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Education

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

Research articles

- 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, available at <http://ras.org.in/2c442bc30eb5eae983e1d302f3353529>
- Modak, Tapas Singh, Baksi, Sandipan, and Johnson, Deepak (2020), "Impact of Covid-19 on Indian Villages," *Review of Agrarian Studies*, vol. 10, no. 1, available at <http://ras.org.in/d1f1c91f41c51238d19a505303ce14eb>
- Johnson, Deepak (2018), "Cropping Pattern Changes in Kerala, 1956-57 to 2016-17," *Review of Agrarian Studies*, vol. 8, no. 1, available at http://ras.org.in/cropping_pattern_changes_in_kerala_1956

Working paper

- 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>

Professional experience

JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan (November 2022 – present)
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 thesis 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)

Other publications (selected)

- “Land Reforms and Change: Illustrations from Villages in Central Kerala,” Foundation for Agrarian Studies (FAS) Blog, July 26, 2023, available at <https://fas.org.in/land-reforms-villages-central-kerala-namboodiripad/>
- “Food security does not need this ‘surgical strike’,” (along with Madhura Swaminathan), *The Hindu*, March 23, 2022, available at <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/food-security-does-not-need-this-surgical-strike/article65447720.ece>
- “What does the Situation Assessment Survey say about MSP and procurement operations?,” Foundation for Agrarian Studies (FAS) Blog, September 18, 2021, available at <https://fas.org.in/what-does-the-situation-assessment-survey-say-about-msp-and-procurement-operations/>
- “The Kerala alternative” (print title) *Frontline*, January 1, 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>
- “Kerala’s approach to containing corona”, (along 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
- “Agricultural Policy Impasse and the Way Forward: A Conversation with Vijoo Krishnan” (co-authored with Aparajita Bakshi), FAS Blog, available at <https://fas.org.in/agricultural-policy-impasse-and-the-way-forward-a-conversation-with-vijoo-krishnan/>
- “Floods Bring an Unexpected Benefit, High Yields, to Rice Fields in Kuttanad” (co-authored with T. P. Harshan), FAS Blog, available at <http://fas.org.in/floods-bring-an-unexpected-benefit-high-yields-to-rice-fields-in-kuttanad/>
- “Kudumbashree’s Success as a Multi-stakeholder Partnership to Improve Food Security and Nutrition: Report by High Level International Committee,” FAS Blog, available at <https://fas.org.in/kudumbashrees-success-as-a-multi-stakeholder-partnership/>
- “Rice Cultivation in Kole Wetlands of Kerala,” FAS Blog, available at <https://fas.org.in/rice-cultivation-in-kole-wetlands-of-kerala/>
- *Report of the socio-economic survey of tribal households in Attappady, Kerala, 2019*, Kerala State Planning Board (I am one of the authors who prepared the report based on the project jointly undertaken by Kerala State Planning Board and the Foundation for Agrarian Studies).

Fieldwork experience

- 2019 Survey of farmer households in An Giang province, Vietnam (part of PhD fieldwork).
- 2019 Survey of farmer households in Thrissur district, Kerala (part of PhD fieldwork).
- 2019 Socio-economic survey of households in the Lower Cauvery Delta, Tamil Nadu along with the team of researchers from the Foundation for Agrarian Studies.
- 2018 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.
- 2017 Research assistance to the Committee to Study the Impact of Demonetisation on the State Economy of Kerala.

Seminars and conferences (selected)

- 2023 “Price Support and Farm Incomes: Comparative Study of Rice Growing Regions in Southern India and Mekong-Delta Vietnam,” (along with Takashi Kurosaki) Kanematsu Seminar, Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration, Kobe University, February 16, 2023 and 11th International Conference of the Asian Society of Agricultural Economists (ASAE), Tokyo, March 18–19, 2023.
- 2022 “Rice Incomes and Farm Policy: Case Studies from Kerala and Vietnam” as part of the Young Scholars’ Online Seminar Series 2022–23 of Foundation for Agrarian Studies, December 2, 2022.
- 2022 “The Effect of Covid-19 Pandemic on Rural Workers: A Panel Data Study from Indian Villages” (along with Tapas Singh Modak), Indian Society of Labour Economics 62nd Labour Economics Conference, IIT Roorkee, April 11–13, 2022.
- 2021 “Costs, Prices, and Farm Business Incomes in India” in the panel on Issues in Contemporary Indian Agriculture at the World Association of Political Economy 2021 Forum, December 18, 2021.
- 2021 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.
- 2021 “Crop Insurance and Price Policy” invited webinar at the Calicut Insurance Institute, Kerala, October 27, 2021.
- 2021 “Can Rice Offer Incomes to Keep People in Farming in Kerala?”, Workshop on “Kerala and the World Economy” organised by the Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, February 4–5, 2021.
- 2019 Session on data analysis, Workshop on “Contemporary Rural Issues in India” organised by the Foundation for Agrarian Studies, Chennai, March 1–2, 2019.
- 2018 “Inputs and Cost of Cultivation: A Village-Level Analysis” (co-authored with Kunal Munjal), 78th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Agricultural Economics in Delhi from November 1 to 3, 2018 (summary published in the *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 73, No. 3, Conference Number).
- 2018 “Agrarian Distress: Cost and Prices,” One-day Workshop on “Contemporary Rural Issues,” Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, March 27, 2018.

Professional affiliations and services

- 2021-Present **Life Member**, Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (ISAE), Mumbai
- 2019 **Reviewer**, *Review of Agrarian Studies*

Software knowledge

R, MS-Office, SPSS, QGIS