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Education

- 2015–22 **PhD in Development Studies**
Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore
(PhD awarded by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai)
Thesis: *Rice Incomes and Farm Policy: Case Studies from Kerala and Vietnam*
- 2009–14 **Integrated M.A. in Economics**
Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai

Professional experience

Assistant Professor, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, India (November 2024 – Present)

Editor, *Artha Journal of Social Sciences* (February 2026 – Present)

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Scholar, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan (November 2022 – November 2024)

Associate Fellow, Foundation for Agrarian Studies (January 2022 – November 2022)

Senior Research Fellow, Economic Analysis Unit (EAU), Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore (July 2017 – December 2021)

Member, Expert Sub Group on “A programme to modernise and update the statistical databases in agriculture” (part of the Working Group on Agriculture and Cooperation), Kerala State Planning Board, Thiruvananthapuram (September – October 2021)

Visiting Research Scholar, Mekong Delta Development Research Institute (MDI), Can Tho University, Can Tho, Vietnam (October – December 2019; on PhD fieldwork)

Technical Assistant, Office of the Vice-chairperson, Kerala State Planning Board, Thiruvananthapuram (September 2016 – April 2017; on leave from Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore)

Junior Research Fellow, Economic Analysis Unit (EAU), Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore (July 2015 – July 2017)

Business Analyst, BRIDGEi2i Analytics Solutions, Bangalore (June 2014 – June 2015)

Journal articles

1. Johnson, Deepak and Modak, Tapas Singh (2025), "Economics of Farming in Mahatwar, Uttar Pradesh," *Review of Agrarian Studies*, vol. 15, no. 2, pp. 71–87.
2. Johnson, Deepak, Baksi, Sandipan, and Sethu, C. A. (2024), "Green Revolution in India: Making Sense of the Qualitative and Quantitative Aspects of Change," *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. 59, no. 52, pp. 58–68.
3. Johnson, Deepak and Kurosaki, Takashi (2024), "Price and Non-Price Factors in Development of Rice Cultivation: Case Studies From Southern India and Mekong-Delta Vietnam," *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies*, vol. 11, no. 3, e399.
4. Baksi, Sandipan, Modak, Tapas Singh, and Johnson, Deepak (2024), "A Regulatory Price Mechanism for Crops Continues to be Desirable," *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. 59, no. 15, pp. 15–20.
5. Johnson, Deepak (2023), "International Organisations and Agriculture - A Current Perspective," *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. 58, no. 33, pp. 34–36 (Book Review).
6. Johnson, Deepak (2023), "What is the Contribution of Government Support to Farm Incomes? A Case Study of Rice Cultivation from Kerala, India," *Review of Agrarian Studies*, vol. 13, no. 1, pp. 42–60.
7. Modak, Tapas Singh, Baksi, Sandipan, and Johnson, Deepak (2020), "Impact of Covid-19 on Indian Villages," *Review of Agrarian Studies*, vol. 10, no. 1, pp. 181–203.
8. Johnson, Deepak (2018), "Cropping Pattern Changes in Kerala, 1956-57 to 2016-17," *Review of Agrarian Studies*, vol. 8, no. 1, vol. 8, no. 1, pp. 65–99.

Working paper, ongoing research, and reports

1. Johnson, Deepak and Kurosaki, Takashi (2023), "Price Support and Farm Incomes: Comparative Study of Rice Growing Regions in Southern India and Mekong-Delta Vietnam," IER Discussion Paper Series No. A 741, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, available at <https://www.ier.hit-u.ac.jp/Common/publication/DP/DPS-A741.pdf> (working paper version of the article published at *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies*)
2. Johnson, Deepak and Kurosaki, Takashi, "Agricultural Households and Salaried Employment: Evidence from India's Situation Assessment Surveys" (in preparation).
3. *Trends in Costs and Incomes from Crop Production in India: Analysis of Costs of Cultivation Data, 2000–01 to 2019–20*, Foundation for Agrarian Studies, November 2022 (One of the

authors of the report, which was based on the project jointly undertaken by the International Rice Research Institute and the Foundation for Agrarian Studies).

4. *Report of the Socio-economic Survey of Tribal Households in Attappady, Kerala, 2019*, Kerala State Planning Board, March 2019 (One of the authors of the report, which was based on the project jointly undertaken by the Kerala State Planning Board and the Foundation for Agrarian Studies).

Publications in other media

1. “വിയറ്റ്നാമിലെ കാർഷിക മേഖല കേരളത്തിന് നൽകുന്ന പാഠം,” (in Malayalam) (English: Lesson’s from Vietnam for Kerala’s Agricultural Sector), *Chintha*, June 2025, available at <https://chintha.in/?p=16188>
2. “Land Reforms and Change: Illustrations from Villages in Central Kerala,” Foundation for Agrarian Studies (FAS) Blog, July 2023, available at <https://fas.org.in/land-reforms-villages-central-kerala-namboodiripad/>
3. “Kharif MSP Announcement Has to be Reconciled with Rising Costs across India,” (co-authored with N. Sujana), FAS Blog, June 2022, available at <https://fas.org.in/kharif-msp-announcement-has-to-reconcile-with-rising-costs-across-india/>
4. “കേരളത്തിലെ കാർഷിക മേഖലയും കർഷകത്തൊഴിലാളികളും (in Malayalam) (English: Kerala’s Agricultural Sector and Agricultural Workers), *The Malabar Journal*, May 2022, available at <https://themalabarjournal.com/labour-theme-agricultural-sector-and-agricultural-workers-in-kerala-deepak-johnson>
5. “Food security does not need this ‘surgical strike’” (co-authored with Madhura Swaminathan), *The Hindu*, March 2022, available at <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/food-security-does-not-need-this-surgical-strike/article65447720.ece>
6. “What does the Situation Assessment Survey say about MSP and procurement operations?,” FAS Blog, September 2021, available at <https://fas.org.in/what-does-the-situation-assessment-survey-say-about-msp-and-procurement-operations/>
7. “The Kerala alternative” (print title) *Frontline*, January 2021, available at <https://frontline.thehindu.com/cover-story/kerala-government-policy-interventions-in-terms-of-expanding-price-support-and-ensuring-direct-procurement-of-farm-produce-present-an-alternative-course-for-agricultural-policies-in-india/article33319094.ece>
8. “Grantee Update: Deepak Johnson,” Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation Blog, December 2020, available at <https://inlaksshivdasanifoundationblog.org/home/2020/12/14/grantee-update-deepak-johnson>

9. “Kerala’s approach to containing corona” (co-authored with Madhura Swaminathan), *Business Standard*, April 2020, available at https://www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/kerala-s-approach-to-containing-corona-120042200026_1.html
10. “Fieldwork in An Giang,” FAS Blog, November 2019, available at <https://fas.org.in/fieldwork-in-an-giang-vietnam/>
11. “Agricultural Policy Impasse and the Way Forward: A Conversation with Vijoo Krishnan” (co-authored with Aparajita Bakshi), FAS Blog, August 2019, available at <https://fas.org.in/agricultural-policy-impasse-and-the-way-forward-a-conversation-with-vijoo-krishnan/>
12. “Floods Bring an Unexpected Benefit, High Yields, to Rice Fields in Kuttanad” (co-authored with T. P. Harshan), FAS Blog, April 2019, available at <http://fas.org.in/floods-bring-an-unexpected-benefit-high-yields-to-rice-fields-in-kuttanad/>
13. “Kudumbashree’s Success as a Multi-stakeholder Partnership to Improve Food Security and Nutrition: Report by High Level International Committee,” FAS Blog, August 2018, available at <https://fas.org.in/kudumbashrees-success-as-a-multi-stakeholder-partnership/>
14. “Does Market Intervention Scheme Really Help Potato Farmers?,” FAS Blog, February 2018, available at <https://fas.org.in/does-market-intervention-scheme-really-help-potato-farmers/>
15. “Rice Cultivation in Kole Wetlands of Kerala,” FAS Blog, December 2017, available at <https://fas.org.in/rice-cultivation-in-kole-wetlands-of-kerala/>
16. “A Report on the Socio-Economic Survey of Households in Taliparamba Constituency” (co-authored with Arindam Das), FAS Blog, October 2016, available at <https://fas.org.in/a-report-on-households-in-taliparamba/>

Courses taught

1. Macroeconomic Analysis 1/Macroeconomics 1 (1st Year BA/BSc Programmes)
2. Microeconomic Analysis 2 (2nd Year BA Programme)
3. Fundamentals of Economic Growth and Development (3rd Year BA Programme)
4. Advanced Microeconomic Theory and Applications (1st Year MA Programme)
5. Economics of Growth and Development (1st Year MA Programme)
6. Business Analytics Using R (1st Year MA Programme)
7. Research Seminar and Manuscript Writing (2nd Year BA and MA Programmes)

Seminars, presentations, and conferences

1. “India and Vietnam: Architects of the Global South (An Economic Perspective),” part of a short course at the Faculty of Oriental Studies – Japanese Studies, VNU – University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ho Chi Min City, March 16–17, 2026.
2. “Tracing Profitability in Indian Agriculture: Evidence from Multiple Data Sources,” 29th Annual Lecture, Postgraduate and Research Department of Economics, Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla, February 25, 2026.
3. “Job Search and Labour Force Transitions in Urban India: An Analysis of Periodic Labour Force Survey Data,” (with Divya Pradeep), 66th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics, Pune, January 19–21, 2026.
4. “Analysis of Large Datasets Using R,” online workshop (10 hours), coordinated by the Nodal Office, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), November 29, 2025 – January 10, 2026.
5. “The Profitability Crisis in Indian Agriculture: An Analysis of the Trends on Costs of Cultivation and Farm Incomes,” (with V. Surjit), International Conference on Agrarian Change, Thiruvananthapuram, November 6–9, 2025.
6. “Agricultural Households and Salaried Income: Evidence from India’s Situation Assessment Surveys,” (with Takashi Kurosaki), Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Kunitachi, Tokyo, November 1, 2024 and 65th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics, Bengaluru, January 19–21, 2025.
7. “Introducing the Rural Economy and the Agrarian Structure of India: Relevant Questions and Databases (online),” Two-Day Workshop on Indian Rural Economy Research: Methods and Databases, Department of Economics, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Yeshwanthpur Campus, Bengaluru, September 3, 2024.
8. “Green Revolution in India: Getting the Statistics Straight,” Research Institute of Economics and Business (RIEB) Seminar, Kobe University, July 18, 2024.
9. “Costs and Incomes from Crop Production in India: Analysis of 10 Selected Crops, 2000–01 to 2019–20,” Workshop on Indian Agriculture, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, July 17, 2024 and webinar for the Foundation for Agrarian Studies, April 6, 2024.
10. “Slow Down in Progress: An Analysis of Agricultural Household Incomes in India” (with Takashi Kurosaki), 36th Annual Conference of the Japanese Association for South Asian Studies, Kobe University, September 23–24, 2023 and poster at 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists, New Delhi, August 2–7, 2024.

11. “Price Support and Farm Incomes: Comparative Study of Rice Growing Regions in Southern India and Mekong-Delta Vietnam” (with Takashi Kurosaki), Kanematsu Seminar, Kobe University, February 16, 2023 and 11th International Conference of the Asian Society of Agricultural Economists (ASAE), Tokyo, March 18–19, 2023.
12. “Rice Incomes and Farm Policy: Case Studies from Kerala and Vietnam,” Young Scholars’ Online Seminar Series, Foundation for Agrarian Studies, December 2, 2022.
13. In-house Training Sessions on Data Visualisation, Foundation for Agrarian Studies, May 24 and July 15, 2022.
14. “The Effect of Covid-19 Pandemic on Rural Workers: A Panel Data Study from Indian Villages” (with Tapas Singh Modak), Indian Society of Labour Economics 62nd Labour Economics Conference, IIT Roorkee, April 11–13, 2022.
15. “Costs, Prices, and Farm Business Incomes in India,” Panel on Issues in Contemporary Indian Agriculture, World Association of Political Economy 2021 Forum, December 18, 2021.
16. Discussant, “Kerala Economy in Transition – Sectoral Performance: Primary Sector – Lecture 14,” Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation and Kerala Economic Association, Thiruvananthapuram, November 19, 2021.
17. “Crop Insurance and Price Policy,” Invited Webinar, Calicut Insurance Institute, Kerala, October 27, 2021.
18. “Can Rice Offer Incomes to Keep People in Farming in Kerala?,” Workshop on “Kerala and the World Economy,” Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, February 4–5, 2021.
19. “Impact of Covid-19 on Indian Villages,” Presentation at the Inauguration of the Pandemic Studies Unit, Foundation for Agrarian Studies, September 29, 2020.
20. Session on data analysis, Workshop on “Contemporary Rural Issues in India,” Foundation for Agrarian Studies, Chennai, March 1–2, 2019.
21. “Inputs and Cost of Cultivation: A Village-Level Analysis” (with Kunal Munjal), 78th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, November 1–3, 2018.
22. “Agrarian Distress: Cost and Prices,” One-day Workshop on “Contemporary Rural Issues,” Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, March 27, 2018.

Fieldwork experience

1. Survey of farmer households in An Giang province, Vietnam and Thrissur district, Kerala, India (part of PhD fieldwork) (2019).
2. Socio-economic survey of households in the Lower Cauvery Delta, Tamil Nadu along with the team of researchers from the Foundation for Agrarian Studies (2019).
3. Socio-economic survey of tribal households in Attappady, Kerala as part of the project undertaken by the Foundation for Agrarian Studies and Kerala State Planning Board (2018).
4. Research assistance to the Committee to Study the Impact of Demonetisation on the State Economy of Kerala (2017).

Professional affiliations and services

Life Member, Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (ISAE) (2021–Present)
Member, International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) (2024–2026)
Member, Japanese Association for South Asian Studies (JASAS) (2023–24)

Reviewed articles for *Asian Development Review*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, and *Review of Agrarian Studies*.

Software knowledge

R, MS-Office, Flourish, SPSS, QGIS

Maintain online repositories (open access) for working with National Sample Survey unit-level data and other data sources at <https://github.com/deepakjohnson91/>