

## Educational Qualifications

**PhD Candidate** at the *London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE), UK, (since October 2004)*

**MSc** - Economic History (2002-03), *London School of Economics, UK*

**MBA** (1989-91), *University of Poona, India*

**BCom** (1986-89), *University of Poona, India*

## Research Interests

Economic & Business History; Standards and Standardization; Markets and Institutions

Member of the Project Group investigating "The Nature of Evidence: How Well Do 'Facts' Travel?", the Leverhulme/ESRC sponsored project at the London School of Economics

## Awards & Prizes

Award for the 'Best Paper' at the 6<sup>th</sup> European School of New Institutional Economics (ESNIE), Cargese, Corsica, May 21-25, 2007, presented by Professor Douglass C North

Teaching prize by the LSE, 2006-07, for performance on undergraduate level teaching

## Academic Writing

### Journal Articles

'*Caveat Emptor*: Abolishing Public Measurements, Standardizing Quantities and Enhancing Market Transparency in the London Coal Trade c1830', *Enterprise and Society*, Forthcoming 2008

### Work in Progress

'Accurate Measurements and Design Standards: Consistency of Design and the Travel of 'Facts' Between Heterogeneous Groups', Working Papers in 'How Well Do 'Facts' Travel?' no. 18/2007, LSE

'Transfer of Agri-Technologies: A Study of Agricultural Extension Education in India', joint research with Dr. Peter Howlett on the 'Precision Farming Project' in India.

### Seminars & Presentations (select only)

**August 2008 (Forthcoming)**. 'Standards, Measurements and Governance in Nineteenth Century British Trade', European Business History Association Annual Conference, Bergen, Norway

**June 2008 (Forthcoming)**. 'Measurement Standards and Institutional Packages', International Society for New Institutional Economics 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Toronto (By invitation)

**December 2007**. 'Design Standards and Travelling Facts: Lessons from the standardization of British wire sizes (c1880)', British Academy Conference on Enquiry, Evidence and Facts, London, UK

**October 2007**. 'Gauging Accurately: Competition and Engineering Standards in the British Wire Industry in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century', Business History Unit seminar series, London School of Economics

**October 2007**. 'Gauging Accurately: Negotiation, Competition and the Standardization of the British Wire Gauge (1883)', Society for the History of Technology Annual Conference and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting, Washington D.C.

**September 2007**. 'Standardization, Competition and Coordination: Emergence of the British Standard Wire Gauge c1883', 4<sup>th</sup> European Business History Association Summer School, Terni, Italy

**June 2007**. 'Scientific Societies, Industry Associations and the emergence of the British Standard Wire Gauge (c1883)', British Society of History of Science, Annual Conference 2007, Manchester

**June 2007**. 'Competition, Coordination and Standardization: Emergence of the British Standard Wire Gauge c1883', Association of Business Historians Annual Conference 2007, Wolverhampton

**May 2007**. 'Measurements, Standards, and Institutions: Case Studies in Standardization from British Trade and Industry', European School for New Institutional Economics, Cargèse, Corsica (*Awarded Best Paper for 2007*)

**March 2007**. 'Market Transparency, Uniform Measurements, and Standardized Quantities: A case of Institutional Change in 19<sup>th</sup> century Britain', Economic History Society Annual Conference 2007

**October 2006**. 'Standardizing Quantity: Metrology and Trade in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century', Centre for History of Science, Technology and Medicine (CHOSTM), Imperial College, London, UK

**June 2006**. 'Switching Measurement Standards in the London Coal Trade: c1830', Economic History Society, Graduate Workshop, Manchester, UK

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