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EDUCATION

PERIOD	DEGREE	INSTITUTE
2014-2018	PhD	Deptt of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University
2010-2011	MSc Economics & Econometrics	University of Nottingham, UK, 73.2% (3 rd rank out of 130 students)
2007-2010	M.Phil	Faculty of Business Economics, Delhi University, 73.75% (1 st rank)
2002-2004	MA Economics	Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, 55%
1998-2001	BA (H) Economics	Ramjas College, Delhi University, 55.75%
1996-1998	Senior Secondary	Sainik School Tilaiya, CBSE, 82%

PhD

Trends, Determinants & Impacts of Mergers & Acquisitions: A Study of Select Companies in IT Sector
Supervisors: Prof. R.N. Kar and Dr. Niti Bhasin

M.Phil

Estimating the worth of Hauzkhas District Park using Contingent Valuation Methodology
Supervisor: Dr. Yamini Gupt

Additional Courses

- Refresher course in Economics- Contemporary issues in Economics; ARPIT, MHRD; September- December 2019.
- Refresher course for lecturers- Contemporary issues in Commerce and Management; Punjab University; December 2017.
- Orientation course for lecturers; Jawaharlal Nehru University; April-May 2014.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching

Teaching for economic policy practitioners

Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi

Guest Lecturer; Three weeks in August, 2007

Application of Econometrics for trainee Indian Economic Services officers at the using specialised software solutions

Vivekanand Institute of Professional Studies, GGS IP University, Delhi

Guest faculty; July, 2018

Faculty Development Programme: Economy of New India: Turnaround or Turmoil

Teaching at postgraduate level

School of Social Sciences, IGNOU

Guest Lecturer; September 2011 to December 2012

Econometrics to M.Sc. students (contact program)

Teaching at undergraduate level

Shaheed Bhagat Singh Evening College (SBSEC), Delhi University

Assistant Professor; July 2008 onwards

Mathematical Economics for BA (H) Economics under Four Years Undergraduate Programme,
General Elective courses of Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Indian Economy to the Honors Students,
Various papers to B. Com and B.A. students.

Ramjas College, Delhi University

Lecturer; July 2007 to July 2008

Microeconomics for BA (H) Economics and Economics for B.Sc (H) Physics

Rajdhani College, Delhi University

Lecturer; September 2005 to April 2006

Indian Economy for B.A.(H) III year and B.A.(P) III year.

Research

National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Delhi

Research Associate; May 2004 to August 2005

- NHA's Golden Quadrilateral Project on "Policy on Concession in Tolling"
- "An Exploration of Leisure and Holiday Trips in India" sponsored by Ministry of Tourism
- "Governance, Institutions and Targeting of the Rural Poor: Evidence from Uttar Pradesh" prepared for ADB institution, Tokyo.

ADMINISTRATIVE & OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Teacher-in-Charge, Department of Economics, SBSEC, 2019-2020.
- Convener, Admission Eligibility Check Committee, SBSEC 2018 and 2019.
- Convener, National Young Economist Conclave 2019, Department of Economics, SBSEC.
- Expert for Economics for interview panel to select contractual teacher by Kendriya Vidyalaya, New Delhi.
- Convener, Debating Society, SBSEC, 2009-2011 and 2013-2015.
- Contributed actively as faculty member in International Conference on the topic Multinational Enterprises and Sustainable Development organised by the college in December 2012.
- Participated in Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE), 2003 held in Bangalore. This was first time held in any developing country with the topic 'Accelerating Development'.
- Participated in four days residential Liberty and Society seminar, 2001 organised by Centre for Civil Society.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Helped in designing methodology used for devolution, and in translating it into specific allocations to Urban and Rural bodies for **fifth State Finance Commission report of Haryana**.
- Associated with new and upcoming policy think-tanks like Global Village Foundation and Policy Research Foundation and help researchers by mentoring them on the economic issues related to the ongoing and emerging issues.
- Evaluation of Enterprise Promotion Policy 2015 of Haryana Government from the perspective of potential beneficiaries and Conduct of Awareness programme, Haryana Institute of Public Administration (HIPA), Government of Haryana sponsored project, as **Principal Investigator/Project Leader**.
- Religious segregation in the residential pattern in Delhi: A study in causes, measurement and consequences, Delhi University Innovation Project, 2014-15, as a co-investigator.
- The benefits of Modifying Social Enterprise within Higher Education's Social Sciences Curriculum, UK-India Education and Research Initiative and UGC joint sponsored project, 2017-18.

PUBLICATION – BOOKS, PAPERS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

Book

- Dhingra, I.C., Dhingra, N., & Soni, A. (2015). *International Trade*. Book Age Publications, ISBN 9789383281169.

Research Paper in Peer reviewed Journals and edited books

- Soni, A., Varma, S., & Chandra, A. (forthcoming, 2020). Impact of M&As on employment in the Indian Information Technology (IT) Industry. *Indian Journal of Labour Economics* (Springer, Scopus and ABDC listed). doi :10.1007/s41027-020-00232-7.
- Varma, S., Bhatnagar, A., Santra, S. & Soni, A. (accepted, 2020). Drivers of Indian FDI to Africa – An initial exploratory analysis. *Transnational Corporations Review* (Taylor & Francis, Scopus and ABDC listed).
- Soni, A., Kar, R.N., & Bhasin, N. (2019). Understanding the Paradigm Shift in Strategy of M&As in India in Volatile Period through Motive Analysis: Evidences from IT Industry. *Global Business Review* (Sage, Scopus and ABDC listed). <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0972150919879299>
- Choudhary, K., Singh, P., & Soni, A. (2019). Relationship between FII's Herding and Returns in Indian Equity Market: Further Empirical Evidence. *Global Business Review* (Sage, Scopus and ABDC listed). <https://doi.org/10.1177/0972150919845223>
- Kar, R.N. & Soni, A. (2018). Understanding the Strategy of M&As in the globalized perspective: Experiences from Indian IT Industry In R. Oberai & J. Halsall (Ed.) *Reappraising globalization from borderless to gated globe* (Springer).

- Soni, A. (2018). Insights on Strategies of Indian Firms in Post-Liberalized Period Through M&As in IT Sector In M. Arora & R.L.Sharma (Ed.) *Communication, Entrepreneurship and Finance: Renegotiating Diverse Perspectives* (Anamika).
- Kar, R.N. & Soni, A. (2018). Understanding the Dynamics of M&As in Indian IT Sector: An Analysis of the Trends, Patterns, and Directions. *Journal of Operations and Strategic Planning* (Sage) 1(1), 1-20. doi: 10.1177/2516600X18774195
- Varma, S., Kar, R. N., Soni, A., & Suder, G. (2017). Drivers of emerging market cross border mergers and acquisitions: evidence from the Indian IT industry. *Transnational Corporations Review* (Taylor & Francis), 9(4), 360-374. doi: 10.1080/19186444.2017.1401266
- Kar, R.N. & Soni, A. (2016). Paradigm Shift of Indian Companies under Global Uncertainty: Evidence from Trend, Motive and Impact Analysis of Mergers and Acquisitions in IT Sector. *Focus Journal of International Business* (Journal Press India) 3(2), 35-57. doi: 10.17492/focus.v3i2.7866
- Kar, R.N. & Soni, A. (2016). Willingness to Pay for Sustainable Development: An Empirical study of Delhi Region. *The Discussant: Journal of Centre for Reforms, Development and Justice*, IV(1). http://www.crdj.in/files/DISCUSSANT_march-2016.pdf
- Samal, G. P., Swain, A. K., Sahoo, A., & Soni, A. (2015). Market Efficiency of Agricultural Commodity Futures in India: A case of Selected Commodity Derivatives Traded on NCDEX during 2013. *International Journal of Business and Management Invention*, 4(1). <https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/87a5/c34c39af5a6aa7cae110bcfd4db7c4f978cf.pdf>
- Soni, A. & Goel, D. (2014). Discrimination & determinants of wage in India: An analysis from NSSO 66 round data. *Focus Journal of International Business* (Journal Press India) 1(2). <https://doi.org/10.17492/focus.v1i2.2487>
- Kar, R.N., Soni, A., & Singh, C. K. (2014). Assessing the Impact of Mergers and Acquisitions on Firm Performance: Evidence from India. *Focus Journal of International Business* (Journal Press India) 1(1). <https://doi.org/10.17492/focus.v1i1.2474>

Research Papers with work in progress

- Bhasin, N., Kar, R.N., & Soni, A. (Revision). Do Institutional and Macroeconomic factors matter in IT companies M&As? Evidence from India. *Business Perspectives and Research* (Sage, Scopus and ABDC listed)
- Kar, R.N., Bhasin, N., & Soni, A. (Revision). Role of M&A on Corporate Performance: Emerging Perspectives from Indian IT Sector. *Transnational Corporations Review* (Taylor & Francis, Scopus and ABDC listed)

PUBLICATION – MEDIA

- Transforming the rural economy could be way out of the current crisis. <https://myind.net/Home/viewArticle/reviving-the-rural-economy-will-be-critical-for-reviving-growth>, 17 July 2020.
- Modi government's two Strategic Ideas-Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan and Be-Vocal-for-Local, for post COVID era. <https://myind.net/Home/viewArticle/modi-governments-two-strategic-ideas-atmanirbhar-bharat-abhiyaan-and-be-vocal-for-local-for-post-covid-era>, 29 May 2020.
- How do residents of Delhi view the threat of Pollution?, MyIndMakers. <https://www.myind.net/how-do-residents-delhi-view-threat-pollution>, 05 June 2016.
- Trend and Pattern of Mergers and Acquisitions by Indian IT Companies: Implications for Policy Measures, MyIndMakers. <https://www.myind.net/trend-and-pattern-mergers-and-acquisitions-indian-it-companies-implications-policy-measures>, 07 May 2016.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- “Do Institutional and Macroeconomic factors matter in IT companies M&As? Evidence from India” The paper was presented at the Sixth Biennial Conference of the Indian Academy of Management (INDAM 2020) held at IIM Trichy, 02-04 January 2020.
- “The role of quality certification in cross border mergers and acquisitions- evidence from the Indian IT industry” The paper was presented at the Sixth Biennial Conference of the Indian Academy of Management (INDAM 2020) held at IIM Trichy, 02-04 January 2020. **(won the best paper of the track award)**
- “The role of quality certification in cross border mergers and acquisitions- evidence from the Indian IT industry” The paper was presented at the AIB-India 2019 Conference held at ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad, 22-24 April 2019.
- “Asymmetric Information as a Source of Governance Failure: A Case of Enterprise Promotion Policy 2015 of Haryana” The paper was presented at the International Conference organized by IQAC, Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi, New Delhi, 5-6 March 2018.
- “Empirical Evidences of Social Enterprises in India” The paper was presented at the International Conference organized by IQAC, Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi, New Delhi, 5-6 March 2018.
- “Understanding the Paradigm Shift in Strategy of M&As in India in Volatile Period through Motive Analysis: Evidences from IT Industry” The paper was presented at the International Conference titled Rethinking Management Education in The Digital Age organized by Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi, New Delhi, 10 February 2018.
- “Role of Company Resources in Strategy Formulation: Evidences from M&As in Indian IT Sector” The paper was presented at the International Conference titled Strategic Management: Delivering Business Goals organized by University Business School, Punjab University, Chandigarh, 21 December, 2017.

- “Role of FDI in Environmental Degradation: Evidence from India” The paper was presented at the International Conference titled Sustainable Business Models: Innovative Strategies & Practices organised by Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi, New Delhi, 16-17 March 2016.
- “Understanding the Dynamics of M&As in Indian IT Sector: An Analysis of the Trends, Patterns and Directions” The paper was presented at the International Conference titled Sustainable Business Models: Innovative Strategies & Practices organised by Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi, New Delhi, 16-17 March 2016.
- “Are People Prepared to Spend for Sustainable Development? An Empirical Study of Delhi Region” The paper was presented at the MESD 3rd International Conference, New Delhi, 12-14 December 2012.
- “Discrimination & determinants of wage in India: An analysis from NSSO 66 round data” The paper was presented at the 54th Indian Society of Labour Economics Annual Conference, BHU, Varanasi, 20-22 December 2012.