

# Soumyajit Bhar

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**AREA OF SPECIALIZATION:** Environmental/Ecological Economics, Sustainable Consumption, Sustainability Studies, Environmental Studies

## EDUCATION

08/2013 – 04/2021

Manipal University/ Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment | Bengaluru, India

Ph.D.: Sustainability Studies (specialization in Ecological Economics)

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

July 2021 – Till date

Visiting Assistant Professor (full-time) | Krea University

Teaching courses in Environmental Studies and Economics and conducting cutting-edge research at the intersection of sustainability, consumption, and inequality in the Global South.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Soumyajit Bhar, Sharachchandra Lele, Narasimha D Rao. 2021. "Beyond income: correlates of conspicuous and luxury consumption in India". *Sustainability: Science, Practice, and Policy*, 18(1): 142-157.
- Soumyajit Bhar. 2018. "Consuming with Mindfulness: Import of Buddhist Philosophy for an Ethic toward Consumerism". *Pertanika Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (SCOPUS)*, 26(3): 1563-1578.
- Soumyajit Bhar. 2019. "Introducing Phenomenological Research Methodology in Sustainable Consumption Literature: Illustrations from India". *International Journal of Qualitative Methods (SAGE)*, 18:1-14.
- Soumyajit Bhar. 21 April 2020. "Degrowth and COVID-19: Are we drawing a simplistic connection?". *Mongabay*.
- Bejoy K Thomas, Soumyajit Bhar, and Shoibal Chakravarty. 2021. "Environmental Revival During COVID-19". *Ecology, Economy, and Society* 4(1): 13-20.

## INVITED TALKS and Mentorship:

- Mentored a team for India in ASEF Summer University Hackathon, 2021.
- Presented "India at Crossroads for Sustainable and Just Consumption: Understanding Environmental Impacts and Drivers of Consumption" as part of the School of Human Ecology seminar series at Ambedkar University, Delhi on 11 Nov 2020.
- Jointly presented (with Chirag Dhara) "Developmental Trajectories of Nations based on Equity, Historic Responsibility, and Planetary Boundaries" at DCCC policy seminar series, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India on 10 Dec 2021.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATION AND WORKSHOP/SUMMER SCHOOL ATTENDED:

- Presented a joint authored (with Daniel Caixeta Andrade, Gudila Ancelm) paper titled "Towards sustainability: a comparative analysis between Brazil and India" at the main conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE) 2015, held at the University of Leeds, UK, during 30 June – 3 July 2015.
- Presented a paper titled "Beyond Income: Correlates of Conspicuous/Luxury Consumption in India" at ICTA-UAB International Conference on Low-Carbon Lifestyle Change at ICTA-UAB, Barcelona on 06-08 May 2020.
- A poster titled "Conspicuous Consumption: Society, Individuals, and Climate Change" presented at the University of Leeds, UK, during 30 June–3 July 2015.