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Kārthikeya Nāraparāju

Employment

Associate Professor, Economics, Indian Institute of Management Indore, India, July 2020 - Present

Assistant Professor, Economics, Indian Institute of Management Indore, India, May 2015 - June 2020

Assistant Manager, Transfer Pricing, Global Transfer Pricing Centre, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu (India) Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, India, July 2009 - March 2011.

Other Affiliations

Fellow, Global Labor Organization, April 1 2025 - Present

Education

PhD (Development Studies), Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) Mumbai, India, August 2011 - April 2015.

THESIS TITLE: "Essays on Labour Markets and Inclusive Growth in India"

THESIS COMMITTEE: Dr. Sripad Motiram (Chair), Dr. S. Chandrasekhar, and Dr. Sudha Narayanan

M.Sc. (Economics), IGIDR, Mumbai, India, 2007 - 2009.

B.Sc. (Hons.) (Economics), Sri Sathya Sai University, Prasanthi Nilayam, Andhra Pradesh, India, 2004 - 2007.

Research Interests

Development Economics, Welfare Economics, Distribution Analysis, Institutional Economics

Publications in Peer Reviewed Journals

Inequality, urbanization, and the Kuznets process: Evidence from India's annual periodic labour force surveys (with S Chandrasekhar and Ajay Sharma) *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics* Volume 77, 2026, 302-312. (DOI)

"An assessment of India's multiple national social protection schemes in improving nutrition and health" (with Sudha Narayanan and Nicolas Gerber) *Food Security* Volume 15, 2023, 1215-1229. (DOI)

"Poverty Reduction in Rural India during 2004-05 to 2011-12: Role of Growth, Redistribution, and Population-Shifts" (with S Chandrasekhar) *Review of Income and Wealth* Volume 68, 2022, S295-S316. (DOI)

"Land Distribution, Income Generation and Inequality in India's Agricultural Sector", (with Sanjoy Chakravorty and S. Chandrasekhar) *Review of Income and Wealth* Volume 65, 2019, S182-S203. (DOI)
[Cited in the Media: "The land challenge underlying India's farm crisis", October 15, 2018 *Livemint*; "MP elections: How Madhya Pradesh has fared under Shivraj Singh Chouhan" October 24, 2018 *Livemint*; "Statsguru: Income inequality in India's farm sector explained in six charts" June 24, 2019 *Business Standard*]

"Unemployment Burden and Its Distribution: Theory and Evidence from India", (with Sripad Motiram) *Review of Development Economics* Volume 22 (2), 2018, pp.787-807. (DOI)

"Unemployment Spells in India: Patterns, Trends, and Covariates" *The Indian Journal of Labour Economics* Volume 60 (4), 2017, pp. 625-646. (DOI)

"Impediments to Contract Enforcement in Day Labour Markets: A Perspective from India", *Journal of Institutional Economics*, Volume 12 (3), 2016, pp.651-676. (DOI)

"Growth and Deprivation in India: What Does Recent Evidence Suggest on 'Inclusiveness'?" (with Sripad Motiram) *Oxford Development Studies*, Volume 43 (2), 2015, pp.145-164. (DOI)

Other Publications

"Well-being of Migrant Workers: Perspectives from Daily Labour Markets in Navi Mumbai" *Urban India* - A Journal of the National Institute of Urban Affairs, Volume 34(1), 2014, pp.68-86.

"Domestic Tourism in India (2014 - 2015) Evidence from NSSO"(with Ajay Sharma) (Commentary) *Economic and Political Weekly* Volume 52, (52), 30 December, 2017, pp.27-30.

Book Chapters

Labour Regulations and Worker Welfare: The Case of Provident Fund in India (with Ajay Sharma.) *India Development Report 2017* edited by S. Mahendra Dev, Oxford University Press, 2017

How Unequal are Indian States? (with Ajay Sharma and S Chandrasekhar) *Revisiting Inequality - Theoretical and Methodological Advances with Empirical Examples from India* edited by Achin Chakraborty and Simantini Mukhopadhyay, Routledge, 2024

Research In Progress

"Consumption Patterns and Inequality across India's Settlement Hierarchy" (with S. Chandrasekhar (IGIDR), Amitava Saha (National Statistical Office), and Gopal Saha (National Statistical Office))

"Poverty, Inequality, and Working Hours: Evidence on Veblen Effects from Labour Markets in India " (with Akansh (O.P. Jindal Global University) and Sutirtha Bandyopadhyay (IIM Indore)).

"Societal Poverty in a High-growth Economy: Estimates from India During 1993 -2012" (with Akansh (IIM Indore)) Available at SSRN: (DOI)

"India's New Industrial Policy: Evaluating the Institutional Ecosystem shaping the Production Linked Incentive Schemes of India" (with Sugandh Aggarwal (IIM Indore))

Research Guidance

Chair - Thesis Advisory Committee of Mr. Akansh Khandelwal, DPM Student at IIM Indore - Successfully Defended on December 19, 2024. Working as Assistant Professor at Jindal Global Business School, O.P. Jindal Global University

Chair - Thesis Advisory Committee of Ms. Sugandh Aggarwal, EDPM Student at IIM Indore - ongoing

Chair - Thesis Advisory Committee of Mr. Prakshal Jain, DPM Student at IIM Indore - ongoing

Courses Taught for Full-time Academic Programmes at IIM Indore

Microeconomics for Managers - Post Graduate Programme in Management, Term I, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20

Advanced Microeconomics - Fellow Programme in Management, Term II, 2015-16, 2016-17

Development Economics - Integrated Programme in Management, Term VIII, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18; Term VI 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026

Policies for Economic Development: Lessons from East Asia, Integrated Programme in Management, Term IX 2020; Term VIII, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-25

Topics in Post-Walrasian Microeconomics - Fellow Programme in Management, Term IV, 2016-17

Development Economics - Fellow Programme in Management (Industry), 2017-18

Topics in Applied Econometrics -Fellow Programme in Management, Term IV, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21; Term V- 2021-22

Topics in Measurement of Poverty and Inequality -Fellow Programme in Management, Term III, 2020-21; Term IV 2021-22, Term V 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25

Economics of Industrial Policies in Developing Countries - Doctoral Program in Management, Term IV, 2024-25

Academic Administration at IIM Indore

Member - Faculty Development and Evaluation Committee - April 2026 - Ongoing

Member - Research and Publications Committee - April 2026 - Ongoing

Chair -Research and Publications Office - April 2024 - March 2026

Chair - International Relations and Student Exchange - April 2020 - March 2022

Member - Faculty Recruitment Committee of Marketing Area - April 2023 - Ongoing

Member - Committee to take forward the programme design, admission, and administration of the Executive Education Degree Programme - Executive Management Programme Government, Public Administration and Defence - September 2023 - Ongoing

Member - Ad hoc Committee for preparing the revised ABDC equivalent SJR list December 2024 - Ongoing

Member - Executive Committee of the Executive Post Graduate Program in Management - from April 2021 - March 2023

Member - Ad hoc Committee to review the Dual Degree program proposals from international partner universities - June to November 2022

Member - AOL Committee Member for IPM Programme - April 2022 to March 2024

Member - Ad hoc Committee to review SJR and Case Incentive - May to July 2022

Member - FPM Industry Review Committee - August 2016 - March 2017

Member - Faculty Recruitment Committee of Economics Area - May 2017 - March 2019

Member - Review and Implementation Committee for FPM and FPM (Industry) - May 2019 - July 2019

Professional Service

Associate Editor -Journal of Contemporary Business Research (IIM Indore's journal) - September 2023 - Ongoing

Ad hoc reviewer for *World Development*, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, *Regulation and Governance*, *Economics Bulletin*, *Journal of South Asian Development*, *International Journal of Social Economics*, *Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research*, *The Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, *International Journal of Global Business and Competitiveness*

Professional Affiliation

Member - World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research (WINIR)

Member - International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW)

Member - Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ)

Contributions to Media and Other Forums

"Spatial Disparities in household earnings in India", August 18, 2021 [with S Chandrasekhar and Ajay Sharma], *Ideas for India* ([Link](#))

"Needed: A Balm for Bihar's Blues", October 23, 2020, [with S Chandrasekhar and Ajay Sharma], *Financial Express*

Labour Regulations and Worker Welfare: Evidence on Compliance with the Employee Provident Fund Act [with Ajay Sharma], *IIM - IN - SIGHTS - A Magazine of IIM Indore*, Volume 2 (November 2018- May 2019)

"Fix farm woes to power inclusive growth", January 02 2018 [with Sanjoy Chakravorty and S Chandrasekhar], *The Hindu Business Line*. Also published as "Is Inclusive Growth Possible in India? The Challenge of the Agricultural Sector" on January 01 2018 at *India in Transition* published by the Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI) of the University of Pennsylvania.

"The pros and cons of the gig economy", September 24 2016, *Livemint* [This has also been brought out in an edited volume (edited by Pramit Bhattacharya), "New Age Economics: From Facebook to Net Neutrality", by *Juggernaut Books*]

Conference Presentations

WIDER Development Conference 2026: Green industrialization and inclusive growth in a fractured world order, March 18–20 2026, New Delhi

Kuznets at 70 – a symposium on inequality and structural transformation, September 12 - 13, 2024, Helsinki, Finland

Canadian Economics Association Conference, May 30 - June 3, 2023, Winnipeg, Canada

16th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, December 20-22, 2021, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, India. [Online mode]

Special IARIW-World Bank Conference: New Approaches to Defining and Measuring Poverty in a Growing World at Washington DC on November 7-8, 2019. [Poster Session]

Canadian Economics Association (CEA) 52nd Annual Conference May 31 - June 3, 2018, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW) - Indian Council for Research in International Economic Relations (ICRIER) Conference on "Experiences and Challenges in Measuring Income, Inequality and Poverty in South Asia" November 23-24, 2017, ICRIER, New Delhi, India

Indian Economic Association (IEA) - IGIDR Conference on Social Sector Development in India: Emerging Issues and Policy Perspectives, October 6-7, 2017, IGIDR, Mumbai, India. (By Invitation)

European Regional Science Association 57th Congress, 29 August - 1 September, 2017, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Summer Conference in Economics: Theory meets Empirics, April 08-09, 2016, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India

Young Scholar Presentations, The Young Scholars Initiative Workshop at Turkish Economic Association Conference, Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), October 16-17, 2014, Antalya, Turkey.

Centenary Research Scholars' Workshop on 'Economic Growth and Regional Disparities: Theories and Empirics', July 8-9, 2014, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India.

9th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, December 19-21, 2013, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, India.

55th Annual Conference of The Indian Society of Labour Economics, December 16-18, 2013, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

Winter School 2013, December 16-18, 2013, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi, India.

6th International Ph.D. Workshop: Perspectives on (Un-) Employment, December 5-6, 2013, Institute for Employment Research Graduate School (IAB), Nuremberg, Germany.

The 2013 Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, August 2-4, 2013, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

IGIDR Silver Jubilee Conference: Urbanization in India: A Perspective from Multiple Disciplines, June 27, 2013, IGIDR, Mumbai, India.

Young Scholar Presentations, The Young Scholars Initiative Workshop, Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), April 2-3, 2013, Hong Kong.

The 2012 Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, December 20-22, 2012, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi, India.

8th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, December 17-19, 2012, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, India.

Workshops

17th session of the Institutional and Organizational Economics Academy (IOEA), May 21-25, 2018, Institut d'Etudes Scientifiques de Cargese, Corsica, France.

The Institute for New Economic Thinking Young Scholars Initiative (INET-YSI) Workshop on 'Governance, Growth, and the Future of Developing Countries', October 16-17, 2014, Antalya, Turkey.

The Institute for New Economic Thinking Young Scholars Initiative (INET-YSI) Workshop on 'History of Information and Market Construction in 20th Century Economics', April 2-3, 2013, Hong Kong.

'Summer School in Development Economics', jointly conducted by Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), International Growth Center (IGC), and Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi (ISI), July 21-25, 2012, New Delhi, India.

'Advanced Graduate Workshop in Indian Development', jointly conducted by Azim Premji University and the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), July 9-15, 2012, Bangalore, India.

Consulting

Consultant, IGIDR, the Food Secure Project, Funded by the University of Bonn, September - October, 2015

Teaching in Executive Education Programmes at IIM Indore

Taught sessions in the Post Graduation Certificate Programme For Emerging CFOs - Batches 1, 2 and 3

Taught sessions in the Post Graduation Certificate Programme For Corporate and Public Leadership in VUCA World - Batches 1 and 2

Taught sessions in the Management Development Programs for Panasonic Life Solutions India Private Limited and Whirlpool Corporation

Fellowship and Grants

PhD Fellowship, IGIDR, August 2011 - April 2015

Travel and accommodation grant from The Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) to attend and present a paper at the INET-YSI Workshop on 'History of Information and Market Construction in 20th Century Economics', on April 2-3, 2013, at Hong Kong.

Travel grant to attend and present a paper at The 2013 Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, on August 2-4, 2013, at National University of Singapore, Singapore.

Travel grant from the Institute for Employment Research Graduate School (IAB), Nuremberg, Germany to attend and present a paper at the 6th International Ph.D. Workshop: Perspectives on (Un-) Employment, on December 5-6, 2013 at Nuremberg, Germany.

Accommodation stipend from INET to attend and present a paper at the INET-YSI Workshop on 'Governance, Growth, and the Future of Developing Countries', on October 16-17, 2014, at Antalya, Turkey.

Travel grant from International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW) to attend and present poster at Special IARIW-World Bank Conference: New Approaches to Defining and Measuring Poverty in a Growing World at Washington DC on November 7-8, 2019.

Travel and accommodation grant from United Nations University - World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) to present a paper at the 'Kuznets at 70' Symposium at Helsinki, Finland on September 12-13, 2024.

Personal Information

Languages: Telugu (Native), English (Fluent), Hindi (Fluent)

Citizenship: Indian

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