

## Ongoing Projects

1. **Education, Human Capital and Urban Employment in West Bengal: Emerging Trends and Future Prospects** (Departments of Economics, Business Management & Statistics)
2. **Spatial Concentration of Pollution and Morbidity Impact in the City of Kolkata: Efficient Intervention Strategies** (Departments of Economics and Geography)
3. **Sustainability of the Education System in a Globalized India** by *Dr. Rabindranath Mukhopadhyay*
4. **Profit Motives in Health Care** by *Dr. Arijita Dutta*
5. **Damage Assessment of Old Tannery Complex in Kolkata** (sponsored by the Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal);
6. **Education, Human Capital and Urban Employment in West Bengal: Emerging Trends and Future Prospects** (sponsored by UGC under UPE Scheme);
7. **Spatial Concentration of Pollution and Morbidity Impact in the City of Kolkata: Efficient Intervention Strategies** (sponsored by UGC under UPE-scheme);
8. **Environmental Regulation and Process Sub-contracting: A Study of Gems and Jewellery Manufacturing Units of Kolkata** (sponsored by UGC as MRP);
9. **Pollution Management in Leather Industry and Alternative Mechanism Design: a Case Study of Calcutta Leather Complex, Bantala** (sponsored by UGC as MRP);
10. **Relationship between Finance and Economic Growth in the context of Bank-based vis-à-vis Market-based System** by *Dr. Kumarjit Mandal*.
11. **Subsidy on a Few Modes of Urban Passenger Transport** by *Dr. Sudashina Gupta*.
12. **A Text Book Project** on 'Theories and Practices of Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development: A Text with South Asian Experiences' by Professor *Rabindranath Bhattacharya* (Honorary Associate to the DRS) in collaboration with Professor *Sarmila Banerjee*

## Working Papers

### *Completed:*

1. Prasenjit Sarkhel & Sarmila Banerjee: Estimation of Average Willingness to Pay from Double Bounded Dichotomous Choice Data; Does the 'Follow up' Matter? (Presented in the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society, Hyderabad, January 2008);
2. Rabindranath Mukhopadhyay & Debasish Sengupta: Dropout, Enrolment and Related Attributes in Primary Education: A Quantitative Case Study for India (Presented in the First DRS-sponsored Conference on the Economics of Globalization and Sustainable Development in the Department of Economics, CU in March, 2008)

3. Sarbajit Chaudhuri: Mid-day Meal Program and Incidence of Child Labour in a Developing Economy (Accepted for publication in *Japanese Economic Review*)
4. Saswati Sanyal & Sarmila Banerjee: India's Leather Export in a Globalized World: Quantity versus Quality (Accepted for presentation in the *International Conference on Empirical Issues in International Trade and Finance to be held in the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade during December 23-24, 2008*)
5. Arijita Dutta & Debjani Barman: Medical Tourism: A Case of Trade in Health Services and its Impact on Indian Health Care (accepted for presentation in the *18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Contemporary Issues in Development Economics to be held in Jadavpur University during 19-20 December, 2008*)
6. Sarmila Banerjee & Joysankar Bhattacharya: A District-level Study on SHG Participation and Women's Autonomy: A Capability Approach (accepted for presentation in the *18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Contemporary Issues in Development Economics to be held in Jadavpur University during 19-20 December, 2008*)
7. Sudeshna Chattopadhyay & Sarmila Banerjee: Environmental Regulation and Formal-informal Linkage: A Tale of Pollution Load Shifting (Accepted for presentation in the *International Conference on Empirical Issues in International Trade and Finance to be held in the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade during December 23-24, 2008*)
8. Anjan Chakrabarti & Atanu Thakur: Making and Unmaking of (In)Formal Sector (communicated to *Critical Sociology*)
9. Prasenjit Sarkhel & Sarmila Banerjee: Solid Waste Management and Stakeholders' Attitude: A CVM Study on Bally Municipality (accepted for presentation in the *18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Contemporary Issues in Development Economics to be held in Jadavpur University during 19-20 December, 2008*)
10. Sarbajit Chaudhuri & Dibyendu Banerjee: Fair Wage Hypothesis, International Factor Mobility and Skilled-Unskilled Wage Inequality in a Developing Economy (communicated to *Economic Modelling*)

*On-going:*

1. Biswajit Ray & Rabindranath Bhattacharya: Factors Influencing Local People's Conservation Attitudes in Forest Management in India
2. Arijita Datta & Smritikana Ghosh: Sustainable Development and Health Vulnerability in India

3. Krishnendu G. Dastidar & Sarbajit Chaudhuri: Vertical Linkage Between Formal and Informal Credit Markets, Corruption and Credit Subsidy Policy- A Theoretical Analysis
4. Simanti Banerjee, Subrata Majumder & Sarmila Banerjee: Efficiency of Indian Manufacturing Sector- A Data Envelopment Analysis
5. Sudeshna Chattopadhyay & Sarmila Banerjee: Environmental Compliance and the Gold & Silver Manufacturing Units of Kolkata
6. Durba Chakrabarti & Sarmila Banerjee: Prospect of Private Health Insurance Market in a Developing Country- The Indian Scenario
7. Saswati Sanyal & Sarmila Banerjee: Non-tariff Barriers, Regional Trading and the Export Market of Indian Leather & Leather Manufacture

### **Visiting Faculty**

| Serial No. | Name                         | Institution  | Period of Visit (actual/ proposed) |
|------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1.         | Dr. Saumen Chattopadhyay     | JNU (Zakir Husain Centre), New Delhi   | December 12 to 22, 2007            |
| 2.         | Dr. Simanti Bandyopadhyay    | National Institute of Public Finance & Policies, New Delhi                         | February 12 to March 7, 2008       |
| 3.         | Prof. Krishnendu G. Dastidar | JNU (Centre for Economic Studies & Planning), New Delhi                            | March 1 to 8, 2008                 |
| 4.         | Dr. Ananya Ghosh Dastidar    | University of Delhi, South Campus  | March 1 to 8, 2008                 |
| 5.         | Dr. Kausik Chaudhuri         | Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research, Mumbai & University of Leeds, UK | March 22 to 31, 2008               |
| 6.         | Dr. Anindita Chakrabarti     | Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai  | March 22 to 31, 2008               |

### **Library: Books and Data Base:**

We have already purchased about 150 titles in hard form and some data-disc in soft form, negotiating with Sameeksha Trust Foundation for a better deal in purchasing

the entire set of Economic and Political Weekly for the years 2006 & 2007. In addition a good stock of interactive database is purchased from different official sources utilizing both DRS grant and UPE project money. Department now owns four large scale data bases. Among them are the International Database (**TradeCAN2005** and **World Development Indicators 07**), the National Level Database (**Industry Analysis Services** and **Business Beacon**) of Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), Mumbai. Moreover, soft copies of **World Development Reports (CD ROM)** have been obtained from , which contains the soft version of all World Development Reports since 1978.

### List of Seminars

| <b>Date</b>      | <b>Speaker</b>                 | <b>Institutional Affiliation</b>                  | <b>Title</b>   |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| 16 October, 2008 | <b>Soumyadip Chattopadhyay</b> | Visva Bharati, Shantiniketan                      | Decentralization and Delivery of Urban Basic Services:A Study of Some Selected Municipalities in West Bengal |
| 28 July, 2008    | <b>Anirban Mukherjee</b>       | University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada | Sue Thy Neighbor: Transition in Credit Institutions in Early Modern England                                  |
| 16 July, 2008    | <b>Gargi Sinha</b>             | Chandannagore Government College                  | Participatory Forest Management and Rural Livelihood   |
| 07 July, 2008    | <b>Sudipta De</b>              | Sibnath Shastri College                           | Women's Empowerment under Micro-credit Programme through Self-help Groups in West Bengal: A Case Study       |
| 10 June, 2008    | <b>Aditi Bhattacharyya</b>     | UC Riverside, USA                                 | Median-based Rules for Decision Making under Complete Ignorance  |
| 24 April, 2008   | <b>Saptarshi Chakrabarti</b>   | Panchmura College                                 | Real Sector and Financial Sector Interactions in India   |
| 15 March, 2008   | <b>Jayanta Dwivedi</b>         | Brahmananda Kesabchandra College                  | The Problem of Child Labour in a Developing Economy: Some Theoretical Aspects                                |
| 13 March, 2008   | <b>Jhumur Sengupta</b>         | NIPFP, New Delhi                                  | Impact of Ethnic Diversity on Socio-economic Performance: A Study of Some Municipalities in West Bengal      |
| 01 March, 2008   | <b>Mausumi Biswas</b>          | Women's Christian College                         | Textile and Apparel Trade of India in a Changing Global Context  |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| 5 December, 2007   | <b>V. Surjit</b>                | Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata                  | Farm Income in India  |
| 22 November, 2007  | <b>Tapas Kumar Pal</b>          | Goenka College of Commerce, Kolkata                    | Fiscal Reforms in India since Liberalization: The Case of Debt Sustainability                       |
| 5 November, 2007   | <b>Prasenjit Sarkhel</b>        | Lalbaba College, Kolkata                               | Municipal Solid Waste Management, Stakeholders' Attitude and Policy Options: a Study on West Bengal |
| 9 October, 2007    | <b>Bhaskar Goswami</b>          | M.U.C. College, Burdwan                                | Sectoral Interlinkage in a Monetary Framework under a Flexible Exchange Rate Regime                 |
| 17 September, 2007 | <b>Rajshree Bedamatta</b>       | Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata                  | A Study of Food Security in Rural Orissa  |
| 31 August, 2007    | <b>Amita Majumder</b>           | Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata                  | Measuring Spatial Cost of Living Indices without using Item Price Data                              |
| 24 August, 2007    | <b>Debasis Sengupta</b>         | Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata                  | Economic growth: A layman's attempt to reconcile theory with practice                               |
| 17 August, 2007    | <b>Anirban Mukherjee</b>        | University of British Columbia, Vancouver              | NGO and Government: A Comparative Analysis  |
| 1 August, 2007     | <b>Tushar Nandi</b>             | University of Siena, Siena                             | Organizational Structure and Wages  |
| 30 July, 2007      | <b>Indraneel Dasgupta</b>       | Nottingham University, Nottingham                      | Mother or Child? Intra-household redistribution under gender-asymmetric altruism                    |
| 20 July, 2007      | <b>Priyodorshi Banerjee</b>     | Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi                    | Conflict and Consensus: A Theory of Control in Organization   |
| 16 July, 2007      | <b>Brati Sankar Chakraborty</b> | Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata                  | Increasing Returns to Scale in Trade Models: Some Exercises   |
| 9 July, 2007       | <b>Kanishka Dam</b>             | CIDE, Mexico City                                      | A Two-Sided Matching Model of Monitored Finance   |
| 30 May, 2007       | <b>Diganta Mukherji</b>         | ICFAI Business School, Kolkata                         | Attitude to Schooling, Job Prospects and Child Labour   |
| 28 May, 2007       | <b>Barun Kanjilal</b>           | Indian Institute of Health Management Research, Jaipur | Equity in health care and financing: some evidences from West Bengal                                |

### **DRS-Sponsored First Conference**

DRS Sponsored 2-Day Conference on  
**The Economics of Globalization & Sustainable Development**

March 28-29, 2008  
Department of Economics  
Calcutta University  
56A, B.T. Road  
Kolkata 700050

**March 28, 2008: Friday**

2:30-3:00: Registration

3:00-3:15: Inaugural Session

Welcome Address by Prof. **Asis K. Banerjee**, Vice-Chancellor, C.U.

3:15-4:15: Keynote Address: Prof. **Amit Bhaduri**, Professor Emeritus, JNU  
*Predatory Growth*

4:15-4:30: Tea

4:30-6:00: Panel Discussion on “Globalization and Inclusive Growth”

Panelists: **Rajesh Bhattacharyya**, Jogmaya Devi College,

**Parthapratiim Pal**, IIM, Kolkata

**Saumya Chakrabarti**, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan,

**Manabi Majumder**, CSSSC, Kolkata

**March 29, 2008: Saturday**

10:30-11:15: Invited Lecture I: Chair: Soumyen Sikdar

Speaker: **Kausik Chaudhuri**, IGIDR, Mumbai &  
University of Leeds, UK,

*A Markov-Switching Model for Indian Stock Price and Volume*

11:15-11:30: Tea

11:30-1:00: Technical Session I: Quantitative Exercises on Sustainability

Chair: Pabitra Giri

Speakers:

**Joysankar Bhattacharya** (University of Siena, Italy) & Sarmila Banerjee  
(CU): *Contribution of Women Self-help Groups to the Pursuit of Gender  
Justice: A Capability Approach*

Sarmila Banerjee (CU) & **Prasenjit Sarkhel** (Lalaba College):  
*Estimation of Average Willingness to Pay from Double Bounded  
Dichotomous Choice Data: Does the Follow Up Matter?*

**Mousumi Dutta-Husain** (Presidency College) & Zakir Husain (IDSK):  
*Determinants of Crime Rates in India: An Inter-state Analysis*

1:00-1:45: Lunch

1:45-2:30: Invited Lecture II: Chair: Arup Mallik

Speaker: **Raghendra Chattopadhyay**, IIMC

*The March of Capital: Planning a Market in India*

2:30- 2:45: Tea

2:45- 4:15: Technical Session II: Social Sustainability under Globalization

Chair: Rabindra Nath Bhattacharya

Speakers:

**Rabindra Nath Mukhopadhyay** (CU) & Debasis Sengupta (ISI, Kolkata)

*Dropout, Enrolment and Related Attributes in Primary Education A*

*Quantitative Case Study for India*

**Anindita Chakrabarti**, Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai

*Determinants of Participation in Higher Education and Choice of*

*Discipline: Evidence from Urban & Rural Indian Youth*

**Arijita Dutta**, Calcutta University

*Non Profit Organization in Health Care: A Boon or a Peril?*

4:15-4:30: Coffee & Refreshment

4:30-5:30: Valedictory Address: **Barun Kanjilal**, IIMR, Jaipur

*Liberalization, Health Care and Sustainability: Some Key Issues*

5:30-5:35: Vote of Thanks