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PERSONAL INFORMATION

DATE OF BIRTH AND AGE : December 29, 1974 (41 years)
CITIZENSHIP : Indian
PASSPORT No : J-7240181
LANGUAGES KNOWN : English, Gujarati and Hindi
DISABILITY : Stuttering (Speech Fluency Disorder)

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor (March 2013 onwards)
Assistant Professor (May 2005-February 2013)
Centre for Social Studies (CSS), VNSGU Campus
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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2005 : PhD (Economics), South Gujarat University [VNSGU now]
Topic: An evaluation of Micro Health Insurance (MHI) schemes in India: A case study of Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA)
2000 : MBA, South Gujarat University [VNSGU now]
1998 : BA (Economics), South Gujarat University [VNSGU now]

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Prof. B V Mehta and B. K. Majmudar Award for being University first in BA (Economics)
- India Social Science Research Award by International Development Research Council (IDRC), Canada (2009)
- Selected as a member of the Indian Delegation for meeting Nobel Laureates of Economics in Lindau, Germany (2011) by The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and the German Research Foundation (DFG)

AREAS OF ACADEMIC INTEREST

- Broad: Development Studies in general and health and population policy in particular
- Specific: Health System issues like role of health in development, reciprocal relationship between education and health, health care-seeking behaviour, burden of health care expenditure on poor and coping mechanisms used by them in meeting out-of-pocket payment, health care financing models (like micro health insurance) for poor in informal sector, old age care taking models, urban health, reproductive and child health, global health, health implications of climate change

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Since early 2000, worked on a range of research projects (as principal investigator, co-investigator as well as part of a research consortium) on variety of development issues like development and displacement, agricultural power subsidy, corporate social responsibility, micro health insurance, two-child norm, urban health etc. These projects were funded by local, state, national as well as international bodies that gave exposure of doing fieldwork in most districts of Gujarat and also some other states of India.

RESEARCH OUTPUT

A] BOOKS

1. **Acharya Akash** (2012) 'Urban Health Issues of People Living in Low Income Settlements in Surat, India' LAP Publishing, Germany [ISBN: 978-3-659-20548-4]
2. **Acharya Akash** (2010) 'An Evaluation of Micro Health Insurance Schemes in India: A Case Study of Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA)' VDM Publishing House Ltd., Germany [ISBN: 973-3-639-25052-7]

B] BOOK CHAPTERS

1. (2012) **Acharya Akash** and Rajesh Bhat 'Population Policy and Panchayati Raj Institutions: Impact of the Two-child Norm in Gujarat', in G N Joshi and Yogesh Vansia (Ed.) *50 Years of socio-economic development in Gujarat: 1960-2010*, pp. 107-128 [ISBN: 978-81-922107-0-4]

2. **Acharya Akash** (2007) 'Micro Health Insurance: NGO Experience in Gujarat', in Mohammad Akram (Ed.) *Health Dynamics and Marginalised Communities*, Rawat Publications, pp.266-276 [ISBN: 81-316-0079-3]

C] PUBLICATIONS IN RESEARCH JOURNALS

1. **Acharya Akash** (2014) Single Female Migrants (SFM) in Surat City: Exploring the Survival Strategies and Challenges, *The Urban World*, Vol 7, No 3, July-Sept, pp. 64-71 [ISSN: 2349-0241]
2. Ghanekar Anuj, Vikas Desai, Hemant Desai, Suresh Rathi, **Akash Acharya** and Kalpesh Khatri (2014) 'Building Resilience to Climate Change and Health: Can Adolescents in Urban Slums be the Answer?', *Asian Journal of Research in Social Science and Humanities*, Vol 4, Issue 1, pp. 1-15 [ISSN: 2249-7315]
3. **Acharya Akash** (2013), 'વૃદ્ધોનાં સ્વસ્થતા અને આર્થિક સ્થિતિ', *Vishleshan*, July-December, pp. 54-59 [ISSN: 0973-6891]
4. **Acharya Akash** and Rajesh Bhat (2011) 'Population Policy and Panchayati Raj Institutions: Impact of the two-child norm in Gujarat' *Indian Economy Review* Vol VIII, (May-August), pp. 104-117
5. **Acharya Akash**, Biswaroop Das, Valerie Hood and Ronald Barrett (2011) 'Economic Implications of Public Health Intervention: Issues in Culling and Compensation Policy in case of Bird Flu, *Rajagiri Journal of Social Sciences* Vol II No II (June), pp. 147-160 [ISSN: 0973-3086]
6. **Acharya Akash** (2010) 'Access and Utilisation of Health Care Services in Urban Low-income Settlements in Surat' *VNSGU Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, 1(2), pp. 64-87 [ISSN: 0975-637X]
7. **Acharya Akash** and Paul McNamee (2009) 'Assessing Gujarat's Chiranjeevi Scheme' *Economic and Political Weekly*, 44 (48) pp. 13-15 [ISSN: 0012-9976]
8. **Acharya Akash** (2007) 'Delivering Health Care Services to the poor: Role of State, Market and NGOs', *The Indian Economy Review*, 4 (4) pp. 78-88
9. **Acharya Akash** and Ratnawali Sinha (2007) 'Ethics in Social Science Research: A Report on National Consultation and Training Programme' *Journal of Health and Development*, 2 (3&4) pp. 161-169 [ISSN: 0973-1814]
10. Devadasan N, Kent Ranson, Wim van Damme **Akash Acharya** and Bart Criel (2006) 'The landscape of community health insurance in India: An overview based on 10 case studies' *Health Policy*, 78 (2006) pp. 224-234 [ISSN: 0168-8510]
11. Bandewar Sunita, **Akash Acharya**, Ratnawali, Biswaroop Das and Sudarshan Iyengar (2006) 'Ethics in Social Science Research: Report of a National Consultation', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 41 (26) pp. 2702-2705 [ISSN: 0012-9976]
12. Sinha Tara, Kent Ranson, Mirai Chatterjee, **Akash Acharya** and Anne Mills (2006) 'Barriers faced by the poor in benefiting from community-based insurance services: lessons learnt from SEWA Insurance, Gujarat', *Health Policy and Planning* 21 (2) pp. 132-142 [ISSN: 0268-1080]

13. Visaria Leela, **Akash Acharya** and Francis Raj (2006) 'Two child norm: Victimising the Vulnerable?' Economic and Political Weekly 41 (1) pp. 41-48 [ISSN: 0012-9976]
14. **Akash Acharya** (2006) 'Land Acquisition, employment loss, and women's participation in income generation in the coastal belt of South Gujarat' Development in Practice 24, pp. 3-4, pp. 72-79 [ISSN: 2319-653X]
15. Ranson Kent, Tara Sinha, Mirai Chatterjee, **Akash Acharya**, Ami Bhavsar, Saul Morris and Anne Mills (2006), 'Making health insurance work for the poor: learning from SEWA's community-based health insurance scheme' Social Science and Medicine 62 (3) pp. 707-720 [ISSN: 0277-9536]
16. **Akash Acharya** and Kent Ranson (2005) 'Health Care Financing for the Poor: Community-based Health Insurance Schemes in Gujarat', Economic and Political Weekly 40 (38) pp. 4141-4150 [ISSN: 0012-9976]
17. Joshi Vidyut and **Akash Acharya** (2005) 'An overview of the power sector in India', Industrial Researcher 32 (3) pp. 3-7
18. **Akash Acharya** (2003) 'Land Acquisition, employment loss, and women's participation in income generation in the coastal belt of South Gujarat' Development in Practice 13 (1) pp. 97-103 [ISSN: 0961-4524]
19. **Akash Acharya** (2002) 'Land Acquisition, Loss of Employment and Women's Participation in Income Generation: A Case study of Coastal Belt of South Gujarat', Man & Development
20. 14 (3) pp.79-86 [ISSN: 0258-0438]
21. **Akash Acharya** (2000) 'Why Retain Retention Price Scheme?' Vishleshan, 25 (3) pp.33-36 [ISSN: 0973-6891]
22. **Akash Acharya** (2000) 'Migration from Hilly Areas' [letter], Economic and Political Weekly, 35 (34) [ISSN: 0012-9976]
23. **Akash Acharya** (2000) 'A Bold Film', [letter] Economic and Political Weekly, 35 (25) [ISSN: 0012-9976]

D] WORKING PAPERS

1. Bahinipati, C. S., U. Rajasekar, **Akash Acharya**, and Mehul Patel (2015), "*Flood induced economic loss and damage to textile industry in Surat city, India*" Asian Cities Climate Resilience Network (ACCRN) Working Paper Series 26, International Institute of Environment and Development (IIED), London, U.K.
2. **Akash Acharya** (2008) 'Access and Utilisation of Health Care Services in urban low-income settlements in Surat, India' CSS Working Paper No.5, January
3. Joshi Vidyut and **Akash Acharya** (2005) 'Addressing agricultural power subsidy: A case study of North Gujarat', available on www.esocialsciences.com and as CSS Working Paper No.2, July

E] RESEARCH REPORTS

1. **Acharya Akash** (2013) 'Survey and documentation of Non Resident Gujaratis' (NRG) contribution towards the development of Surat district, centre for social studies (mimeo.), June
2. **Acharya Akash** (2006) 'Health status, health needs and health care-seeking behaviour of people living in 22 slums of Surat city', Centre for Social Studies (mimeo.), November
3. **Acharya Akash**, Biswaroop Das, Kiran Pandya and Madhusudan Raj (2006) 'Surat 2006 Floods: A Citizens' report', Centre for Social Studies (mimeo.), October [also available on www.ssrn.com/abstract=940728]
4. **Acharya Akash** (2004) 'An evaluation of micro health insurance (MHI) schemes in India: A case study of Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA)', unpublished PhD thesis Veer Narmad South Gujarat University.
5. Ranson Kent, N. Devadasan **Akash Acharya** and RuthAnn Fanstone (2003) 'How to (or how not to) design a community based health-insurance scheme: Lessons learned from a review of Indian schemes', A report submitted to the World Bank, June
6. Joshi Vidyut and **Akash Acharya** (2002) 'Addressing Agricultural Power Subsidy: A Case Study of North Gujarat', Centre for Social Studies (mimeo.), April
7. **Acharya Akash** (2000) 'Women's Participation in Income Generation in Hazira Area', Centre for Social Studies (mimeo.), November

F] IN MAGAZINES/NEWSLETTERS/NEWSPAPERS [SELECTED]

Sumalatha B.S. and Akash Acharya (2012) 'Report on the 4th Nobel Laureate Meeting Dedicated to Economic Science Held in 2011 at Lindau, Germany, Nobel Times of Lindau, Lindau Alumni Newsletter, DFG India office, New Delhi, July.

(2012) 'સુમલથા બી.સી. અને અકાશ અચાર્યા દ્વારા તૈયાર કરાયેલ નોબલ પુરસ્કાર વિજેતાઓના મુલાકાતના અહેવાલ' નોબલ ટાઇમ્સ ઓફ લિન્ડાઉ, જુલાઈ ૨૦૧૨.

Acharya Akash (2010) 'Is Wealthy Surat Healthy Too?', Times of India, 28th December

Acharya Akash (2006) 'Micro Health Insurance Models: Lessons learnt and way forward' Health Action, July, pp. 7-10

'સુમલથા બી.સી.' (2005) 'સુસ્વસ્થ સુરત: સુસ્વસ્થ સુરતના નિર્માણ', સુસ્વસ્થ, ઓગસ્ટ ૧૬

Acharya Akash (2004) 'Micro Health Insurance: NGO Experience in Gujarat', Silver Jubilee Symposium souvenir, Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), Anand, December

Acharya Akash (2004) 'Health Insurance for Poor: NGO experience in India', Conference souvenir, Department of Health Services Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, January

Acharya Akash (1999) 'Alternative window for export finance', Indian Express, January 6

More than 100 write-ups published in the 'letter to the editor' section of both Gujarati and English Newspapers (Economic Times, Times of India etc.) and Magazines. About a dozen articles published in Gujarati Newspapers.

Quoted frequently (as CSS faculty) in local and national press.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND TEACHING

Presented work at places like

John Hopkins University (**JHU**) London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (**LSHTM**), Tata Institute of Social Sciences (**TISS**), Institute of Rural Management Anand (**IRMA**), World Congress of the International Health Economics Association (**iHEA** – in absentia), Gujarat Economic Association's (GEA), Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (VNSGU), Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (**IGIDR**), Azim Premji University, Centre for Social Studies (**CSS**) etc.

Organised (with others) an International Conference on Gujarat Society After Five Decades: Retrospect and Prospect, 18-20 January, 2012 at CSS, Surat.

Organised (with Gauri Raje) a workshop on 'Healing, Medical Power and the Poor: Contests in Tribal India' at CSS in collaboration with the Centre for History of Medicine (CHM), University of Warwick, UK, March 21-23, 2007

Organised (With Ratnawali) a National Consultation on "Ethics in Social Science Research" at Centre for Social Studies (CSS), Surat, December 2-3, 2005. (in collaboration with Cehat)

Organised (with Kent Ranson) an international workshop on "health related household survey methodology" for Health Economics and Financing Programme (HEFP) of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), Ahmedabad, September 21-24, 2004

Have been working as a resource person in the ICSSR sponsored annual CSS course on Computer Applications in Social Sciences (CASS) and also taking occasional guest lectures in VNSGU Departments and serving as an external expert for PhD (Management) progress seminars in SVNIT

VISITS ABROAD [ACADEMIC]

1. **Indonesia** (2016)- Invited by **ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION (RF)** to attend a learning forum of its network Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN), Semarang, Indonesia during May 23-25 [supported by RF]
2. **USA** (2013) – Invited by **Emory University** in Atlanta for a project (Social Networks among Marginalized Population at Risk for Avian Influenzas) meeting. [Supported by the National Science Foundation – NSF]
3. **Germany** (2011) – Selected and participated in the '4th Meeting of Winners of the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences' in Lindau, Germany during 22-28 August 2011 [supported by ICSSR and DFG] Also visited St. Gallen University in **Switzerland**
4. **USA** (2007) – Invited by **JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY** and **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND** on Gates Scholarship to present paper in 6th International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH), Baltimore, USA, October 31-November 2 [supported by Gates Foundation]
5. **Germany** (2005) - Invited by **UNIVERSITY OF HEIDELBERG** (Department of Tropical Hygiene and Public Health), to discuss academic collaboration, Heidelberg, Germany, during June 8-15 [supported by DFG Project]
6. **England** (2002) - Invited by **UNIVERSITY OF LONDON** (School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine - LSHTM) to attend a capacity development workshop in LONDON (UK), during December 2-6 [supported by DFID and Wellcome Trust]

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

1. Member, International Health Economics Association (iHEA)
2. Member, Indian Health Economics and Policy Association (IHEPA)
3. Member, Gujarat Economic Association (GEA)
4. Consultant, Gujarat State Aids Control Society (GSACS)
5. Trustee, Nachiketa, an NGO working on educational issues in Gujarat
6. Trustee, Lokvikas, an NGO working on health issues in Gujarat
7. Trustee, Surat City Climate Change Trust (SCCT)
8. Peer-Reviewer for the *Lancet*, *Health Policy and Planning*, ISEC Working Papers etc.
9. Editorial Advisory Board, *Quest in Education Research Journal*
10. Fulbright Campus Representative (FCR) Fulbright Fellowships, USA
11. Member, Ethics Committee, Municipal Medical College (SMIMER), Surat
12. Member, NRG Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Surat
13. Founder Member, The Indian Stammering Association (TISA)
14. Recognised PhD Guide in Economics by Gujarat Vidyapith and UTU
15. Member, Steering Committee, 100RC (Surat) Project, Rockefeller Foundation

REFERENCES

- Available (both Indian and International) on request