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I. Introduction

The Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) has been promoted by the Government of West Bengal as an autonomous centre of excellence in social sciences. It was founded in 2002 as a society with an autonomous governing body with one of the most eminent historians in India, Professor Irfan Habib as President, Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi as Director and with a Governing Council on which are represented the Vice-Chancellors of two leading Universities in West Bengal, namely Calcutta University and Jadavpur University. The Governing Council also includes such eminent academics as Professor Nirmal Chandra, Professor Suranjan Das, Professor V.K. Ramachandran and Professor Malini Bhattacharya as its members.

IDSK is devoted to advanced academic research and informed policy advice in the areas of literacy, education, health, women, employment, technology, communication, human sciences and economic development. Other programmes include training of research scholars in the social sciences working towards a Ph.D. The Institute is committed to the dissemination of its research findings through workshops, seminars, publications in the media, and other public counselling and education programmes.

Although the IDSK has been in existence for two years now, during the first year, the only regular academic faculty on its rolls consisted only of the Director and the Research Coordinator. The other members of faculty joined between the end of 2003 and the latter half of 2004. During the two years of its existence, it seems to have made its mark in the world of research in social sciences and humanities in West Bengal and Eastern India. It has actively collaborated with the departments of history, economics, political science, philosophy, business management, the Science College, and the Centre for Urban Economic Studies and Women's Studies Centre, and most frequently with the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities of Calcutta University. It has engaged in a long-term programme on 'Women and media' with the School of Women's Studies of Jadavpur University and the corresponding women's studies centres of Gauhati University, Utkal University and Lucknow University. It receives important

logistic support from the Netaji Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata. It has also interacted with the North Bengal University in carrying out its research programmes.

The IDSK has carried out field survey-based research programmes on literacy and primary education in West Bengal, and health and nutrition in West Bengal and tea gardens in Assam. It has organized national and international seminars on public health and nutrition, on the law and ethics related to health (in collaboration with the National University of Juridical Sciences, West Bengal and the department of philosophy, Jadavpur University) and on issues of labour organization, labour welfare and labour standards. It has collaborated with the Indian History Congress in putting together, editing and putting through the press a volume on the history of information, communication and technology from the Harappan age to the current era of cyberspace. That volume has been published by Manohar (Delhi). The papers of the national seminar on public health and nutrition (which was organized in collaboration with the University of Burdwan) have been edited and the volume is now in the last stage of publication by Tulika (New Delhi). Some of the results of the studies on education have been published as Working Papers.

The Institute has also organized a number of training and research programmes, generally in collaboration with other academic institutions, the details of which have been given in the body of the report.

II. Research Programmes

A. The literacy, primary and continuing education project

The IDSK had called for papers on the situation regarding literacy, primary education and the programme of continuing education from interested researchers in the field. Ten such studies were ultimately prepared with the active help of experienced researchers in the field. On the basis of the findings, it was felt that a further exploration of the problems and achievements in the continuing education programme would yield important insights into the institutional and social bottlenecks constraining the achievements of the innovative programme. Accordingly, a

team of faculty members which included Professors Prabhat Datta and Achin Chakraborty and Drs. Dipankar Sinha, Uttam Bhattacharya and Barnita Bagchi has been conducting field studies bearing on these issues. The Ausgram Block of the District of Bardhaman has been chosen for this purpose. Bardhaman district, one of the most successful districts in terms of Total Literacy Programme, was selected for studying the performance of the continuing education programme. The collection of data through a primary survey of the learners and the preraks and sahapreraks is complete, and the data have been entered into the computer. Along with the analysis of the survey data, an analytical review of the goals of the continuing education programme is being made. It is expected that the current phase of the study would be concluded soon and a monograph containing the findings can be presented for publication.

B. The health and nutrition programme

Following the pattern of the earlier literacy, primary and continuing education programmes, the IDSK prepared a flier setting out some of the urgent problems in the area of health, nutrition and survival in India in general and West Bengal in particular and called for papers on those issues. A number of proposals were submitted in response to this call, and after screening them with the help of two eminent experts in the field, namely, Dr. Dilip Mahalanabis, Honorary Senior Fellow of the IDSK and Dr. Amitava Sen, former professor of the SSKM Hospital, ten proposals were selected for support by the IDSK. Dr Krishna Soman coordinated the programme. After intensive discussions of the findings in three workshops, ten research papers have been prepared, mainly by health activists and academics interested in the field. The studies range from focusing on issues of health in the popular press to the measurement of, and investigation of the reasons for, the high incidence of low birth-weight babies among the children born to Bengali women in a public hospital in Kolkata. It is hoped that a monograph can be readied on the basis of these studies, with further inputs from IDSK faculty members.

C. The programme on 'Women and media in the context of globalisation' funded by the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung

In 2004, the IDSK received funding from the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS) of Berlin, and launched a project on 'Women and media in the context of globalisation'. Professor Malini Bhattacharya agreed to serve as Senior Coordinator for the project and Dr Subhoranjan Dasgupta became Project Manager for it. Three research assistants, Arpita Guha Thakurta, Gargi Sen, and Ranjana Dasgupta have been working under their direction.

This is a programme where research is supplemented by action and advocacy. The project proposes to study gender-based power-relationships embedded in cultural formations and cultural practices in so far as these respond to or are influenced by the agenda of globalisation. While it radically changes the material conditions of production and distribution of social assets, it also brings crucial ideological and cultural changes. This project proposes to study how and to what extent dissemination of the ideology and life styles associated with globalisation affects the gender-codes operating within our existing cultural formations and cultural practices and how it encourages various national and international agencies to reinvent traditions in various ways. Three partner institutions are closely working with IDSK on this programme. They are: School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, Institute of Women's Studies, Lucknow University, School of Women's Studies, Utkal University, and Women's Studies Research Centre, Gauhati University.

The project started on May 15, 2004. A large Advisory Committee consisting of academics, media-experts and activists was formed for implementation of the project. In the first phase of the activity, three seminars-cum-workshops were held in which there was theoretical discussion on the content of the project and its methods and training of research assistants. The workshops also reviewed and assessed the work being done in the first phase. This work consisted of documentation of print media - newspapers, journals, magazines and advertisement materials. In the second phase, which started in November simultaneously with documentation of print media, documentation of audiovisual media (TV and Radio) also began. Materials generated out of the project are being used for opinion-surveys, workshops and interactive meetings with different segments of readers and viewers. So far, five regional workshops - two in West Bengal and one each in Bhubaneswar, Guwahati and Lucknow - preceded by surveys among possible participants have been held. Through this programme, the

IDSK is reaching out to a large part of Eastern and Northern India and not only conducting its own research but also establishing a network of communication with researchers in these areas.

III. Seminars and workshops

A. Group seminars

Questions of the ethics of treatment of patients by doctors and by the medical establishment, including drugs and pharmaceutical companies, public and private hospitals and clinics and technologists involved in diagnosis and cure have come increasingly into prominence as medical technology has advanced and treatment protocols have become ever more complex. At the same time, the stress of modern life has increased the incidence of mental illness and what are called lifestyle diseases. In order to probe some of these issues, the IDSK took the initiative in organizing a seminar on 'Health, ethics and law' on 6 and 7 October, 2004, in collaboration with West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences and the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University. The speakers in the seminar comprised health specialists, philosophers, lawyers and specialists in women's studies. They included Bernard Gert (Dartmouth College, USA), Malini Bhattacharya (IDSK), Tista Bagchi (University of Delhi), Ratna Datta Sharma (Jadavpur University), Jasmine Joseph and Meena Panicker (West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences), Sobha Singh (West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences), and Sadhan Chakraborty (Jadavpur University).

During 2-4 December 2004, a conference was organised on 'Globalization and labour: State, market, and organization'. The conference, among others, addressed the following issues: How far is globalization a 'real' threat to the conventional systems of wage fixation, employment pattern, and the basic rights at work? Are casualization and informalization of the workforce direct outcomes of opening to trade and investment? How do labour organizations cope with the volatility of the labour market? Are the existing labour market conditions and forms of labour organizations misfits in the globalized business world? Is it at all feasible to choose a high road that combines some degree of labour market flexibility with better labour standards? What are the policy requirements for making such a choice a realistic option? Papers were presented by

the following scholars: Alakh N. Sharma (Institute for Human Development, New Delhi), Debdas Banerjee (IDSK), Howard Guille (Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, and Queensland Secretary, National Tertiary Education Union, Australia); Jayati Ghosh (Jawaharlal Nehru University) Meena Gopal (Research Centre for Women's Studies, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai) Michael Goldfield (Professor of Urban and Labour Studies, and of Political Science, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan), S. M. Naseem (former Chief, Development Planning Division, UN-ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand), Sharadini Rath (Centre for Budget and Policy Studies, Bangalore), Sunanda Sen (Jamia Millia University, New Delhi) Supriya Roy Chowdhury (Institute for Social and Economic Change), Ketan Mukhija (National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, University Of Law, Hyderabad) Rakhi Sehgal (American University, Washington, D.C.), Rohan Shah (National Academy, of Legal Studies and Research, University Of Law, Hyderabad) and Satyaki Roy (Ph.D. candidate, Calcutta University).

B. Training-cum- research workshops

Besides the workshops in which research programmes floated by the IDSK were thrashed out, the Institute has also organized training-cum-research workshops centred on particular themes or methods of research.

a) Teaching of economic history

In collaboration with the Department of History and the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, Calcutta University, the IDSK organized a three-day workshop on the 'Teaching of economic history' during July 22-24, 2004. This workshop highlighted the economic history and its historiography beginning from the ancient period up to the most recent period i.e., India after independence. A large number of teachers (more than a hundred) from colleges and universities as well as research scholars participated in the workshop. The papers or talks of established historians and economists such as Professors Irfan Habib, Binay Bhusan Chauduri, Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Shirin Moosvi, Aniruddha Ray, Ranabir Chakravarti, Basudeb Chattopadhyay, Arun Bandopadhyay, Debdas Banerjee and Sudip Chaudhuri were

followed by lively discussion. The period covered stretched from the Harappan times to the 1990s, and the contents covered schools of historiography, questions of method, sources, quality of evidence and the connections between histories at different levels and of different categories such as money, commercialization, the nature of agrarian society, property relations, man-environment links and trade links.

b) Training programme on 'Unobtrusive research methods in social sciences and humanities'

The social sciences have a strong yet somewhat unrecognized tradition of using a range of methods of data collection / construction, which are now conceptualized as unobtrusive methods. These methods do not intrude into social settings, groups and individuals who are objects of enquiry. To sensitize young researchers about the possibilities of understanding such methods create, a week-long interdisciplinary training programme on unobtrusive research methods was organized by the IDSK in collaboration with the Center for Social Sciences and Humanities, the University of Calcutta, between 31st August and 4th September, 2004, and coordinated by Prasanta Ray, Honorary Professor, IDSK. The faculty was drawn from the disciplines of history, sociology, economics, political science, demography, women's studies, literature, and film studies. The college-level teachers and research scholars too came from different disciplinary backgrounds. Nearly 40 researchers registered their names for the training programme. The themes chosen were: unobtrusive methods, reading novels, narratives, discourse analysis, poetic discourse, film as text, reading painting, metaphors, words and their meanings, translation, uses of archives, analysis of existing statistics and triangulation. The speakers were: Bamita Bagchi, Shamita Basu, Malini Bhattacharya, Mihir Bhattacharya, Bhaskar Chakraborty, Basudeb Chatterji, Ratnabali Chatterji, Subhoranjan Dasgupta, Anjan Ghosh, Samir Guha Roy, Avijit Mitra, Anuradha Roy and Prasanta Ray.

C. Lectures delivered by visiting scholars

On 6 April, 2004, Professor Guy Standing, Director of the Socio-Economic Security Programme, International Labour Organisation, Geneva, delivered a talk on 'Globalization and labour market flexibility'.

On 16 April, 2004, Mr. Benjamin Powis of the Institute of Development Studies (UK) gave a lecture on 'Penetrating localities: Participation and party building at the grassroots in Andhra Pradesh'.

On 14 July, 2004 Professor Amartya Sen delivered a lecture on 'Democracy and the future of India' organised by the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata in collaboration with the Government of West Bengal at Nandan.

On 11 August 2004, Professor Ramprasad Sengupta, CESP, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi gave a seminar on 'Impact of highway development on poverty'.

On 6 October 2004, Professor Bernard Gert of Dartmouth College, USA gave a lecture on 'Technology and the definition of death'.

On 16 November 2004, Professor Dale Whittington, University of North Carolina delivered a talk on 'The costs and benefits of municipal water and sanitation in developing countries: A global perspective'.

On 6 December 2004, Professor S.M. Naseem, former Professor of Economics at Quaide-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan delivered a lecture on 'Pakistani perceptions about Indian economic growth and regional cooperation'.

On 7 December 2004, Dr. Howard Guille, Queensland Secretary, National Tertiary Education Union and Associate Professor, Queensland University of Technology, Australia gave a talk on 'Education, markets and GATS'.

On 7 January 2005, Dr. Dilip Dutta, Director, Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Sydney delivered a lecture on 'Social shaping of India's information and communication technology (ICT) sector'.

On 14 January 2005, Dr. Indranil Dasgupta, Department of Economics, University of Nottingham, UK gave a talk on 'Community and class antagonism'.

On 22 January 2005, Professor Rada Ivekovic, Programme Director, College International de Philosophie, Paris and Professor of Jean Monnet University and University of Paris, France delivered a lecture on 'Politics of reason'.

On 4 February 2005, Professor Tapas Majumdar delivered a talk on 'Elementary education policy in India'.

On 11 March 2005, Professor Anthony D'Costa, Comparative International Development South Asian and International Studies Programs, University of Washington, USA gave a lecture on 'Doing industry studies: Context, theories and research questions'.

On 28 March 2005, Dr. Himani Bannerji delivered a talk on 'Versions of modernity: Decolonialization and nationalism in Rabindranath Tagore and recent post-colonialists'.

Infrastructure

The current location of the IDSK is very favourable from the point of view of its interaction with the social science departments of Calcutta University. But given the steady increase in its activities, it is fast outgrowing the space allotted to it, and serious thought will have to be given to finding more space for its staff and its infrastructure. At the moment, the IDSK is equipped with a computer network, which is used for research and communication.

The library of the IDSK has continued to grow through purchases of books and journals, and gifts from individuals and institutions. The Michael Sprinker Collection promises to be further enriched through donations by Dr Modhumita Roy. The IDSK has entered into an agreement with the University of Calcutta through which it will have access to INFLIBNET and will have access to most of the major journals in social sciences. It has also become a member of DELNET, through which the library can procure books and journals that are not available in Kolkata.

IV. Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Amiya Kumar Bagchi

On 1 and 2 April 2004, he attended the Jamia Millia University-UNCTAD Conference on 'Globalization and presented a paper on 'Moving towards corporate feudalism'.

On 14 and 15 June 2004, he delivered the E M S Namboodiripad lecture on 'The political economy of globalization and fascism in India' at Mallapuram, Kerala.

From 24 to 28 June 2004, he was away to Chandigarh and Shimla to attend a seminar on 'Vitality of India' organized by the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Indian Council of Social Science Research. He gave a lecture on 'The argumentative, agitating freedom-loving democratic Indian.'

On 5 July 2004 he attended a one-day convention on 'India: An economic agenda for 2004.' organized by *Social Scientist* and *Sahmat* and presented a paper on the Common Minimum Programme.

On 9 July 2004 he chaired a session in a seminar on 'Demographic changes in India and West Bengal 1951-2001' organized by Ministry of Home affairs, Government of India and Office of the Director of Census Operations at Sisir Mancha, Kolkata.

On 17 July 2004 he delivered annual special lecture on 'Library resources and social sciences in the new century' organized by the Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC).

On 3 August 2004 he gave a talk on 'Central Government's Common Minimum Programme in the socio-economic context' under the auspices of Paschim Banga Prathamik Shiksha Samachar at Sisir Mancha.

On 12 August 2004 he delivered Ratanlal Brahmin Memorial Trust lecture at Siliguri.

On 28 August 2004 he attended a conference on 'Strategies to leverage employment generation: Unleashing sectoral potential' organized by AIOE, FICCI and ILO and chaired a technical session on 'Employment sustainability through linkages in the supply chain'.

On 6 September 2004, he attended a seminar on 'Documentation of economic history of British rule in India 1856-1947' under the auspices of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi.

From 2 to 3 October 2004 he attended a national conference on 'Planning and development: Institutions and markets' organized by the department of Economics of St. Thomas College, Thrissur, in honour of Professor K.N. Raj.

From 28 to 30 October he was away to South Africa to attend a conference on 'Overcoming underdevelopment in South Africa's second economy' jointly organized by UNDP, HSRC and DBSA. He there gave a talk on ways of closing the duality gap in a modern economy.

On 29 November 2004 he gave the inaugural lecture to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune at the premises of the Gokhale Institute. The subject of his talk was 'The rise of the South Indian economy in the late colonial Period'.

On 1 December 2004 he gave a lecture on 'State Intervention in labour matters: To what extent?' under the auspices of State Labour Institute, Government of West Bengal.

From 22-24 December 2004 he attended a workshop on the 'Political economy of labour in a globalized economy' organized by the University of Jamia Milia Islamia and Kalyani University.

On 4 January 2005 he gave a lecture on 'Education in the twenty first century' at the Golden Jubilee celebration of Jadavpur University.

On 18 February 2005 he attended a workshop on ' Women and sustainable development in the context of South Assam' under the auspices of North Eastern Centre for Advanced Studies and Women's College, Silchar.

On 19 February 2005 he attended a seminar on 'Globalization and women's employment' organized by Women's College, Silchar.

On 25 February 2005 he delivered the Bijoy Modak Memorial lecture on "Lack of education in poorer countries' under the auspices of *Samakal O Bibriti* magazine.

On 4 March 2005 he attended a UOC-sponsored state level seminar and delivered a talk on 'Science Philosophy Interface' organized by Bangabasi College.

On 5 March 2005 he chaired a session and also gave a lecture in a seminar on 'Foreign direct investment - trends and opportunities' organized by Bhavan' s Institute of Management Sciences, Salt Lake.

On 6 March 2005 he delivered a keynote address at a UGC-sponsored national seminar on 'Urbanization in Bengal from ancient to modern times' organized by Bolpur College, Birbhum.

On 12 March 2005 he gave a talk on 'Planning, expectation and achievement' at the Indian Association Manmohan Ghosh Oration.

On 23 March 2005 he delivered the keynote address at the India-China conference on 'Agriculture: Tradition, modern technology and globalization', organized by the National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies (NIST ADS), New Delhi.

Ms. Mamata Ray, a doctoral candidate supervised by him, received the PhD degree from the University of Calcutta for her thesis, *Regional financial institutions Lending behaviour and path-dependence: Madras, 1929-1969*. He is currently supervising the doctoral dissertation of Shri Panchanan Das whose thesis topic is *Impact of liberalisation on employment and productivity growth: A comparative study of West Bengal and Gujarat*.

He received the Muzaffar Ahmad Smriti Puraskar for his book, *Capital and Labour Redefined*. His book, *The Perilous Passage: Mankind through the global ascendancy of capital, c. 1492-2003* has been sent to the press (Rowman and Littlefield).

His other commitments are as follows: he is a member of the State Planning Board, Government of West Bengal, the West Bengal Council of Science and Technology, Research Council of the National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies, New Delhi, governing body of the Institute of Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi, and a member of the editorial boards of the *Alternatives Sud*, *Artha Vijnana*, *Bangladesh Development Studies*, *Cambridge Journal of Economics* and the *Social Scientist*.

Barnita Bagchi

Actively participated, as faculty resource person, in the study of 'Women and media under globalization', funded by Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, which IDSK is undertaking as nodal agency in partnership with Women's Studies Centres of Lucknow, Utkal, Jadavpur, and Guwahati Universities.

Made a presentation on 'Forming an e-group: Using ICT to further gender equity', at a Seminar-Workshop of the Women, and Globalization Research Programme at IDSK, Kolkata, on 9 September 2004.

Participated as a moderator in a workshop organised by the Lucknow University partner in the RLS programme on December 16, 2004, to elicit perceptions of students and teachers about women's representation in Indian globalised media.

Made a presentation on 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' at a Consultation on Gender and Education, part of the preparation of the Indian NGO Report on the UN CEDAW (Convention for Ending Discrimination against Women), organised by Nirantar at India. International Centre, New Delhi, on 25 November 2004.

Gave a lecture on 'Narratives of women's development, women's narratives of development', at a training workshop on 'Unobtrusive research methods in the social sciences and humanities', organized by IDSK and Centre for Social and Human Sciences, Calcutta University, on 4 September 2004.

Gave a lecture on 'Sexuality and women's narratives' in a Refresher Course on 'Gender and sexuality' organized by the School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, on September 11, 2004.

Delivered a lecture on 'Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain and women's social capital in furthering education and human development' organized by Sivatosh Mukherjee Centre for Science Education, Calcutta University on 29 January, 2005.

Gave a lecture on 'Meyeder Samajik Punji' in a Vocational Training Course of a group of rural women conducted by Foundation for Economic Rehabilitation of Rural Youth (FERRY) at Rampurhat on 19 February 2005.

Gave a lecture on 'Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain's *Sultana's Dream* and Charlotte Perkins Gilman's *Herland*' organized by the School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, on 18 and 23 February, 2005.

Presented a paper on 'Masculinity and gender in three novels of Manik Bandyopadhyay' in a seminar on 'Manik Bandyopadhyay: The realist author and the historical moment' organized by IDSK during 24-25 February 2005.

Participated as a resource person in a Workshop on the Life Improvement Programme, organized by the West Bengal State Resource Centre for Adult Education, in May 2004.

Participated as a resource person in a Workshop on a UGC-sponsored Research project on Madrasah Education in West Bengal, at Jadavpur University on 12 October 2004.

Participated as a resource person in a Workshop on a study of Construction of Gender and the Nation in Indian Secondary School Textbooks, organized by Nirantar Women's Education Resource Centre, India International Centre, New Delhi, during 21-24 January 2005.

Participated as a resource person of the 'Women, Media in the Context of Globalization' project in a Workshop on 'Television Documentation', at IDSK on 22 March 2005.

Has been part of the IDSK faculty team for a study of the Continuing Education Programme in Bardhaman district undertaken by IDSK. The tabulation of data arising from field survey is now in its final stages, and we shall prepare the report in early 2005.

Has prepared a critical edition, with scholarly introduction, for Penguin India, of Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain's feminist utopian educational narratives 'Sultana's Dream' and 'Padmarag'. Of the two texts, 'Padmarag', in Bengali, has been translated by her for the first time into English. The publication of the volume is slotted for May/June 2005.

Has contributed 'Dialectic', a translation of Selina Hossain's short story 'Dwandwa', to the 2nd volume of the series of volumes on *The trauma and the triumph: Gender and partition in eastern India*, ed. Subhoranjan Dasgupta and Jasodhara Bagchi, forthcoming from Stree Books.

Has translated the section devoted to Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain in the book *Women in concert: Writings by early Bengali muslim women writers, 1904-1938*, ed. by M. Bhowmik and S. Akhtar, forthcoming from Stree Books in 2005. This is a pioneering scholarly anthology collecting the writings of eleven such women, including teachers, political activists, creative writers, and polemicists.

Has been acting as one of the team members on the IDSK project on 'An assessment of Teachers' training programmes in five DPEP districts of West Bengal during 1997-2002.

Debdas Banerjee

The focus of his research this year has been globalisation, competitiveness, and labour standards. A study of the impact of globalisation on industrial labour markets in South Asia has become important in the perspective of the international debates on 'competitiveness and flexibilisation'. According to a dominant perspective, as nations are competing with national teams of employers and employees the industrial relations system has no role to play. There is not much room left either for policy-induced standards improvement.

The main findings of his research contest the usual understanding of the processes of industrial restructuring and the labour market. The main findings have been placed before the audience in the

- a) Internal Faculty Seminar, IDSK

- b) International conference on 'Globalisation and labour: State, market and organisation' held at IDSK during 2-4 December 2004
- c) International seminar on 'Wages and incomes in India: Emerging patterns and policy issues' organised jointly by the Institute for Human Development, and Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), and held at IGIDR, Mumbai during 12-14 December 2004.

He was the principal coordinator for the international conference on Globalisation and labour: State, market and organisation', held at IDSK during 2-4 December.

He spoke at the internal staff seminar at IDSK on 'Issues in labour standards', on 5 March 2004, on 'Approaches to international trade in late colonial India', in the workshop on 'Teaching of economic history' organised jointly by the department of History, Calcutta University, and IDSK, during 22-24 July 2004; presented the paper, 'Globalisation, "Flexibilisation" and labour standards: Exploring 'High Road' in the South' in the international conference on 'Globalisation and labour: State, market and organisation' .

He was invited as a resource person in the Round Table Conference on *West Bengal Human Development Report 2004*, held on July 20, 2004; as discussant on the suitability of introducing the subject of Human Development in the course curriculum of different universities in India, in the one-day Eastern Regional Workshop on Course Curriculum on Human Development organised by the Planning and Development Unit of Economics Department, Jadavpur University in collaboration with the Institute of Human Development, New Delhi, on September 30,2004.

He has been nominated as one of the members of a seven-member committee, the State Level Committee for preparation of Perspective Plans for Power Sector of West Bengal to review the power situation in the state and for projection of demand for power up to 2020 immediately. The work is on since February 2005.

He is supervising the PhD thesis of Shri Satyaki Roy, who is working on *Liberalisation and the unorganised manufacturing sector*, and is registered under the Calcutta University.

His book, *Globalisation, Industrial Restructuring, and Labour Standards: Where India Meets the Global* has been sent to the press (Sage).

Shamita Basu

She has been working on the systems of knowledge that women had access to, prior to the arrival of formal -modern education for women in the nineteenth century. Has been studying the role of Vaishnava women saints who gave major interpretations to scholarly works and took on the mantle of spiritual leadership, initiating male disciples as 'Ma Goshains'. The works of the women saints like Jahnava Devi are available at the Vaishnava Sripaths in Bengal are being examined in this research project.

She is also looking at Self-representation in the history writing project of women in colonial India. Based on this research work she has written the Occasional Paper entitled *Hyphenating nationalism: The tradition of history, self-representation and women in colonial India* has been accepted by IDSK for publication in the next month.

She presented a paper entitled 'Discourses in archives' at the IDSK workshop on 'Unobtrusive research methods' on 3rd September 2004.

Malini Bhattacharya

Coordinated project on 'Women Patuas of Medinipur' at School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University. Compiled one booklet, one album and three CDs as a part of the project. (April 2003- March 2004).

Visited Institute of Development Studies, London School of Economics, and School of Oriental and African Studies in May, 2004, and made presentations on the 'Women Patuas of Medinipur' .

Coordinating project on 'Women and media in the context of globalization' at IDSK from June, 2004.

Participated as resource person at divisional workshops on PNDT Act organized by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal, at Burdwan and Jalpaiguri in June and November 2004 .

Participated as resource person at a national seminar on sex-ratio and female foeticide organized by Nehru Memorial Museum and Action India on 5-6 August 2004 in Delhi.

Made a presentation on Population Policy at seminar on Health and Ethics, IDSK on 6 October 2004.

Made a presentation on women, media and globalization on 11 October 2004, at Women's Studies Centre, Aligarh University.

Presented a paper on 'Gender representation in media and globalisation' in a seminar on 'Women and Globalisation' organized by the Centre for Women's Development on 20-22 January 2005.

Organized a seminar on 'Manik Bandyopadhyay: The realist author and the historical moment' at IDSK during 24-25 February 2005.

Delivered a lecture on 'Colonialism and Theatre' in a Refresher Course organized by the Department of History, Calcutta University on 1 March 2005.

Coordinated a Workshop on Folk-narrative at Asiatic Society and presented a paper on 'Patua as a narrative performer' on 28 February - 5 March 2005.

Uttam Kumar Bhattacharya

Taught as a guest teacher in Economics at the Rabindra Bharati University; is part of the team working on the project on Literacy and Primary education in West Bengal at the IDSK and coordinating the seminars of the IDSK and the Forum of Development Economics, jointly run by the Department of Economics, Calcutta University and IDSK.

Presented a paper on the ' Budget and the Common Minimum Programme' at Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata in September 2004; and on 'The New Patent Amendment Act 2003', at the International Conference 'On coping with globalisation' in New Delhi, organised jointly by the Indian Planning Commission and the Centre for Public Policy and Governance, New Delhi, during 2-5 November 2004.

Participated in the following workshops and seminars:

- 1) 'Does culture make a difference? Progress and development in India and its implications for international cooperation', organized jointly by Goethe Institute, Kolkata and German agency for Technology Cooperation, 22-24, April, 2004.
- 2) 'Contemporary issues in development economies', Jadavpur University, 21-22, December 2004.
- 3) 'Need for a new labour legislation to generate employment', Indian Chamber Of Commerce (ICC), Kolkata, 26 June 2004.
- 4) 'Industrial Relations and Human Resource Development', ICC, Kolkata, 3 April and 23 December 2004.
- 5) 'Alternative Dispute Resolution', ICC, Kolkata, 1 October 2004.
- 6) ICSSR-IDPAD Workshop on the 'Political economy of labour in a globalised economy', Kolkata, 22-23 December 2004.
- 7) International conference on 'Machine tools and cutting tools' organized by the Indian Machine Tools Manufacturing Association (JMTMA) in collaboration with the International Manufacturing Association, USA at Mumbai during 2-5 February 2005.
- 8) A national conference on 'Current economic issues' at Jadavpur University in March 2005.

Achin Chakraborty

Delivered an invited lecture on 'Capability and human development in Kerala', as part of the seminar series organized by the Global Equity Initiative at Harvard University, USA on May 13, 2004.

Presented a faculty seminar on 'Kerala's changing development narratives' at IDSK on June 11, 2004. The paper has been published as IDSK Occasional Paper with the same title.

Participated in the workshop on Human development and capability at New Delhi organized by the Human Development and Capability Network in collaboration with Global Equity Initiative, Harvard and Sanskriti Pratishthan, New Delhi.

Delivered a lecture on 'Democratic Decentralization: Conceptual Issues' in the seminar on 'Democratic decentralization through Panchayati Raj institutions: Issues and perspectives in West Bengal' organized by the Department of Political Science, Calcutta University on January 31, 2005.

Delivered two lectures on 'Measuring Development' and 'On Kerala' in a Refresher Course in Economics for college and university teachers, at the Department of Economics, Calcutta University on February 2, 2005.

Gave two lectures on 'The State and Economy: The Nehru Era' and 'The State and Economy in India since the 1990s' in the Refresher Course in History for college and university teachers at the Department of History, Calcutta University on February 22, 2005.

Gave a talk on 'The mode of production debate revisited' in the seminar organized by the Marxist Study Centre, Jadavpur University on March 18, 2005.

Completed the draft of two chapters for *Kerala Human Development Report*, which is being prepared by a team of the faculty of the Centre for Development Studies, Kerala.

Has been part of the faculty team involved in the project titled 'An evaluative study of the Continuing Education Programme in West Bengal'. Other members are Professor Prabhat Datta, Drs Uttam Bhattacharya, Barnita Bagchi and Dipankar Sinha.

Took part in the Round Table Conference on *West Bengal Human Development Report 2004*, held on July 20, 2004; in the one-day Eastern Regional Workshop on 'Course curriculum on Human Development', organised by the Planning and Development Unit of Economics Department, Jadavpur University in collaboration with the Institute of Human Development, New Delhi, on September 30, 2004.

Continuing supervision of Subrata Mukherjee, a Ph.D. student affiliated to the Centre for Development Studies and Jawaharlal Nehru University. Thesis title: 'Access to and utilisation of health care'.

Pinaki Chakraborti

A paper with the title, 'The emergent control of biodiversity dynamics: A game theoretic overview', was co-authored by him with two collaborators from the Department of Mathematics, Burdwan University. The paper was accepted for presentation at the 8th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Ecological Economics ISEE 2004, held in Montreal, Canada during 11-14 July 2004.

In March 2004, gave a seminar at IDSK on decentralised development programmes.

On 11 February 2005, presented a paper (authored jointly with Sankalpa Bhattacharya) at the IDSK international conference on 'Global Finance and Integration of Developing Economies with special reference to India'.

On 16 February 2005, gave a talk on decentralized planning at the Academic Staff College and the Department of Economics, Calcutta University.

On 12 March 2005, gave a lecture on capitalist concentration of environmental resources and environmental valuation at the DSA seminar of the Department of Business Management, University of Calcutta.

On 28 March 2005, delivered a paper on 'Environmental concentration and valuation' at a seminar organized by the Department of Economics, University of North Bengal.

Has been supervising the research work of Ms. Anusree Paul on 'Restructuring of Indian jute industry'.

Indrani Chakraborty

Engaged in research on 'Capital inflows in India during 1993-2003'. In October 2004, she presented a seminar on 'Capital inflows into India: An empirical investigation', which she has been revising for publication as an Occasional Paper.

Prepared a report on the workshop on 'Teaching of economic history' organized by IDSK during July 22-24, 2004. This report was published in *Economic and Political Weekly*, August 28, 2004.

Prepared a summary report of the National Conference on 'Globalisation and labour: State, market and organisation' held in IDSK during December 2-4, 2004 and it has been put on the website of the IDSK.

Presented a paper on 'Liberalization of capital inflows and real exchange rate in India: A V AR analysis' in a conference on "Global finance and integration of developing economies with special reference to India" organized by IDSK on 9-11 February 2005.

Subhoranjan Dasgupta

Made presentations on the 'Relevance of Rosa Luxemburg in the age of globalisation' and 'Nee-liberalism's assault, dispossession of public services in India' at the World Social Forum, Porto Alegre in the last week of January 2005.

Presented a paper on 'Hindu right's appropriation of history' at the seminar organized by the Centre of European Studies, Jadavpur University on February 21, 2005.

Presented a paper on 'Hindu-Muslim relations in pre-independence years as reflected in the creative texts of Manik Bandyopadhyay' at the seminar on 'Manik Bandyopadhyay: The realist author and the historical moment' organized by IDSK on February 25, 2005.

Presented a paper on 'New contours of Hindu communalism' in the refresher course organized by the Department of History, Calcutta University on March 3, 2005.

Presented a paper on 'Women in conflict in the context of Bengal Partition' at a UGC-sponsored national seminar at Mumbai on March 10, 2005.

Prabhat Datta

Presented a paper on 'Participatory governance and development in rural West Bengal' at a seminar on the Panchayat Experience in India organised by the University of North Bengal on January 17-19, 2004.

Presented a paper on 'The experiences of democratic decentralisation in India' at a seminar on democratic decentralisation organised by the Indian Institute of Political Economy, Pune on July 30-31, 2004.

Presented a paper on 'Poverty studies: Analytical and methodological issues' at the international workshop on Poverty Studies organised by the Danish Institute of International Studies (OnS) in Copenhagen on July 15-18, 2004.

He has been supervising the doctoral work of Ms. Nirmalamati Maishnam, whose thesis topic is *Decentralisation for development: Panchayati Raj institutions in Manipur*.

His current research programmes include an international research project on 'Local politics, poverty and decentralisation funded by DnS, Copenhagen; a research project, in collaboration with Dr Dipankar Sinha, on the working of Self Help Groups in the district of North 24- Paraganas sponsored by the Zilla Parishad, North 24 Parganas.

His other activities and assignments include (1) Appointed member of the Urban Strategy Committee set up by the Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal; (1) Appointed member of the Training Advisory Committee constituted by the Government of West Bengal under Kolkata Urban Basic services for the Poor (KUSP) Programme funded by the DFID; (3) Appointed member of the Project Selection Committee under the KUSP funded by

DFID; (4) Appointed a member of the Society for Research & Training on Urban Governance headed by the Minister in-charge of Municipal Affairs and Urban Development, Government of West Bengal; (5) Working as the Joint Editor of a bi-annual magazine, *Saksharata Samachar*, published by the West Bengal State Literacy Mission Authority headed by the Minister in-charge of Mass Education Extension, Government of West Bengal.

Prasanta Ray

Gave a seminar lecture on 'Samkhya and Vyanjana: Understanding underdevelopment' at IDSK, a revised version of which was published as Occasional Paper No.3 of the Institute.

Organized a weeklong workshop on 'Unobtrusive Research Methods' (31 August -4 September 2004).

Delivered theme lectures on 'Unobtrusive research methods' and 'An overview on triangulation' in the above-mentioned workshop.

Gave a lecture on 'Bangaliyana o Bissonagarikata' organized by *Desh* magazine at Kolkata book fair, 2005.

Gave a talk on 'Coalition Politics at the Presidency College Alumni Association Seminar.

Delivered a lecture on 'Citizenship Rights in People's Republic of China' at the Department of Political Science, Calcutta University.

Gave a lecture on 'Middle Class and Cultural Globalization' in a seminar organized by the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University.

Has been supervising the research work of Saheli Roychowdhury, a research fellow of the Institute.

Dipankar Sinha

Presented a paper on 'Development (without) communication: Viewing Doordarshan methodologically' in the international seminar on Indian Television: History, Theory and Culture in Jadavpur University organised by the Department of Film Studies, Jadavpur University on 15 December, 2004.

Presented a Status Paper on 'Public sphere and institutions of the Indian polity: Empirical research in communication and media studies' at National Workshop on the State of Empirical Research on Indian Polity, organised by Indian Association of Social Science Institutions, Kolkata, on 24 September, 2004.

Gave a lecture on 'Women in print media' at the Training Programme for Government officials and Panchayat Functionaries, organised by Administrative Training Institute, Government of West Bengal on 9 September, 2004.

Delivered a lecture at the Academic Staff College, Hyderabad Central University on 'The global and the local in contemporary governance' and 'Governance, globalization and the Media' on 15-16 July 2004.

Presented a paper on the 'IT sector in India: Problems and prospects' in a seminar on IT Sector in Developing Countries, organised by Organization for Social Research & Development, Kolkata on 29 May, 2004.

Gave a lecture on 'Women, media and governance in India' at the Training Programme for Government Officials and Panchayat Functionaries, organised by Administrative Training Institute, Government of West Bengal on 19 February, 2004.

Presented a paper on 'Media, mediation and Indo-Bangladesh relations' at the International Seminar on 'India and Bangladesh: Strengthening Partnership' in March, 2004, organised by the Centre for Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh.

Presented a paper on 'Human development in India: the context of socialization' (in Bangla) in Professor Abdul Wahab Mahmud Memorial Seminar on the History of Human Development in India organised by Paschim Banga Itihas Sansad on 24 January, 2004.

Krishna Soman

She has been the chief coordinator of the project on public health and nutrition conducted by the IDSK. Ten studies have been prepared under this project with evaluation by her and other faculty members and experts.

Has been collaborating with the Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, JNU, New Delhi, in a project on 'Medical tourism in Kolkata'.

Presented a paper on 'Reproductive child health policies and implications for women's health' at World Social Forum on 20 January 2004.

Presented a paper on 'State Population Policy: Women's questions' organized by West Bengal Commission for women at Academy of Fine Arts on 19 March 2004.

Presented a paper on 'Women's empowerment: Health facilities for women in West Bengal', at the National Commission for Women meeting in Kolkata on 3 June 2004.

Presented a paper on 'Women's health and work: A shared relationship' at G .B. Pant Institute of Social Science Studies, Allahabad on 9 October 2004.

Invited to an international seminar on 'Maternal health in South Asia: Strategies for meeting the millennium development goals' organized by Society for International Development-South Asia Network and Shirkat Gall at Lahore, Pakistan on 3 - 5 February 2005.

Chaired a session on 'Women's health and security' at the IAWS eastern regional conference on 'Women and security' jointly organized by the IAWS, Women's Studies Resource Centre, Calcutta University, School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University on 16 February 2005.

Has been acting as a member of the Advisory Board for the 'Women and Media' programme.

Sugeeta Upadhyay

Acting as one of the team members on the IDSK project on 'An assessment of Teachers' training programmes in five DPEP districts of West Bengal during 1997-2002.

Bidhan Kanti Das

Assisted in organizing workshops and group seminars of IDSK.

Presented a paper entitled 'Eco-development in practice at Buxa Tiger Reserve: Experiences from field', in First Anthropological Congress held at Shillong, jointly organized by INCAA and Department of Anthropology, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong from 25-27 March 2004.

Research Fellows

The four Research Fellows of the Institute gave seminars on the following topics, as listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Sankalpa Bhattacharjee	Indian Software Industry
Nirmalamati Maisnam	Decentralization for Development: The Panchayati Raj System in Manipur
Anusree Pal	Indian Jute Industry: Threats and Prospects
Saheli Roychowdhury	Middle Class Response to Globalization

V. Publications

A. Publications of IDSK

1. *Webs of History: Information, Communication and Technology from Early to Post-colonial India* (Manohar , New Delhi, 2004) edited by Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Dipankar Sinha and Barnita Bagchi.
2. *Maladies, Preventives and Curatives: Debates in public health in India* (Tulika, New Delhi, 2005) edited by Amiya Kumar Bagchi and Krishna Soman.

3. Occasional Paper Series:

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| No.1 | <i>Keynes, Kaldor and Development Economics</i> by Amiya Kumar Bagchi |
| No.2 | <i>Epar Ganga Opar Ganga - A creative statement on displacement and violence</i> by Subhoranjan Dasgupta |
| No.3 | <i>Samkhya and Vyanjanii: Understanding Underdevelopment</i> by Prasanta Ray |
| No.4 | <i>Gender, History and the Recovery of Knowledge with Information and Communication Technologies: Reconfiguring the future of our past</i> by Bamita Bagchi |
| No.5 | <i>Kerala's Changing Development Narratives</i> by Achin Chakraborty |
| No.6 | <i>The Development Centrifuge: A Retrospect in Search of a Theory and a Centre</i> by Pinaki Chakraborti |

4. Working Paper Series

- i) *Primary Education among Low-Income Muslims in Kolkata: Slum Dwellers of Park Circus* by Zakir Husain
- ii) *Impact of District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) on Primary Education : A Study of South-24 Parganas* by Suman Ray

B. Publications of individual faculty members

Amiya Kumar Bagchi

Book: *The Developmental State in History and in the Twentieth Century*, New Delhi, Regency Publications.

Articles in English:

- 1) 'Rural credit and systemic risk', in V. K. Ramachandran and Madhura Swaminathan (eds): *Financial Liberalization and Rural Credit in India*, New Delhi, Tulika, 2005, pp.39-49.
- 2) (With Subhanil Banerjee) 'How strong are the arguments for bank mergers?' *Economic and Political Weekly*, XL (12), March 19-25, 2005, 1181-1189.
- 3) 'The Common Minimum Programme: The finances of the state governments and the urgent tasks of repair and reconstruction', *Social Scientist*, 32(7-8), July-August, 3-16, 2004.
- 4) 'Sheths, Sahibs & Workers: Interdependence, Exclusion and Repression', *The Book Review*, August 24-27, 2004.
- 5) 'The axial ages of the capitalist world-system', *Review*, XVII (2), 93-134.
- 6) 'Neo-liberal reforms with cosmetic changes?' *Economic and Political Weekly*, 39(32), 7 August 2004, 3572-3574.
- 7) 'Demographic regimes and the social reproduction of labour', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 39(30), 24 July 2004, 3367-3377.
- 8) 'Rich men's globalization: How do women and the poor fare?' in Malini Bhattacharya (ed): *Perspectives in Women's Studies: Globalization*, New Delhi, Tulika, 3-11.
- 9) 'Nanny state for capital and Social Darwinism for the workers', *The Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, 47(1), January-March, 2004, 69-80.
- 10) 'Discontents of democracy: Elite pluralism, mystification and the rule of big capital', pp. 13-28 in Fabimul Quadir and Jayant Lele (eds.): *Democracy and Civil Society in Asia: Vol.i, Globalization, democracy and civil society in Asia*, New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2004.
- 11) 'Enemies of an information society', in *Webs of History*.
- 12) *Keynes, Kaldor and Development Economics*, Occasional Paper No.1, IDSK.

Articles in Bangla

- 1) 'Bipanna ganatantra', in Deepak Bhattacharya, Moinul Hasan, Kumkum Ray and Somnath Bhattacharya (eds): *India and Indology: Past, Present and Future (Professor Sukumari Bhattacharji Felicitation Volume)*, Kolkata, National Book Agency, pp. 313-319.
- 2) 'Paschim Banglar bhabisyat: kichhu sapna dekha', *Ganashakti, Sharadiya Sankhya*, 1411 B. S.

- 3) 'Amar Shikshak: Adhyapak Upendranath Ghosal', *Shiksha Darpan*, 6(2), June 2004, 4-6.
- 4) 'Bishwayan o chalachchitra', *Ebong pratarka*, No. 11, June 2004,9-11.
- 5) 'Ritwik ghatak', reprinted, with corrections, from Bagchi: *Songskriti Sarna} Arthaniti*, in *Jugopat*, Special Number on film.

Barnita Bagchi

- 1) (Co-edited with Amiya Kumar Bagchi and Dipankar Sinha) *Webs of History: Information, Communication, and Technology from Early to Post-Colonial India* (New Delhi: Manohar, 2005).
- 2) 'Gender, history, and the recovery of knowledge through information and communication technology', in *Webs of History*.
- 3) 'Girls' education in Murshidabad: Tales from the field' in the Bethune College 125th Anniversary Commemoration volume, *Women's Education and Politics of Gender*, ed. Uttara Chakraborty et al. (Kolkata, Bethune College, 2004).
- 4) Review of Mahasweta Devi, *The Armenian Champa Tree*, Mahasweta Devi, *Our Non-Veg Cow and Other Stories*, Narayan Gangopadhyay, *4 Heroes and a Green Beard*, and Syed Mustafa Siraj, *The Colonel Investigates*, in *The Book Review*, November 2004.
- 5) 'So odd and so stupid': the triumph of Fanny Price' in Jane Austen, *Mansfield Park*, critical edition ed. By Shobhana Bhattacharji (New Delhi: Penguin, 2005)

Debdas Banerjee

'Is there overestimation of 'British capital' outflow? Keynes' Indo-British trade and transfer accounts re-examined with alternative evidence', *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Vol. 41, No. 2 (20.0.4)

Shamita Basu

'Development policy', *The Statesman* (Kolkata), 25 August 2004.

'Women of religion, patriarchy and karmabad', *Society and Change* (Kolkata), Vol XIII, No.1, Progressive publishers,2005.

Malini Bhattacharya

- 1) (edited) *Perspectives in Women's Studies: Globalization*, School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University and New Delhi, Tulika Books, 2004.
- 2) (in Bangla) Booklet on PNDT Act published by the West Bengal Commission for Women on 23 August, 2004.
- 3) (in Bangla) *Muslim Meyeder Biyer Gaan*, Kolkata, Folk and Tribal Cultural Centre, February 2005.

Uttam K. Bhattacharya

- 1) 'The Patent Amendment Act 1999: Its economic implications', in S. Bhattacharya *et al* (eds.) 20.0.4, *Development Alternatives: theories and evidence*, New Delhi, Allied.
- 2) Changing Structure of Indian Workforce: a report, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, Vo147, No 1,20.0.4.

Achin Chakraborty

- 1) A paper titled, 'The Irrelevance of Methodology and the Art of the Possible: Reading Sen and Hirschman', published earlier, has been reprinted in *Creative Social Research*, Ananta Kumar Giri (ed), Lexington Books, 2004.
- 2) Review of *Savage Money: The Anthropology and Politics of Commodity Exchange* by C.A. Gregory, in *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 38 (1&2).
- 3) Review of *Towards Good Governance and Sustainable Development* by Prabhat Datta, in *Urban Management*, No. 11.
- 4) *Kerala's changing development narratives*, Occasional Paper No. 5, IDSK.
- 5) 'Health care in West Bengal Confused policy for public-private partnership', *Economic and Political Weekly*, XL (5) January 29,2005.
- 6) 'Kerala's Changing Development Narratives', *Economic and Political Weekly*, XL(6), February 5 2005.
- 7) 'The rhetoric of disagreement in reform debates' in Jos Mooij (ed). *The Politics of Economic Reforms in India*, Sage, 2005.

Indrani Chakraborty

'Teaching economic history: Towards a reorientation', *Economic and Political Weekly*, August 28, 2004.

Subhoranjan Dasgupta

Book: *Seeking Another World*, Kolkata, Dasgupta, January 2005.

Reviews and articles in English :

- 1) *Human Dignity: Theirs and Ours* (Mainstream, January 17, WSF Special Number)
- 2) Review of the book *Hinduism in Public and Private* edited by Antony Copley (*The Statesman*, January 4, 2004)
- 3) *Progress of Poetics*: Paper published in the anthology 'Phases of Twentieth Century Literature' (February 2004)
- 4) 'The inexhaustible Hitler' (*The Statesman*, March 21)
- 5) Review of Romila Thapar's book *Somanatha: The Many Voices of a History* (*Hindustan Times*, October 18, 2004)
- 6) Review of Sukrita Paul Kumar's book *Narrating Partition* (The Book Review, December 2004)
- 7) *Epar Ganga Opar Ganga - A creative statement on displacement and violence*, Occasional Paper No. 2, IDSK.
- 8) 'Dramatisation of Manto's Stories on Partition' (*The Statesman*, March 20, 2005)

Article in German :

'No gate can withstand the crush of the hungry', *Frieden und Wissenschaft* (3/2004)

Articles in Bengali;

- 1) 'Marx, Macaulay and Madrasa' (*Ananda Bazar Patrika* (ABP), January 8, 2004)
- 2) 'Bolshevik Revolution and Rosa Luxemburg' (*Baromas*, Annual Number)
- 3) 'On the ethics of history-writing' (*Ekhon Sanghati*, First Number, Autumn, 2004)
- 4) Review of Ranjan Gupta's book on Savarkar (ABP, May 29, 2004)
- 5) Review of Yoginder Sikand's book on the Tablighi movement (ABP, Sept 18, 2004)
- 6) A Critique of Fundamentalism and Globalisation - Interview with Gunter Grass on the eve of his visit to Kolkata (ABP, January 20, 2005)
- 7) A dialogue with Sumit Sarkar on the changing evaluation of *Bangabhanga [1905]* (*Bajrosikhay*, Ganashakti, Kolkata, 2005)
- 8) An evaluation of the World Social Forum at Porto Alegre (ABP, February 8, 2005).

Prabhat Datta

- 1) 'A decade of democratic decentralisation in India', *Frontline*, July, 2004

- 2) 'Literacy, development and empowerment: The experience of West Bengal', *Indian Journal of Social Science*, January-June, 2004

Prasanta Ray

Samkhyii and Vyanjanii: Understanding Underdevelopment, Occasional Paper No. 3, IDSK.

Krishna Soman

'The population question in West Bengal: In search of a women's perspective' in Amiya Kumar Bagchi and Krishna Soman (eds): *Maladies, Preventives and Curatives: Debates in public health in India*, New Delhi, Tulika, 2005), pp.127-140

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