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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

Journal articles

- Johnson, Deepak (2023), “International Organisations and Agriculture — A Current Perspective,” *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. 58, no. 33, pp. 34–36 (Book Review).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 and ongoing research

- 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>
- Johnson, Deepak and Kurosaki, Takashi, “Slow Down in Progress: An Analysis of Agricultural Household Incomes in India.”

Professional experience

JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow, 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 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

- “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/>
- “Trends in Costs and Incomes from Crop Production in India: Analysis of Costs of Cultivation Data, 2000–01 to 2019–20,” co-author of the report prepared by the Foundation for Agrarian Studies for the International Rice Research Institute, November 2022, available at https://fas.org.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Work-Package_2-new_FAS-IRRI-CCPC_Report.pdf
- “Kharif MSP Announcement has to be Reconciled with Rising Costs across India,” (co-authored with N. Sujan), FAS Blog, June 2022, available at <https://fas.org.in/kharif-msp-announcement-has-to-reconcile-with-rising-costs-across-india/>
- “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>
- “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>
- “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/>
- “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>
- “Grantee Update: Deepak Johnson,” Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation Blog, December 2020, available at <https://inlakssshivdasanifoundationblog.org/home/2020/12/14/grantee-update-deepak-johnson>
- “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

- “Fieldwork in An Giang,” FAS Blog, November 2019, available at <https://fas.org.in/fieldwork-in-an-giang-vietnam/>
- “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/>
- “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/>
- *Report of the socio-economic survey of tribal households in Attappady, Kerala, 2019*, Kerala State Planning Board, March 2019 (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).
- “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/>
- “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/>.
- “Rice Cultivation in Kole Wetlands of Kerala,” FAS Blog, December 2017, available at <https://fas.org.in/rice-cultivation-in-kole-wetlands-of-kerala/>
- “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/>

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, presentations, and conferences (selected)

- 2024 “Agriculture and Budgets in India,” a discussion with R. Ramakumar (online), Foundation for Agrarian Studies, February 20, 2024.
- 2023 “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.
- 2023 “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.

- 2022 “Rice Incomes and Farm Policy: Case Studies from Kerala and Vietnam,” Young Scholars’ Online Seminar Series, Foundation for Agrarian Studies, December 2, 2022.
- 2022 In-house Training Sessions on Data Visualisation, Foundation for Agrarian Studies, May 24 and July 15, 2022.
- 2022 “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.
- 2021 “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.
- 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, 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,” Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, February 4–5, 2021.
- 2020 “Impact of Covid-19 on Indian Villages,” Presentation at the Inauguration of the Pandemic Studies Unit, Foundation for Agrarian Studies, September 29, 2020.
- 2019 Session on data analysis, Workshop on “Contemporary Rural Issues in India,” Foundation for Agrarian Studies, Chennai, March 1–2, 2019.
- 2018 “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.
- 2018 “Agrarian Distress: Cost and Prices,” One-day Workshop on “Contemporary Rural Issues,” Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, March 27, 2018.

Professional affiliations and services

- 2023–24 **Member**, Japanese Association for South Asian Studies (JASAS)
- 2021–Present **Life Member**, Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (ISAE)
- 2019 **Reviewer**, *Review of Agrarian Studies*

Software knowledge

R, MS-Office, Flourish, SPSS, QGIS