

4th IGC-ISI Summer School in Development Economics

Short Bio of Lecturers

- 1. Pronab Sen** is the Country Director for the IGC's India Central Programme and the chairman of Indian Statistical Commission. Pronab received his Ph.D. in Economics from the Johns Hopkins University specialising in open-economy macroeconomic systems, international economics and public finance and his M.B.A. (1974) and M.A. in Economics (1975) from the George Washington University, Washington D.C.

Most recently the Principal Adviser, Power and Energy, at the Government of India's Planning Commission, he has also had positions as the first Chief Statistician of India, acting as the functional and technical Head of the national statistical system in India, as well as Secretary, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Government of India (2007-2010). As a representative of the Planning Commission he was principal author and coordinator of (a) the Mid-term Appraisal of the Eighth Five Year Plan, (b) the Ninth Five Year Plan, (c) the Mid-term Appraisal of the Ninth Five Year Plan, (d) the Tenth Five Year Plan, and the Mid-term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan.

- 2. Mushfiq Mobarak** is Professor of Economics at the Yale School of Management. He is a development economist with interests in environmental issues.

Professor Mobarak conducts field experiments exploring ways to induce people in developing countries to adopt technologies or behaviors that are likely to be welfare improving. His ongoing research projects are in Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, India, Kenya, Nepal and Malawi. His research has been published in journals across disciplines, including *Econometrica*, *Science*, *The Review of Economic Studies*, *the American Political Science Review* and *Demography*, and covered by the *New York Times*, *The Economist*, *Science*, *NPR*, *Wired.com*, the *Times of London*, and other media outlets around the world.

Professor Mobarak co-chairs the Urban Services Initiative at the Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) at MIT, and leads the Bangladesh Research Program for the 'International Growth Centre (IGC)' at LSE and Oxford. He has previously worked at the World Bank and at the International Monetary Fund.

- 3. Chetan Ghate** is Professor in the Economics and Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi Centre. His main areas of research are macroeconomic theory and policy. He received his Ph.D. in Economics and M.S. in Applied Mathematics from Claremont Graduate University, California; Masters in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics, India; and B.A. in Economics from Colorado College (USA). He has held visiting faculty positions at the Colorado College, the German Institute of Economic Research (DIW), University of Sydney, and Claremont Graduate University. He has published in several leading journals in his field: recent papers have appeared in the Journal of Development Economics and Structural Change and Economic Dynamics. He edited The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Economy (OUP New York, March 2012) which was selected as one of CHOICE's "Outstanding Academic Titles for 2012." In May 2011, he was a recipient of a Rockefeller Foundation academic residency in Bellagio, Italy. In February 2013 he was appointed as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for monetary policy at the Reserve Bank of India.
- 4. Nidhiya Menon** is Associate Professor of Economics at Brandeis University. Her primary research interest is development economics, applied microeconomics, health, labor, gender and demography. In particular, she is interested in the behavior of individuals, households and firms in developing countries and has contributed to topics that include microfinance, labor and occupational choice, gender-differentiated impacts of labor market policies, child health consequences of environmental (water) pollution, land rights and their impacts on economic welfare and children's human capital, conflict and its repercussions on occupational choice, the effect of policies on people with disabilities, the impact of historical institutions on child health and technology use, and program evaluation. Her research program in these areas includes both theoretical and empirical work and spans countries that include India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Chile, Philippines, Kenya and Vietnam. She has been a consultant at the World Bank, United Nations Foundation, and the Asian Development Bank, and a researcher at the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh. At Brandeis, she teaches courses in development economics and statistics in the Economics Department and is affiliated faculty at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management and associated faculty at the Women and Gender Studies Department and the South Asian Studies Department. Menon received her Ph.D. in economics from Brown University.
- 5. Sheetal Sekhri** is Associate Professor of economics at the University of Virginia. Her research interests include public service delivery, water & the environment, and public education, all in developing countries and particularly India. In Spring 2012, Dr. Sekhri was a

Giorgio Ruffolo Research Fellow in Sustainability Science at Harvard Kennedy School of Government. At HKS she explored how institutions and incentives can promote the adoption of water saving technologies and practices in agriculture, contributing to collaborative work with the Initiative on Public-Private Partnerships to Promote Sustainable Development in India. She is also a Fellow at the India Country Team of the International Growth Centre, based at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Dr. Sekhri received her PhD in Development Economics from Brown University in 2008. She frequently volunteers to teach high school students about water sustainability both in US and India.

- 6. Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay** is Associate Professor in the department of economics at the Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi. He was awarded his Ph.D. in economics from The Pennsylvania State University in 2004. His primary specialisation is in empirical research methods applied to topics relating to education, health, and labour in developing countries (especially India). Recent topics of research include economic effects of HIV-AIDS and cancer, the impact of better school infrastructure on rural schooling attendance, and implementation and effects of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.
- 7. Alok Johri** is Associate Professor of Economics in Department of Economics at McMaster University. He earned his Phd in Economics from Boston University in 1996. His research interest include Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics.
- 8. Rajesh Singh** is Associate Professor of Economics in Department of Economics at Iowa State University. He earned his Phd in Economics from University of California, Los Angeles in 2002. His research interest include International Finance, Macroeconomics and Environmental Economics.

Rajesh was also a member of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and served under IAS from August 1984 till August 1996.