur University, March 2019
- "Formal Contract Enforcement and Entrepreneurial Success of the Marginalized" at Dept. of Economics, Ashoka University, March 2018

**1. Chairs and Organizers:**

- Organizer for Public Policy: An Indian Prospective conference at IIT Kanpur, August, 2023
- Organizer for Public Policy: An Indian Prospective conference at IIT Kanpur, March, 2023

- Organizer for Society for Economics Research (SERI) annual conference at IIT Kanpur, July, 2019
  - Workshop Organizer for a Dissemination Workshop on “Courts, Networks and Start-ups” at Kolkata, April, 2018
  - Workshop Organizer for a Workshop on “Institutions, Networks and Start-ups” at IIT Kanpur, March, 2017
2. Courses (outside regular teaching):
- Short 2-week course on “Econometrics” at Dept. of Economics, Jadavpur University, March 2019
  - NPTEL web lectures on “Game Theory for Economics”, June 2012
3. Professional Activities:
- Member of European Economic Association (MEA)
  - Member of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE)
  - Member of the American Economic Association (AEA)
  - Reviewer for many international and national journals, including Oxford Economic Papers, Resource and Energy Economics, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, Journal of Economic Studies, Pakistan Development Review, Journal of Quantitative Economics, etc.