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## SUMMARY

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Experienced economic and public policy professional.

### Key roles

<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<b>Lecturer, Economics</b> for MBA and Masters of Finance students
<i>Australia</i>	<b>Senior Economist</b> , Department of Treasury and Finance, Victoria <b>Executive Client Manager</b> , Victorian WorkCover Authority
<i>USA</i>	<b>Lecturer</b> , Economics, University of Southern California <b>Consultant</b> , World Bank
<i>India</i>	<b>Commissioner and Secretary to the Government</b> of Meghalaya in the Information Technology, Housing, and Arts and Culture Departments <b>Professor of Management</b> , Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, Government of India

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## CHRONOLOGICAL

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### *CONTRACTUAL TEACHING ASSIGNMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA*

<b>Mohammed Bin Salman College, Saudi Arabia</b>	<b>09/2022 – 12/2022</b>
<b>Lecturer, Economics</b>	<b>9/2022 – 12/2022</b>
Taught Economics to two groups of students, one group studying for their Executive MBA and the other group studying for a Masters degree in Finance. MBSC is the premier business and entrepreneurship college of Saudi Arabia run in collaboration with Babson's College, led by Dr. Zeger Degraeve, former Dean of Melbourne Business School. Its faculty includes eminent teachers and researchers including a former Professor of Economics of London School of Economics.	

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### *ROLES IN THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SECTOR*

<b>Department of Treasury and Finance, Victoria</b>	<b>11/2005 – 09/2020</b>
<b>Senior Economist &amp; Senior Manager</b>	<b>9/2006 – 09/2020</b>
Worked in a range of programs and policy projects such as <i>Reducing the Regulatory Burden</i> , regulatory policy development, agriculture and forest policy, water policy, energy policy and town planning policy. Advised the Victorian Cabinet through the Treasurer of Victoria on an extensive range of Cabinet submissions.	
<b>Senior Adviser, Occupational Health and Safety Policy</b>	<b>11/2005 – 8/2006</b>
Promoted to the upper end of VPS6. Supported the Deputy Secretaries Group comprising ten departments and Victoria Police in its oversight of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) leadership in the Victorian Public Service.	
<b>Victorian WorkCover Authority, Victoria</b>	<b>3/2001 – 11/2005</b>
<b>Executive Client Manager, Public Sector &amp; Community Services</b>	<b>10/2004 – 11/2005</b>
<u>Promoted</u> to an executive role with oversight over a team comprising a Project Officer and numerous Field Officers through a matrix relationship. Responsible for enhancing OHS in the education industry including universities and schools.	
<b>Research, Project, and Program Evaluation roles</b>	<b>3/2001 – 9/2004</b>
Commenced Australian career as a Research Officer. Promoted to project manager.	

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*ROLES IN THE INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE*

**Indian Administrative Service****09/1982 - 01/2001**

The Indian Administrative Service (IAS) is the senior executive civil service of India. About 100 members are selected for appointment each year from a pool of over 200 000 applicants. Its members hold most leadership positions in government departments and state-owned agencies in India.

**Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya****9/1999-11/2000**

Directly reported to Ministers in four Departments: (i) Information Technology, (ii) Housing, (iii) Arts & Culture, and (iv) Information and Public Relations. Advised the Government on strategic and policy issues for the Meghalaya state (population 2.5 million). Had oversight over a range of initiatives implemented across the state through a staff exceeding 1,000.

**Professor of Management, National Academy of Administration****2/1994 – 8/1994**

Taught senior civil servants and public sector managers of India the elements of corporate finance, financial engineering and financial analysis, international finance, and public policy.

**Other senior leadership roles****9/1982 –2/1994**

- Secretary to the Government in the Education Department, Assam in 1993. Had oversight of policy for all secondary schools in the state (population 25 million).
- Chief Executive of the rural economic development agency of Assam with expenditure of over \$100 million USD annually.
- Headed the Computer Applications Directorate in Assam.
- Head of the district administration (1988-1990). Co-ordinated thousands of employees in several departments including police, health and education.

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*IN THE USA, 1994-99*

- **Lecturer of Economics** at the University of Southern California, a role given to the highest scoring PhD student of the year (also had the All-University Fellowship, awarded only to one student in the economics department each year).
- Prepared a paper for the *World Development Report*, 2000 as **Consultant** to the World Bank.
- Projected USA social security cash flows, resources, and obligations into the 21st century as **Consultant** with Peter Scranton & Associates, Los Angeles.

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*EDUCATION*

SPECIALISATION	DEGREE/ DIPLOMA	UNIVERSITY	YEAR
Economics	<b>Doctor of Philosophy</b> <sup>1</sup>	University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA	1999
Management	<b>Post Graduate Diploma</b> in <i>Business (Economics and Finance)</i>	Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Australia	1993
	<b>Graduate Diploma</b> in <i>Frontline Management</i>	University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia	2005
Mathematics	<b>Bachelor of Science</b> with Honours in Mathematics	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Panjab, India	1979

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*SELECTED PUBLICATIONS*

**Opinion editorials**

- Opinion editorials published in the *Times of India*, *The Wire*, *News18*, *Australian Financial Review*, *The Australian* and *The Spectator*. An online blog in *The Times of India*.

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<sup>1</sup> *Fields of specialisation for PhD*: applied micro-economics, economic demography, development economics, political economy and public policy. Substantial course work in econometrics. Prior to the PhD, obtained two Masters Degrees in Economics – one each from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles and the Panjab University, Chandigarh.

**Books**

- *Do lockdowns and border closures serve the “greater good”? A cost-benefit analysis of Australia’s reaction to COVID-19*, Gigi Foster with Sanjeev Sabhlok, Connor Court Publishing, 2022.
- *The Great Hysteria and The Broken State*, Connor Court Publishing, 2020.
- *Breaking Free of Nehru*, Anthem Press, 2008.

**PhD dissertation**

- [\*Institutions and the Search for Security in Old Age: Fertility Behavior, Labor Force Participation, Savings, Insurance, and Bequests in Rural Thailand.\*](#)

*Advisors:* Jeffrey B. Nugent, Richard A. Easterlin, Cheng Hsiao, John E. Elliott, H.W. Richardson.

*Abstract:* This research is a test of a theory of fertility in which the demand for children is modeled as a function of the expectations of old age care and the reliability of the implicit contract with children. Growth of economic opportunities and various life-cycle behaviours are controlled for. The empirical tests of the model use an extensive survey dataset from Thailand that was commissioned by the International Labour Organisation.

**Presentations at professional meetings**

- ‘Institutions and the Old Age Security Theory of Fertility in Rural Thailand,’ at the Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, 1999, New York.
- ‘A Case Study of Differences in State Performance in Fertility Reduction in India,’ at the Population Reference Bureau Session, Population Association of America, 1998, Chicago.