

Short Biography

Kakali Mukhopadhyay was a former Professor of Economics at Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (GIPE), Pune, India and Adjunct Professor/ Senior fellow associate at McGill University, Department of Agricultural Economics (2016-2023). She earned an M.Phil. and Ph.D. in economics with a specialization in energy and environment from Jadavpur University, Calcutta, India. She has been a senior advisor of E3-India Model, a collaborative initiative of Regulatory Assistance Project, Vermont, USA and Cambridge Econometrics, UK, providing high level inputs for its development and validation.

Prior to joining McGill in 2007, she was a postdoctoral research fellow and subsequently a faculty at the Center for Development and Environmental Policy, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, and Madras School of Economics, Chennai, India. She was also a postdoctoral/visiting fellow/visiting research scholar of the Faculty of Business Management, Oulu University (Finland 2001,2007); Stockholm Environment Institute (Sweden 2001); the SOM Research School, Groningen University (the Netherlands 2003); UNU MERIT, Maastricht University (the Netherlands 2003;2010;2019); OECD (2017) and the School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of Technology (Thailand 2005). Additionally, she has served as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the De La Salle University, Manila, the Philippines (2014,2016), and as a visiting professor at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing (2017).

Her research focuses on energy and environment, trade and environment, air pollution and health, regional economic integration, R&D, Global Value Chain, economics of health and Nutrition, and food safety. She has received several international fellowships and awards by the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Indo-Dutch Program, the Ford Foundation, and the Presidential Award from the Chinese Government. She has also received the Best Professor Award in Energy and Environmental Economics in 2017 and 2018, under the National Education Award in India. She holds a key expert position at the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and similar positions in ASEAN Vision 2025, the Asian Development Bank, and Shastri Indo-Canadian Program. As the Project Director, the first-of-its-kind regional Supply Use Table for the state of Maharashtra was constructed, sponsored by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Maharashtra at GIPE, Pune.

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She has over 110 publications including peer-reviewed journal articles of international repute and several books, edited book chapters, popular articles and working papers. She has authored seven books in various fields of energy, environmental pollution, trade and I-O modelling. She has completed several studies on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, UN-ESCAP, UNCTAD, Asian Development Bank, ERIA-Indonesia, Shastri-Indo Canadian Institute, Public Health Agency of Canada, Genome Canada and Genome Quebec, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, BioFuelNet Canada, West Bengal Renewable Energy Development Agency, Indian Council of Social Science Research, Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Maharashtra and South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics—SANDEE.