

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Qualification

Postdoc: IIT Guwahati
Ph.D.: IIT Indore
M. Phil.: Pondicherry University
M.A.: Indira Gandhi National Open University
M.A.: Kashmir University
UGC-NET: Qualified

Research Interests:

Econometrics, Industrial Economics and Labour Economics

Ongoing Research Projects

- What role does the employment protection legislation play in wage determination under segmented labour markets? A state-level analysis. Funded by the *Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)*. Grant amount: **Rs. 10,00,000**. Duration: **2 years**.

International Awards

- *Labour Economics Award for Young South Asian Scholars, 2015*, awarded by the South Asia Research Network (SARNET) and Institute of Human Development (IHD), New Delhi on 26 October 2015 with a cash reward of Rs.75,000.

Fellowships

- Post-doctoral fellowship at IIT Guwahati.
- IIT Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and IIT Senior Research Fellowship (SRF).
- UGC Fellowship for Pursuing M. Phil degree at Pondicherry University.

Post-PhD Teaching/Research Experience

- *Assistant Professor (permanent)*, BGSB University, Rajouri, Jammu & Kashmir, 30/08/2017 to present date.

- *Economist*, Just Jobs Network, Green Park, New Delhi, 01/05/2017 to 28/08/2017.
- *Post-doctoral fellow*, IIT Guwahati, 02/05/2016 to 15/04/2017.
- *Assistant Professor (on contract)*, NIT Srinagar, between 17/03/2016 to 01/05/2016.
- *Assistant Professor (on contract)*, Department of Economic Studies and Planning, Central University of Karnataka, 10/08/2015 to 15/03/2016.

Publications (in Scopus and Web of Science only)

1. Sofi, I.A. & Kunroo, M.H. (2018). Demand shocks and employment adjustments: does employment protection legislation create rigidity? *International Labour Review*, Vol. 157(3). **Publisher: Wiley-Blackwell.** <https://goo.gl/6btuE6>
2. Sofi, I.A. & Kunroo, M.H. (2018). ----- *French Version*-----: Chocs de demande et ajustements d'effectifs: la législation protectrice de l'emploi crée-t-elle des rigidités? *Revue internationale du Travail*, Vol. 157 (2018), n°3. **Publisher: Wiley-Blackwell.** <https://goo.gl/biishb>
3. Sofi, I.A. & Kunroo, M.H. (2018). ----- *Spanish Version*---: Perturbaciones de la demanda y ajustes del empleo: ¿La protección del empleo provoca rigidez? *Revista Internacional del Trabajo*, Vol. 137 (2018), num.3. **Publisher: Wiley-Blackwell.** <https://goo.gl/g6eTT5>
4. Imran, A., Kunroo, M.H., & Sofi, IA. (2018). An RCA Analysis of India-China Trade Integration: Present, potential and prospects. *Foreign Trade Review*, Vol. 53 (1), 1-10. **Publisher: Sage.** <https://goo.gl/gNTXWV>
5. Kunroo, M.H., Sofi, I.A., Khurana, M., & Mogha, S.K. (2017). Re-visiting the impact of the Euro on trade flows: new evidence using gravity equation with poisson count-data technique. *Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing*, Vol. 547, 229-239. **Publisher: Springer.** <https://goo.gl/zyytA8>
6. Kunroo, M. H., Sofi, I.A. & Ali, N. (2016). Trade implications of euro in EMU countries: A panel gravity analysis. *Empirica – Journal of European Economics*, Vol. 43 (2), 391-413. **Publisher: Springer.** <https://goo.gl/mJKyAT>
7. Sofi, I. A., Khan, M. I., & Kunroo. M.H. (2016). Labour market regulations and informalization of migrant worker: Evidence from Indian manufacturing sector. *Asian Journal of Law and Economics*, Vol. 7(2), 169-195. **Publisher: Walter De Gruyter.** <https://goo.gl/jhbpZ6>
8. Sofi, I.A. & Sharma, P. (2015). Does employment protection legislation matter in dualistic labour market? Panel evidences from Indian manufacturing sector. *Labor Studies Journal*, Vol. 40 (2), 149-168. **Publisher: Sage.** <https://goo.gl/bR7aKH>

9. Sofi, I. A. & Sharma, P. (2015). Labour regulations, contractualisation, and industrial performance: three-dimensional panel evidences from Indian manufacturing sector. *South Asia Economic Journal*, Vol. 16 (1), 122-144. **Publisher: Sage**. <https://goo.gl/5ymSva>
10. Sofi, I. A. & Sharma, P. (2015). Labour laws and informalisation of employment: evidences from formal Indian manufacturing sector. *Asian Journal of Law and Economics*, Vol. 6 (1), 65-84. **Publisher: Walter De Gruyter**. <https://goo.gl/tSCfVY>

Articles (Op-Eds) in Newspapers

1. “Declining Women’s Participation in a Growing Economy” in *Greater Kashmir*, 5 July, 2019.
<https://urlzs.com/LDJD4>
2. “No Respite from Poverty for Muslims” in *The Hindu*, 06 October 2018.
<https://goo.gl/2hXKZL>
3. “The Uniform Labour Code: Striking an optimal balance of power between workforce and capital” in *Greater Kashmir*, 30 January 2018.
<https://goo.gl/qFp1Le>
4. “Solving the Issue” in *Greater Kashmir*, 15 October 2017.
<https://goo.gl/Ura1GX>
5. “Will fixing labor regulations help solve India’s employment woes?” in *Just Jobs Network Blog Series*, 09 May 2017.
<https://goo.gl/CuY9eJ>

Papers Presented in Conferences

1. “Demand Shocks and employment adjustments: Does job security regulations create rigidity? Present the paper at the 58th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics, 24-26 November 2016 at *IIT Guwahati*.
2. Sofi, Irfan Ahmad (2015). Does social protection matter in dualistic labour market? Evidence from Indian manufacturing sector. Presented at SARNET’s Competitive Call for papers by young South Asian Scholars on Education, Skills and Social Protection for Inclusive Growth in South Asia at *Institute of Human Development (IHD)*, New Delhi on 26 October 2015.
3. Does employment protection legislation matter in dualistic labour market? panel evidences from Indian manufacturing sector. Young Scholar's seminar organized by CESP, *Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi* 10-12 March 2015

4. Labour laws and informalisation of employment: panel evidences from Indian formal Indian manufacturing sector. 51st annual conference of the Indian Econometric Society (TIES) at *Punjabi University, Patiala* 12-14 December 2014.
5. Labour regulations, contractualisation, labour productivity and employment: Panel evidences from Indian formal manufacturing sector. National seminar on Youth employment in India, organized by International Labour Organization (ILO) and ICSSR at *Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Tamil Nadu* on 30-31 January 2015.
6. Labour Regulations, Contractualisation, and Labour Productivity: Panel Evidences from Indian formal manufacturing. 9th International Conference on Public Policy and Management, 11-15 August 2014, *Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB)*.
7. Impact of Labor Market Regulations on Total Factor Productivity: Evidence from Indian manufacturing. Two day National Seminar on Applications of Panel Data, Center of Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad, India.
8. Impact of Labor Market Regulations on Industrial Performance: Three-dimensional Panel Evidences from Indian Manufacturing Sector” 6th International Conference on Excellence in Research and Education, 8-11 May 2014 *Indian Institute of Management Indore (IIMB)*.
9. Does Labour Regulation hurt Industrial performance: Critical Review of Literature, 55th ISLE conference, 16-18 December 2013, *Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*.
10. Are Regulations bad for Industrial Performance: Contradiction between Econometric and Non-Econometric Research studies", International conference on Emergence of India as an Economic Super power: Challenges and opportunities, 29-30 April 2014, *Udaipur, Rajasthan, India*.

Invitations for Panel Discussions

- Participated in a Round Table Discussion on “Job Creation Through Labour Reforms in Indian Manufacturing Sector” on 9th December, 2016 at *Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi*.

References

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