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About myself:

As an economist, I have been working in the field for over twenty years involving research and post-graduate teaching. As a development economist, my research interests have diversified from transition economics and area studies (Soviet Russia) into more grass-root experiences of development in India – including gender studies, role of education, material culture and globalization. In the area of unorganized sector labour markets in India, I have been engaged in extensive ethnographic studies to explore the economic and cultural dimensions of prostitution in India. I have co-edited a book on sex-work in India, one of the first pan-India efforts on understanding the heterogeneity of the profession in the Indian context.

I have published extensively in the areas of higher education as a building block of human capital and the problems of a developing country in the higher education delivery systems. The other areas that have been of great interest to me are - the process of urbanization and migration patterns, the cultures of consumption and the economic drivers of mass/popular cultures.

Educational Qualifications:

PhD (Economics), Moscow State University, Moscow 1985 {Topic: An Econometric Model of the Indian Economy, 1955-1984 under the supervision of Prof. V. S. Dadayan from The Central Institute of Mathematical Economics (TSEMI), Moscow, USSR}

M.Sc. (Economics and Econometrics), Moscow State University, Moscow 1982

BA (Honors) in Economics, Bombay University, Bombay 1977

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**Department of Economics, University of Pune, India 1994 – till date**

- Have been teaching courses on Development Economics, International Economics, India's Foreign Trade, Fundamentals of Math and Stats etc.
- Was instrumental in starting the Post Graduate Diploma in Foreign Trade (PGDFT) at the Department of Economics in 1995 and was the faculty-in-charge for the course till 2010.

- After completion of PhD, I have been associated with the Bombay University (India), Glasgow University (UK) and Toronto University (Canada) in various academic positions from 1985-1993 before joining the University of Pune.
- I serve as a member of Board of Studies in the University of Pune and have worked as a paper setter for master's and PhD programs.
- I am a recognized Pune University PhD guide and so far three students have successfully completed their PhD degree under my supervision.

PUBLICATIONS:

(A) Books:

1. 'The First Pan India Survey of Sex Workers: A Summary of Preliminary Findings', (2011) **A Booklet published by CASAM and PLRI** (with V.Kalyan Shankar)
2. '**Prostitution and Beyond: An Analysis of Sex Work in India**', (2008) SAGE Publications: New Delhi (ed. with V.Kalyan Shankar and Hemant Apte)

(B) Research Papers in Peer-reviewed Journals, Articles and Book Reviews:

1. 'Sex work and its Linkages with Informal Labor Markets in India: Findings from the First Pan-India Survey of Female Sex Workers' – IDS Working Paper 416 published by Institute of development Studies (IDS), Sussex, UK, February **2013**, pages 1-51 (with V. Kalyan Shankar)
<http://www.ids.ac.uk/publication/sex-work-and-its-linkages-with-informal-labour-markets-in-india-findings-from-the-first-pan-india-survey-of-female-sex-workers>
2. 'From Center to Periphery and Back to Center Again: Tracing the Journey of Space in Prostitution', for Meena Seshu and Laxmi Murthy ed. volume on sex work, forthcoming (with V. Kalyan Shankar)
3. 'Girls' Higher Education in India on the Road to Inclusiveness: On Track but Heading Where?', Higher Education, Volume 63, No. 2, (**2012**), Springer: Netherlands, pp- 237-255 (with V. Kalyan Shankar)
DOI 10.1007/s10734-011-9436-9 (paper documented on EBSCO and journal impact factor: 1.061 for 2011)
4. 'Usurping Differences, reproducing Homogeneity: Cultural Changes in the Midst of Global markets' in Prashant Kumar Trivedi ed. 'The Globalization Turbulence: Emerging Tensions in Indian Society', New Delhi: Rawat Publications, **August 2011**, pages 206-236 (with V. Kalyan Shankar)
5. 'Can Services Succeed Where Goods Have Tottered', **Book Review** in Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. XLVI, No. 28, July 9th **2011**, pp. 38 – 40 (with V. Kalyan Shankar)

6. 'Is there a twist in the tale? Reinterpreting economic ascendancies through the geographic lens', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLV, No. 1, January 2, **2010**, pp. 55-63 (with V. Kalyan Shankar)
7. 'What has Economics got to do with it? Cultures of Consumption in Global Markets', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLIV, No. 1, January 3, **2009**, pp. 50-58 (with V. Kalyan Shankar); abstracted in *ICSSR Journal of Abstracts and Reviews – Economics*, Vol. 11, No. 1 (2009) pp. 80-81
8. "Romancing Material Culture in Urban Public Spaces – The case of Valentine's Day in Pune", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol XLI No.7, February 18, **2006**, pp. 649-654 (with V. Kalyan Shankar)
(<http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdfplus/4417844.pdf>)
9. "GATS and Higher Education: Revealing the Comparative Advantage", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XL No. 47, November 19-25, **2005**, pp. 4947-4953 (with V. Kalyan Shankar)
(<http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdfplus/4417429.pdf>)
10. "Human Development Index of Maharashtra: A Reality Check" in the *Economic and Political Weekly*, October 1-7 **2005**, Vol XL No.40, pp. 4387 (with Shilpa Viswanath)
(<http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdfplus/4417236.pdf>)
11. "The Economics of Sex Work – Some Evidence from Pune's Red Light Area", Research Report submitted to the Kawakami Foundation, Report in May **2005** (with Hemant Apte)
12. Hemant Apte and Rohini Sahni (**2005**) "A study of Heterosexual Relations Expressed through Various Words in Marathi Language" in a book titled "Sexuality and Sexual Behaviour – A Social Science Perspective" Published by the School of Health Sciences, University of Pune, March 2005 (with Hemant Apte) (This research was funded by the Ford Foundation)
13. "GATS and Higher Education – Some Reflections", *Economic and Political Weekly*, May 22, **2004**, Vol.XXXIX, No. 21, pp 2174-2180 (with Sumita Kale)
(<http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdfplus/4415067.pdf>)
14. "GATS and Higher Education- The Journey So Far", Occasional Paper Series, Department of Sociology, University of Pune, March **2004** (with Sumita Kale)
15. "Markets Reforms in Poland and to the East of Poland" MEMO – a journal of International Relations, Moscow, June **1992**, pp 55-66 (with Valdas Samonis)
16. "Soviet railroad rate reforms and traditional pricing policy" Working paper Series No. 9105, University of Toronto, Toronto, **1991**, 24 pages. (with Alan Abouchar)
17. "The price of reform: The economics of Perestroika" *Black and White*, New Castle University Journal, Winter **1990**, pp 24-30

18. "Health and Medical care in the Soviet Union, some issues" Bombay University Bulletin, **1985**, pp 5 – 10
19. "*Osnovnie tendensii razvitiya ekonomiki nezavisimoi indii*" (The Central Tendencies of Economic development in Post – Independent India) in *Voprosi stranovovo Macromodelirovaniya* (Issues of National macro-modeling) TSEMI Publication, Moscow **1985**, pp 24 - 41

(C) Publications in Marathi

1. "Poverty, Labour Markets and sex work – A Pan India Survey of Female Sex Workers in India" in Miloon Saryajani, Pune, October -November **2011**, pp 70 – 75
2. "India's trade and the relationship with liberalization" in People's Politics, Kolhapur, October -November **2010**, pp 24-29
3. "Women's participation in the workforce in India" in the Edited volume Milavtichi Potadi, Unmesh Publications, Pune, Edited by, Vidya Baal and Medha Rajahans, **2005**, pp 104-110
4. "The economics of John Maynard Keynes" in the Edited volume Yanni Ghadavle Sahasrak, Rohan publications, Edited by Manohar Champanerker and Suhas Kulkarni, **2003**, pp 205-208
5. "The Economics of Amartya Sen" in Samaj Probodhan Patrika, Pune, July **1999** pp 13 – 19
6. "From the Red Star to foggy weather – The economics of Soviet Union" – The Proceedings of the Fourth Vichar-Vedh Sammelan, Nasik, **1996**, pp 70 - 100

Select Conference Papers:

Paper titled 'Dressing up for consumption' presented in the conference organized by the Association of Social Anthropologists and JNU, New Delhi, during 3rd April - 6th April **2012**

Paper titled 'Poverty, Sex Work and the Worlds in Between: Mapping life histories of Sex workers in Contemporary India' presented in the 40th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology – 'After Western hegemony: Social Science and its Publics' in New Delhi, India during 16th – 19th February **2012**

Participated in a roundtable organized by the UGC, TISS and the Economic and Political Weekly on Research writing and Publication during 20th - 22nd February **2012** at the University of Dharwad, Karnataka

Paper titled 'Qualitative Research Methodology for Economics' presented at the seminar organized by the St. Mira's College for girls, Pune on 20th January **2012**

Paper titled 'Who studies what, where and why? Individual races through systemic hurdles' presented at the conference 'Structures of Exclusion' held at the University of Delhi during 23rd – 25th November **2011**

Resource Person at the CODESRIA – SEPHIS Extended workshop on Social History – “Historicizing Gender and Sexuality in the Global South” Dakar, Senegal November **2010**

Paper titled “Public cultures as repositories of recent histories” *Slower* (a Workshop for Social Sciences organized with the EU Research Foundation), Moscow, September 2-4, **2010**

‘National workshop on reviewing trafficking: Intra and inter sectoral dialogue and strategic planning’ organized by University of Jadavpur, Kolkata and the Oak Foundation, Geneva at Kolkata, March **2010**

International Convention of the Paulo Longo Research Initiative on Sex Work, Goa, February **2009**

‘The Red Light Area as an Urban Space’, Conference on Interpretation of the Female Body at Home and in Public, Nari Samata Manch, Pune Date: 5th October, **2008**

‘Usurping Differences, Reproducing Homogeneity: Cultural Changes in the midst of global markets’, Centre for Social Development, New Delhi, January **2008** (with V.Kalyan Shankar)

‘A Stitch in Time Could Save Nine: Vertical Funding in HIV in developing countries’, Bangkok, **2005** (with V.Kalyan Shankar)

Fellowships and Research Grants Received:

Recipient of financial support for research from the Board of Colleges and University Departments (BCUD), University of Pune during **2009 - 2011** for a project titled “**Has economic theory kept pace?** Trade and Development Patterns in South East Asia” (project completed and report submitted)

Recipient of the Avabai Fellowship, Women’s Research Center – SNDT University, Mumbai, for the period July **2010** – September 2010 on sex workers’ collectives as strategies to combat HIV – VAMP a case study (project completed and report submitted)

Recipient of financial support for research from the Board of Colleges and University Departments (BCUD), University of Pune during **2008 – 2009** for a project titled “**Higher Education in India – A reality check**” (project completed and report submitted)

Recipient of financial support for research from the **Ford Foundation** during **2006 – 2007** for a project titled “What does the language has to say – words in Marathi that indicate ‘fallen women’ (project completed and report submitted)
