

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Development
Migration and urbanization
Food and nutrition
Livelihoods
Social Policy
Gender

EDUCATION

- 2011-16 PhD in Geography, University of Sydney, Australia.
Dissertation: Livelihoods on the move: understanding the linkages between migration and household food security in India.
- 2009-10 Master of Population Studies, International Institute for Population Sciences, India.
Dissertation: Disability in India: a historical and contemporary demographic perspective.
- 2007-09 Master of Arts in Globalisation and Labor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India.
Dissertation: Impact of organised retail on the unorganised retailers: a case study of Mumbai.
- 2006-07 Diploma in Population Studies, International Institute for Population Sciences, India.
Dissertation: Macroeconomic implications of demographic transition in India.
- 2001-04 Bachelors of Arts, University of Rajasthan, India, 2001-04
Major subjects: Sociology, Public Administration and Political Science

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Oct 2020- Continuing Assistant Professor, School of Social Sciences, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, India.
- Apr 2018-Sep 2020 *Postdoctoral Research Associate*, Urban Studies Institute, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA.
- Mar 2016-Mar 2018 *Assistant Professor*, School of Development Studies, Institute for Health Management Research, Jaipur, India.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

One of the twenty students from Asia to have been awarded Australian Government's highly prestigious 'Prime Minister Australia Asia Postgraduate Award' for PhD research, 2011-15.

Qualified for the Junior Research Fellowship for PhD research, University Grants Commission, India, 2010.

Qualified the National Eligibility Test (NET) of University Grants Commission, India, 2010 for lectureship eligibility in India.

Government of India Fellowship to pursue Master of Population Studies at the International Institute for Population Sciences, India, 2009-10.

C. Chandrasekaran Gold Medal for first rank in Diploma in Population Studies, 2006-07 International Institute for Population Sciences, India, 2006-07.

J. R. Rele Award (Gold Medal) for best dissertation in Diploma in Population Studies, International Institute for Population Sciences, India, 2006-07.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Choithani, C. (2023). *Migration, food security and development: insights from rural India*. Cambridge and New Delhi: Cambridge University Press.

Pritchard, B., Rammohan, A., Sekher, M., Parasuraman, S., Choithani, C. (2014). *Feeding India: livelihoods, entitlements and capabilities*. Oxon: Earthscan (Routledge).

Peer-reviewed Journal articles

Choithani, C., Jaleel CP, Abdul and Rajan, Irudaya S. (2024). Rural-urban transition and food security in India. *Global Food Security*, Vol 42 (100780), pp. 1-10. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gfs.2024.100780>

Van Duijne, R. J., Nijman, J., and Choithani, C. (2023). Injected Urbanism? Exploring India's urbanizing periphery. *Economic Geography*, Vol 99(2), pp. 161-190 doi: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00130095.2022.2133696>

Choithani, C., Van Duijne, R. J., and Nijman, J. (2021). Changing livelihoods at India's rural-urban transition. *World Development*, Vol 146, pp. 1-17. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2021.105617>

Van Duijne, R. J., Choithani, C. and Pfeffer, K. (2020). New urban geographies of West Bengal, East India. *Journal of Maps*, Vol 16(1), pp. 172-183.

Choithani, C. (2020). Gendered livelihoods: migrating men, left behind women and household food security in India. *Gender, Place and Culture*, Vol 27(10), pp. 1373-1394.

Prusty, R., Choithani C., Gupta, S. D. (2018). Predictors of hysterectomy among married women 15–49 years in India. *Reproductive Health*, Vol 15(3), pp. 1-11.

Choithani, C. (2017). Understanding the linkages between migration and household food security in India. *Geographical Research*, Vol 55(2), pp. 192-205.

Pritchard, B., Dixon, J., Hull, E., and Choithani, C. (2016). Stepping back and moving in': the role of the state in the contemporary food regime. *Journal of Peasant Studies*, Vol 43(3), pp. 693-710.

Choithani, C. and Pritchard, B. (2015). Assessing Bihar's coupons-based Public Distribution System: importance of local context. *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 50(3), pp. 61-68.

Reports and Policy papers

Choithani, C., Jaleel CP, Abdul and Rajan, Irudaya S. (2023). *Rural-urban transition and food security in India*. MiFood Paper No. 12. Waterloo: Balsillie School of International Affairs.
<https://hungrycities.net/publication/rural-urban-transition-and-food-security-in-india/>

Choithani, C. (2021). *Of left-behind places and people: inequality, labour migration and development in India*. NIAS Working Paper (NIAS/SSc/IHD/U/WP/22/2021). Bangalore: National Institute of Advanced Studies.

Choithani, C. (2016). Food and nutrition security issues in Rajasthan. *Background paper for Rajasthan Human Development Report 2016*. Government of Rajasthan.

Choithani, C. (2009). *Entry of corporate retail and its impact on small shops and street hawkers: a case study from Mumbai*. New Delhi: Focus on the Global South.

Book chapters

Ladusingh, L. and Choithani, C. (2008). *Macroeconomic implications of demographic transition in India*. In Alok Ranjan (Ed.), *Population and Health in India 2008* (pp. 7-19). Bhopal: Shyam Institute.

Columns/Op-eds

Goli, S. and Choithani, C. (2022). '[Don't get old before getting rich](#)', published in *Financial Express* on July 23, 2021.

Choithani, C. (2021). '[Food security enigma: Child malnutrition high, despite economic growth](#)', published in *The New Indian Express* on December 26, 2021.

Choithani, C. and Roshania, R. (2020). '[Why do we treat internal migrants differently from international migrants?](#)' published in *The Wire* on May 28, 2020.

Choithani, C. (2020). '[What happens to the wives of male migrant workers, who run entire households in villages?](#)', published in *The Wire* on April 01, 2020.

Choithani, C. (2018). '[Why India needs to urgently worry about migration caused by climate change](#)', published in *Business Standard* on June 25, 2018.

Choithani, C. (2018). '[How will India respond to internal climate migration?](#)', published in *The Wire* on June 24, 2018.

Choithani, C. and Pritchard, B. (2015). '[The significance of local power structures in Bihar's coupon-based PDS](#)', published in *Ideas for India* on August 17, 2015.

Pritchard, B. and Choithani, C. (2015). [‘PDS and political power in Bihar’](#), published in *The Livemint* on August 17, 2015.

Pritchard, B. and Choithani, C. (2014). [‘Hunger games: changing targets and politics of global nutrition’](#). published in *The Conversation* on September 26, 2014.

COURSES TAUGHT

In my role of Postdoctoral Researcher at Georgia State University and Assistant Professor at the Institute of Health Management Research (IHMR) and National Institute of Advanced Studies, I have instructed/co-instructed following courses for postgraduate management students and doctoral scholars:

- i) Urban Economic Resilience (PhD level course at Georgia State University, co-instructed with Prof. Jan Nijman)
- ii) Urbanization, Development and Exclusion (PhD level course at NIAS, sole instructor)
- iii) Health and Development (Master-level course at IHMR, sole instructor)
- iii) Livelihood systems (Master-level course at IHMR, sole instructor)
- iv) Introduction to inequality (co-offered with colleagues from Inequality and Human Development Programme at NIAS)

RESEARCH GRANTS/PROJECTS

1. Project title: Migration, Urbanization and Food Security in the Global South: Evidence from Urban India
Funding agency: Australian Consulate under Australia Alumni Grant Scheme 2023
Position: Chief Investigator
Timeline: 2023-2024

2. Project title: India’s Emergent Urban Formations
Funding agency: Dutch Science Foundation (NWO) and Georgia State University
Project Team: Jan Nijman (Principal Investigator), Chetan Choithani and Robbin Jan Van Duijne
Position: Postdoctoral Researcher
Timeline: 2018-2020

3. Project title: Institutions for Food Security: Global Insights from Rural India
Funding agency: Australian Research Council
Position: PhD Student
Project Team: Bill Pritchard (Principal Investigator), Anu Rammohan, Madhushree Sekher and Chetan Choithani
Timeline: 2010-2014

INVITED TALKS/LECTURES/INTERVIEWS

Podcast interview for New Books Network on my book *Migration, Food Security and Development: Insights from Rural India* (December 09, 2023). This podcast is available online at <https://newbooksnetwork.com/migration-food-security-and-development> as well as on New Books Network’s Spotify and Apple Podcast channels

Migration, Food Security and Development, invited book talk in the seminar series of MiFood Network, Balsillie School of International Affairs, Waterloo (December 05, 2023). Talk available online https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btg-TaBgYXY&t=435s&ab_channel=BalsillieSchoolofInternationalAffairs

Migration, Food Security and Development, invited book talk in the seminar series of Liberal Arts Department of IIT-Hyderabad (April 26, 2023).

From Hunger prevention to livelihood promotion: redesigning India's safety nets, invited talk given at a roundtable organised by the Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas, IIT-Bombay, Mumbai (March 20, 2023).

Invited panellist for discussion on the topic *Indian economy to be the third largest economy by 2027: growth or development?* organised by the Department of Economics of Mount Carmel College as part of their Platinum Jubilee conference on "Economy @ 75: Roadmap for India at 100" (February 16, 2023).

Labour migration, informality and development in India, lecture delivered as a part of Urban Fellows Programme 2022 of Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Bangalore (December 13, 2022).

Beyond the metropolis: emerging urban geographies of India, lecture delivered as a part of Platinum Jubilee Lecture Series of the Department of Geography of Banaras Hindu University, Banaras (August 03, 2022).

Migration narrative in India (with Reshma Roshania), talk delivered in undergraduate seminar course on 'Narrating Migration' of Department of Media, Culture and Communication, New York University – Steinhardt School (November 4, 2020).

Exploring India's emergent urban formations: case studies of West Bengal and Bihar (with Jan Nijman and Robbin Jan van Duijne), talks at Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta (September 03, 2019), and Indian Institute of Technology, Patna (September 04, 2019).

Migration, food security and development, talk delivered as part of Urban Studies Institute Speaker Series, Georgia State University (September 06, 2018).

Food and nutrition security: a global perspective, lecture delivered for the students of Master in International Public Health, University of Sydney, Australia, 2014.

Right to food: an unfinished agenda, lecture delivered for the students of Master in International Human Rights, University of Sydney, Australia, 2013.

MAJOR ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

India's hidden urbanization: an alternative look at the rural-urban transition in Bihar and West Bengal (with Jan Nijman and Robbin Jan van Duijne), paper presented at the International Sociological Association's RC21 2019 conference titled 'In and Beyond the City: Emerging Ontologies, Persistent Challenges and Hopeful Futures', held at India Habitat Center in Delhi, India during September 18-21, 2019.

Migration and changing agrarian relations: insights from India, paper presented at the XXV Agri-Food conference titled 'Celebrating 25 years of the Australasian Agri-food Research Network – Exploring past, present and future contributions to agri-food studies', held at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia during Dec 02-05, 2018.

Migration, food security and sustainable development agenda, paper presented at 'Fifth Annual Monash Business School's Conference on Sustainable Development', held in Prato, Italy during June 26-27, 2017.

Integrating migration in food policy research and practice, paper presented at the VII annual international conference of Asian Dynamics Initiative of Copenhagen University titled 'Food, Feeding and Eating in and out of Asia', held during 24-26 June, 2015 in Copenhagen.

Rural land, urban remittances: circular migration, rural-urban linkages and household food security in India, paper presented at the XXI Agri-Food Conference (Food, Planet, People), held in Sydney, Australia during November 24-26, 2014.

Livelihoods on the move: understanding the linkages between migration and household food security in rural India, paper presented at the XVIII International Sociological Association's World Congress of Sociology, held in Yokohama, Japan during 13-19 July, 2014.

JOURNAL REFERRING

Annals of Association of American Geographers; Gender, Place and Culture; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography; Global Food Security; Food Security (Springer); Global Environmental Change; Journal of Population and Social Studies; Climate and Development; Economic and Political Weekly; Indian Journal of Human Development; National University of Singapore's Asia Research Institute Working Paper Series

PROFESSIONAL/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

May-December 2011	University of Sydney, Australia Designation: Research Assistant Project: Institutions for food security: global insights from rural India Funding body: Australian Research Council
September-December 2010	International Institute for Population Sciences, India; Harvard School of Public Health and Rand Corporation, United States Designation: Research Officer Project: Longitudinal ageing study in India Funding body: National Institute of Health, United States
June-December 2008	Focus on the Global South, India Designation: Research Intern Project: Independent research project on the food retail industry in Mumbai
Nov 2004-June 2006	Parivar Seva Sanstha, India Designation: Project Assistant Job profile: Providing managerial, administrative and technical support in research, field surveys and programmatic interventions carried out by the organisation on reproductive health issues in the Indian state of Rajasthan.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Sex	:	Male
Nationality	:	India
Languages	:	English, Hindi, Sindhi

REFEREES

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DECLARATION

I declare that the information furnished above is true to the best of my knowledge.

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