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Current Position

Postdoctoral Research Officer, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI),
Department of International Development, University of Oxford, 2010 - Present

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Vanderbilt University, USA, 2010
Dissertation Title: *Essays in Multidimensional Measurement: Welfare, Poverty, and Robustness*
M.Phil. in Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, 2007
M.Sc. in Economics, University of Calcutta, India, 2002
B.Sc. (Hons.) in Economics, Bidhan Nagar College, University of Calcutta, India, 2000

Research Fields

Development Economics
Welfare Economics (Applied)
Measurement and Analysis of Multidimensional Welfare and Poverty (Special Interest)
Microeconomics

Publications

Co-authored Book

Foster J. E., S. Seth, M. Lokshin, and Z. Sajaia (2013), A Unified Approach to Measuring Poverty and Inequality: Theory and Practice, The World Bank: Washington D.C.

Peer Reviewed Journals

Foster, J. E., M. McGillivray, and S. Seth (2013), Composite Indices: Rank Robustness, Statistical Association, and Redundancy, *Econometric Reviews*, 32 (1), p. 35-56.

Seth, S. (2013), A Class of Distribution and Association Sensitive Multidimensional Welfare Indices, *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 11 (2), p. 133-162 (Lead Article).

Alkire, S and S. Seth (2013), Selecting a Targeting Method to Identify BPL Households in India, *Social Indicators Research*, 112 (2), p. 417-446.

Seth, S. (2009), Inequality, Interactions, and Human Development, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, Vol. 10 (3), 375-396 (Motivated the Gender Inequality Index in UNDP's Human Development Report 2010).

Alkire S. and S. Seth (2008), Determining BPL Status: Some Methodological Improvements, *Indian Journal of Human Development*, 2 (3), 407-424.

Blumstein J., M. Cohen, and S. Seth (2008), Do Government Agencies Respond to Market Pressures? Evidence from Private Prisons, *Virginia Journal of Social Policy and the Law*, 15 (3), 446-477.

Other Research Publications

Alkire, S and S. Seth (2013), Identifying BPL Households: A Comparison of Methods, *Economic and Political Weekly*, XLVIII (2), 49-57.

Seth, S. (2009), Collecting capability data on the basis of existing surveys: The case of India, *Maitreyee*, 14, 7-10.

Completed Research Papers

Working Papers

Alkire S. and S. Seth (2013), Multidimensional Poverty Reduction in India Between 1999 and 2006: Where and How?, *Working Paper 60*, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford, *under review in World Development*.

Foster, J. E., M. McGillivray, and S. Seth (2012), Rank Robustness of Composite Indices: Dominance and Ambiguity, *Working Paper 26b*, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford.

Foster, J. E., M. McGillivray, and S. Seth (2009), Rank Robustness of Composite Indices, *Working Paper 26*, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford.

Alkire S. and S. Seth (2009), Measuring Multidimensional Poverty in India: A New Proposal, *Working Paper 15*, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford.

Policy Research Briefings

Alkire S., J. M. Roche, and S. Seth (2013), Multidimensional Poverty Index 2013, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford.

Alkire S. and S. Seth (2013), Multidimensional Poverty Reduction in India 1999-2006: Slower Progress for the Poorest Groups, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford. **Podcast:** <http://www.ophi.org.uk/multidimensional-poverty-index/mpo-interviews/>.

Alkire S., J. M. Roche, and S. Seth (2013), Identifying the ‘Bottom Billion’: Beyond National Averages, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford.
Podcast: <http://www.ophi.org.uk/multidimensional-poverty-index/mpi-interviews/>.

Alkire S., J. M. Roche, M. E. Santos, and S. Seth (2011), Multidimensional Poverty Index 2011, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford.

Alkire S., J. M. Roche, M. E. Santos, and S. Seth (2011), Multidimensional Poverty Index 2011: Brief Methodological Note, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford.

Work in Progress

Co-authored Book

Multidimensional Poverty: Measurement and Analysis, Oxford University Press: Oxford, *In Progress* (with S. Alkire, P. Ballon, J. E. Foster, J. M. Roche, and M. E. Santos).

Research Papers

Alkire S. and S. Seth (2013), Impact of Economic Growth on Multidimensional Poverty: An Application on India, *mimeo*.

Alkire S. and S. Seth (2013), Analysis of Inequality across the Multi-dimensionally Poor and across Population Subgroups for Counting Approaches, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative.

Alkire S., J. M. Roche, and S. Seth (2011), Sub-national Disparities in Multidimensional Poverty across Developing Countries, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford.

Seth S. (2011), What Determines the Redundancy of Composition of the HDI?

Alkire S., M. E. Santos, S. Seth, and G. Yalonetzky (2010), Is the Multidimensional Poverty Index robust to different weights?, OPHI Research in Progress 22.

M. E. Santos and S. Seth (2010), The Measurement of Multidimensional Poverty and Inter-temporal Poverty: The Same Toolkit?

Seth S. and G. Yalonetzky (2010), Robustness Tests for Rankings and Multidimensional Association.

Seth S. (2006), Stochastic Dominance Rules for Parametric Families of Distributions, *mimeo*.

Teaching Interest

Quantitative Development Economics
Distribution and Development
Measurement Theories and Applications in Multidimensional Poverty and Welfare
Microeconomics

Teaching Experience

University of Oxford, Poverty and Human Development (Guest Lecturer)

M.Phil in Development Studies, Hilary 2012
M.Phil in Development Studies, Hilary 2013

Executive Courses

- Summer School on Multidimensional Poverty: a two weeks long intensive academic training courses for 40-60 graduate students, academics, and professionals – proficient in quantitative techniques – to learn measurement techniques to a high standard through lectures, problem sets, exams, and group presentations. Video casts are available at: <http://www.ophi.org.uk/resources/online-training-portal/>

Topics covered

- Unidimensional Poverty Measurement: Axioms, Measures, and Dominance
- Properties of Axioms for Multidimensional Poverty Measures
- Alkire-Foster Measure Analysis Issues: Decompositions by dimension and regional and ethnic groups, and policy implications
- Alkire-Foster Measure Analysis Issues: Dominance, Robustness and Standard Error
- Inequality Adjusted Human Development Index

Delivered at:

- Institute of International Economic Policy, George Washington University, Washington DC, 2013 (*July 8-19*)
 - Institute of Economic & Social Research, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia, Jakarta 2012
 - Delft University of Technology, Netherlands, 2011
 - University of Jordan, Amman, 2010
 - Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, Lima, 2009
 - Institute for Human Development, New Delhi, 2008
- Training courses on Multidimensional Poverty (attended by the members of the statistical offices and planning commission of Jordan), Columbia Global Centers | Middle East - Columbia University, Jordan, February 2012

- Human Development Course on “Concepts, Measurement and Policy Implications” (attended by the officials of various UNDP country offices), Oxford, March, 2011

Course Leader, Vanderbilt University

Principles of Microeconomics (undergraduate), 2008

Principles of Microeconomics (undergraduate), 2009

Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University (Assisted in the following courses by holding regular office hours, review sessions, grading exams and assignments)

Inequality and Distribution (Undergraduate), 2009

Public Finance (Undergraduate), 2009

Microeconomic Theory (Master’s program), 2007

Development Economics (Master’s program), 2007

Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (Undergraduate), 2007

Development Economics (Undergraduate), 2006

Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (Undergraduate), 2006

Urban Economics (Undergraduate), 2006

Macroeconomic Theory (Doctoral program), 2005

Research Experience

Research Consultancy

Consultant (Economist), Asian Development Bank, 2012-13

Short Term Consultant, The Development Research Group (DECRG), World Bank, 2011 and 2012

Consultant, Human Development Report for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP, 2008

Researcher, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI), 2008-2010

Other Research Experience

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University, 2008

Research Assistant, Owen School of Management, Vanderbilt University, 2005 and 2006

Grants

Co-Principal Investigator, European Union Funded Project: NOPOOR, (Jointly with Dr. Sugata Bag, DSE), Exploring the dimensions and dynamics of Indian urban poverty, Centre for Development Economics (CDE), Delhi, 2012-2016. INR 4,000,000.

Asia Development Bank, Project: Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific 2011, 2012-13 (USD 9,792).

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

Social Science Dissertation Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2009-2010

Wiebke Kuklys Prize 2008 for the best paper presented by a graduate student, Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) Annual Conference, 2008

Kirk Dornbush Summer Research Award, Vanderbilt Department of Economics, 2007

Graduate Student Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2004-2009

International Conferences and Presentations

Economics Conferences

Southern Economic Association Conference, Tampa, November 2013 (*accepted*)

The Society for the Study of Economic Inequality Conference, Bari, Italy, 2013

Centre for the Study of African Economies Annual Conference, Oxford, March, 2013

International Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare, Delhi, August 2012

31st International Association for Research in Income and Wealth General Conference, St. Gallen, Switzerland, August 2010

International Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare, Moscow, July 2010

6th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Minneapolis, May 2009

American Economic Association Meetings, San Francisco, January 2009

Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington D.C., November 2008

International Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare, Montreal, June 2008

Other Conferences

Development Studies Association Conference, Birmingham, November 2013 (*accepted*)

Development Studies Association Conference, London, November 2012

Human Development and Capability Association Conference, Jakarta, September 2012

South Asia in Transition, Oxford University, Oxford, November 2011

Human Development and Capability Association Conference, The Hague, September 2011

Human Development and Capability Association Conference, Jordan, September 2010

Human Development and Capability Association Conference, Lima, September 2009

Human Development and Capability Association Conference, Delhi, September 2008

Invited Presentations

Centre for Global Development, University of Leeds, July 2013 [*keynote speaker*]

Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, August 2012

International Conference of the Economics of Ultra Poverty: Causes and Remedies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, March 2012

Southeast Asia (SEA) Seminar, Department of International Development, Oxford University, March, 2012

Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative Lunchtime Seminar Series, Oxford University, Oxford, January 2012

Workshop on Exploring and Exploiting Quality of Life Complexity: Epistemological, Methodological and Statistical Issues, Italian Association for Quality of Life Studies (AIQUAV), Florence, September 2011

Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative Lunchtime Seminar Series, Oxford University, Oxford, October 2011

Administrative Training Institute, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata, August, 2011

Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative Lunchtime Seminar Series, Oxford University, Oxford, May 2011

Chair of Development Economics, University of Göttingen, Germany, November 2010

Workshop on Measuring Well-being and Progress of Societies, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA), Beirut, November 2010

Workshop on the Multidimensional Measurement of Wellbeing and Applications to Related Issues, George Washington University and UNDP, Washington D.C., May 2010

Social Science Dissertation Fellowship Presentation, Vanderbilt University, April 2010

Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative Lunchtime Seminar Series (invited),
Oxford University, May 2009

Graduate Research Day, Vanderbilt University, March 2009

Inequality and Human Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP, Vanderbilt
University, January 2009

Brown-Bag Seminar, Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP, New
York, November 2008

Workshop on Weighting in Multidimensional Poverty Measures, Oxford Poverty & Human
Development Initiative, Oxford University, May 2008

Graduate Research Day, Vanderbilt University, March 2008

Graduate Research Day, Vanderbilt University, March 2006

Administrative Experience

Organized Lunchtime seminar series Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative
(Both internal and external speakers make quantitative presentations)

- Hilary 2013
- Michaelmas 2012
- Hilary 2012
- Michaelmas 2011

Organized Public Lecture with the Department of Economics, University of Oxford

- Professor Jacques Silber, June 2012
- Professor James Foster, April 2012

Professional Activities and Memberships

Referee

Canadian Journal of Economics
Frontiers of Economics in China
Journal of Economic Inequality
Journal of Human Development and Capabilities
Review of Income and Wealth

Grant Review

National Science Foundation Grant Proposal

Discussant

Centre for the Study of African Economies Annual Conference, Oxford, March, 2013

Workshop on Multidimensional Poverty, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, Oxford University, June 2010

6th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Minneapolis, May 2009

Workshop on the Robustness of Welfare Comparisons, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, Oxford University, May 2008

Membership to Academic Societies

American Economic Association
The Society of Social Choice and Welfare
The Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ)
Human Development and Capability Association

Other Memberships

Research Membership of the Common Room, Wolfson College, University of Oxford, 2011-present

Computer Proficiency

STATA, MATLAB, Latex, Word, Excel, PowerPoint

References

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