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Major Areas of Research/Up to 3 major sponsored projects

- Climate Change, Disasters, Urban Studies, Global South, Extreme Heat (Co-I, Cool Infrastructures: Living with Heat in the Off-grid City)
- Knowledge Infrastructures, Open Science
- Digital Platforms, Governance, Innovation and Entrepreneurialism



Technology/Product Developed/Up to 3 most significant Publications

- Platform for Experimental and Collaborative Ethnography (PECE)
- **Aalok Khandekar**, Brandon Costelloe-Kuehn, Lindsay Poirier, Alli Morgan, Alison Kenner, Kim Fortun, Mike Fortun, and the PECE Design Team. 2021. “Moving Ethnography: Infrastructuring Switchbacks and Doubletakes in Experimental Collaborative Methods.” *Science & Technology Studies*. 34(3): 78-102. doi: [10.23987/sts.89782](https://doi.org/10.23987/sts.89782).
- **Aalok Khandekar**, Jamie Cross, and Anant Maringanti. Forthcoming. “Occlusions in Thermal Governance: Disaster and the Local in Indian Heat Action Plans.” *Urban Studies*. Special Issue on Heat in Urban Asia: Past, Present, and Future.” Guest Edited by Gregory Clancey, Jiat-Hwee Chang, and Simon Marvin.



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Major Areas of Research/Up to 3 major sponsored projects

Areas: Labour Studies, Development Studies, Inequality, Gender and Public Policy

Ongoing Projects:

(1) Labour Supply Chains in the Construction Industry: Circular Migrants, Contracting, and Covid

(2) Labour Migration Networks in the Construction Industry in Bengaluru

(3) Covid and the South Asian State: A Cross-National and Cross-Regional Comparison

Recent Publications

Swenden, W., Sengupta, P., Sarvananthan, M., Surendran, A., & Ruwanpura, K. N. (2022). State Capacity, Ideology and the Management of COVID-19 in South Asia: India and Sri Lanka in Perspective. Journal of South Asian Development, 17(3)

Surendran, A. (2020). "Women, Work and Development in Rural India: A Catalogue of Voluntarism in Policy". Social Change, 50(1),



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Major Areas of Research/Up to 3 major sponsored projects

1. Protective factors in resilience
2. Resilient adaptation despite adversity
3. Mental health and well-being

Technology/Product Developed/Up to 3 most significant Publications

Sharma, P., & Deb, A. (2024). Authenticity: Conceptual analysis and relevance in the Indian sociocultural context, *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00221678231225495>

Khan, A. & Deb, A. (2021). Family as a source of risk and resilience among adults with a history of childhood adversity. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 121, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105897>.

Aswini, S. & Deb, A. (2021). Living well with mental illness: Findings from India. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment* <https://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2020.1838380>

JOURNAL OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT
2021, VOL. 31, NO. 8, 1008-1025
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2020.1838380>

Routledge
Taylor & Francis Group

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Living well with mental illness: Findings from India

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ABSTRACT
In India, mental illness is generally perceived as a lifetime adversity with high vulnerability to problems such as social marginalization, health hazards, and economic deprivation. But anecdotal evidence has shown that many individuals struggling with mental illness have led outstanding lives of courage, dignity and have contributed to society in different ways. Yet scientific research has not focused adequately on such cases and instead has largely studied negative outcomes associated with mental illness. The objective of the present study was to explore positive outcomes through the subjective experiences of individuals diagnosed with mental illness. Interviews of participants (n = 48) were analyzed using thematic analysis. The imperative finding was that despite mental illness and cumulative risks, participants were able to bounce back to a functional level and in a few instances even excelled in specific areas they engaged in. The major implication of such strength-based studies is that it highlights positive outcomes that can assist in building a life of wellness thereby challenging the deficit-based approach that is more popularly followed in studying mental illness. These findings establish that the possibility of living well even after being diagnosed with a mental illness is not a fictional likelihood, rather an achievable reality.

KEYWORDS
Mental illness; well-being; recovery; personal narratives; resilience

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Family as a source of risk and resilience among adults with a history of childhood adversity

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Highlights

- Findings of the paper highlight sources of both risk and resilience within family.
- Results reaffirm that a supportive family environment is a source of strength.
- Narrative accounts of participants also revealed flaws within the family structure.

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Major Areas of Research

Migration and development

Gender and development

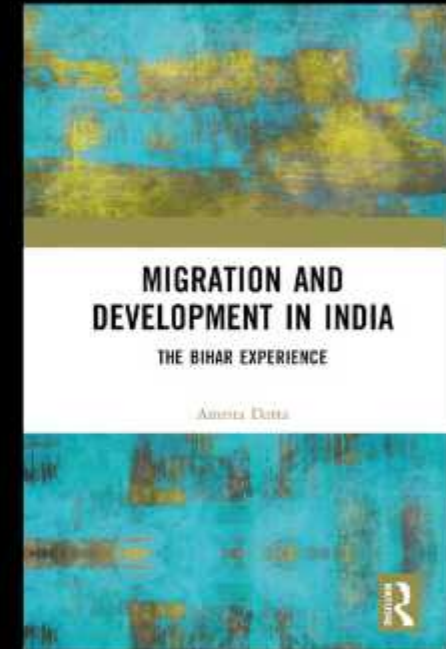
Village and longitudinal studies

Major Research Facilities in the Group

NA

Technology/Product Developed

NA



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Economic Growth, Industry and Trade, International Economics, India's Fiscal Policy, Applied Econometrics.

Patterns of Innovation, Competition and Firm performance.

Economic Assessment of Defense R&D.

Major Research Facilities in the Group

Three most significant Publications



Does the Indian financial market nosedive because of COVID-19 outbreak, in comparison to after demonetisation and the GST?

Does the digital divide across countries lead to convergence?

Spot electricity price discovery in Indian electricity market.



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Craft production in contemporary India

Queer culture in contemporary India



Major Research Facilities in the Group

Technology/Product Developed

Contemporary South Asia

Identifying 'authorized users', identifying kin: negotiating relational worlds through Geographical Indications registration

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Major Areas of Research/Up to 3 major sponsored projects

- Monetary Economics
- Inflation Targeting
- Public Finances
- Financial Markets
- State and Union government Finances

Major Research Facilities in the Group

None



Technology/Product Developed/Up to 3 most significant Publications

- Sahoo, P. & Sethi, D. (2022) Market efficiency of the cryptocurrencies: Some new evidence based on price-volume relationship *International Journal of Finance and Economic*, 1-22 (Wiley)
- Sethi, D & Acharya, D. (2020). Monetary Policy and Financial Stability: Role of Inflation Targeting. *The Australian Economic Review*, 53(1),50-75 (Wiley).
- Mohanty, A., Sethi, D & Mohanty, AR . (2020). Central Transfer a Curse or Blessing? Evidence from Relative Revenue Effort of Indian States. *The Australian Economic Review*, 53(2), 211-227 (Wiley).



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Major Areas of Research

Cross cultural Collaborations
Coaching and Mentoring in Organizations
Eco-Friendly behaviors

Technology/Product Developed

Research Papers, NPTEL
courses and Training Modules



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Major Areas of Research

- 1) Health Economics
- 2) Development Economics
- 3) Applied Microeconometrics

Major Research Facilities in the Lab

- 1) STATA 17
- 2) SPSS

Three most significant Publications

- 1) Dhamija, G., & Sen, G. (2021). Lasting impact of early life interventions: evidence from India's Integrated Child Development Services. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 57(1), 106-138.
- 2) Dhamija, G., Ojha, M., & Roychowdhury, P. (2022). Hunger and health: Reexamining the impact of household food insecurity on child malnutrition in India. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 1-30.
- 3) Roychowdhury, P., & Dhamija, G. (2021). The causal impact of women's age at marriage on domestic violence in india. *Feminist Economics*, 27(3), 188-220.



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Major Areas of Research/Up to 3 major sponsored projects

- Psycho-oncology
- Psychosocial diabetes
- Safe sex practices

Technology/Product Developed/Up to 3 most significant Publications

Chawak, S. *, Chittem, M. *, Dhillon, H., Huilgol, N., & Butow, P. (2022). Treatment-related communication experiences and expectations among Indian cancer patients receiving radiation therapy and their family members: A qualitative study. *Patient Education and Counseling* 105(9): 2913-2922 [Impact factor: 2.94]

Chittem, M., Elliott, J., & Olver, I. (2021). Demonstrating the importance of cultural considerations at end-of-life utilising the perspective of Indian patients with cancer. *Supportive Care in Cancer* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00520-021-06656-1> [Impact factor: 3.60]

Chittem, M., Norman, P., & Harris, P. (2013). Relationships between perceived diagnostic disclosure, patient characteristics, psychological distress and illness perceptions in Indian cancer patients. *Psycho-Oncology* 22(6): 1375-1380. [Impact factor: 2.44]



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Major Areas of Research/Up to 3 major sponsored projects

- Neural structures and Mechanisms Involved in Motor Reconsolidation
- Role of motor and sensory plasticity in motor memory retention, consolidation and enhancement
- Nature of Plasticity In Somatosensory Cortex And Its Role In Motor Learning And Memory Consolidation

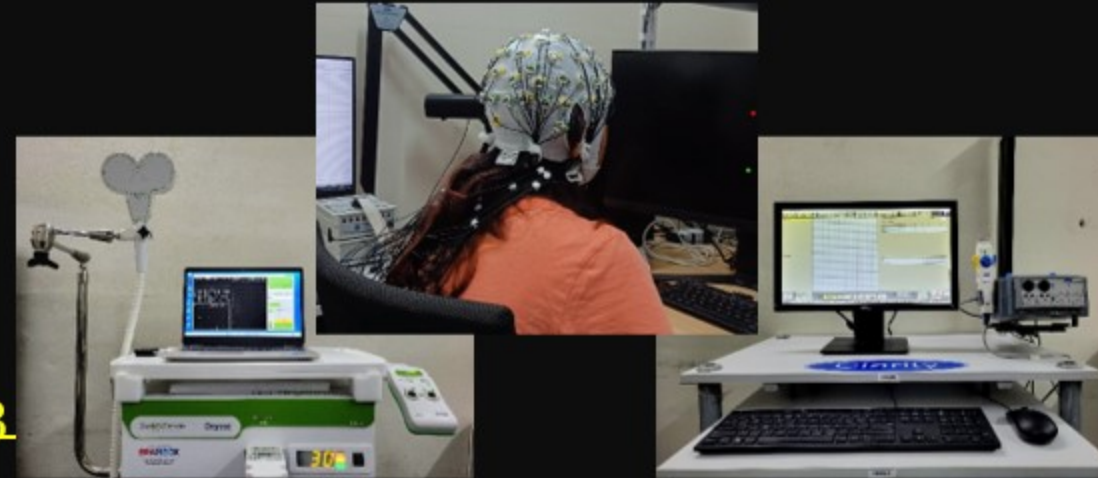
Major Research Facilities in the Group

- Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) System
- Electromyogram (EMG)
- Electroencephalogram (EEG)
- Nerve Stimulator

Technology/Product Developed/Up to 3

Publications

- Kumar, N., Manning, T. F., & Ostry, D. J. (2019). Somatosensory cortex participates in the consolidation of human motor memory. *PLoS Biology*, 17(10), e3000469
- Yadav, G., Pal, R., Matkar, S., & Kumar, N. (2025). Role of working memory in interlimb generalization of newly learned skills. *Scientific Reports*, 15(1).
- Kumar, N., Van Vugt, F. T., & Ostry, D. J. (2021). Recognition memory for human motor learning. *Current Biology*, 31(8), 1678-1686.e3.



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Major Areas of Research:

International finance, Applied Macroeconomics and Applied Econometrics

Major Research Facilities in the Group:

Macroeconomic modelling; Financial data analysis; Policy analysis; Economics of Covid-19 pandemic



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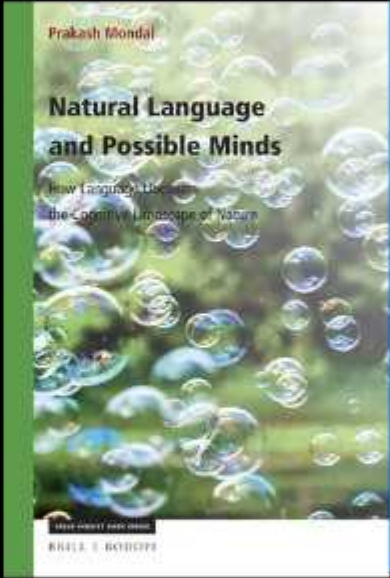
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Formal/Mathematical Linguistics, Theoretical Cognitive Science, Biolinguistics

Research Facilities in Experimental Instrumental Phonetics and Cognitive Science



Language and Cognitive Structures of Emotion (book published in 2016). Berlin: Springer Nature.

Natural Language and Possible Minds (book published in 2017). Leiden/Boston: Brill

Language, Biology, and Cognition: A Critical Perspective (book published in 2019). Berlin: Springer Nature.

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Up to 3 major sponsored projects

1. Principal investigator: Invisible disabilities and long-term care: A qualitative study of family and institutional care arrangements for persons with intellectual and cognitive disabilities in India'
2. Principal Investigator: 'A qualitative exploration of families' lived experiences of using various therapies for intellectual and developmental disabilities'
3. Co-investigqtor in a one-year large-scale research on migration, the Odisha Migration Study

Major Areas of Research

Mental health, disability, health policy, gender studies, qualitative research

Up to 3 most significant Publications

- Kottai, S. & Ranganathan, S. (2021). When 'care' leads to 'chronicity': exploring the changing contours of care of homeless people living on the streets in India. In L. Montesi and M. Calestani (Eds.). *Managing Chronicity in Unequal States: Ethnographic perspectives on caring*. UCL Press.
- Ranganathan, S. (2015): A space to "eat, trance, and sleep": the healing power of Mahanubhav temples in Maharashtra (India). *Mental Health, Religion & Culture*, 18 (3), 185-195.
- Kottai, S. & Ranganathan, S. (2022). Critical Questions on the National Mental Health Survey: A Mental Health Epidemic? *Economic & Political Weekly*, Vol. 57 (3), 19-24.



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Major Areas of Research/Up to 3 major sponsored projects:

Specializations: Body Image studies, Gender studies, English, Cultural and Media Studies

Sponsored Projects: Principal Investigator. Body Image and Female Identity: Popular Perceptions, Theoretical Interventions and Possible Implications. Research Project (Major). Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). (2017-2019)

Major Research Facilities in the Group:

Training in cutting edge areas of the humanities such as body image, cultural and gender studies

Up to 3 most recent/significant Publications:

"Colorism and Female Identity: Discourses from Twentieth Century Indian Literature and Culture." Papers on Language and Literature. 58.3 (2022). (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, USA). (with Shreya Rastogi) https://www.siue.edu/pll/forthcoming_essays.shtml

"Overcoming Daddy: The Daughter's Rite of Passage in Joyce Carol Oates' Late Novels." Critique: Studies in Contemporary Fiction. 63.3 (2021): 296-308. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00111619.2021.2018988> (with Aswathi V. Anand)

"Television culture and the beauty bias problem: an analysis of India's postmillennial television serials." Media Asia. 49.3 (Dec. 2021): 213-234. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01296612.2021.2010939> (with Shreya Rastogi)



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