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About

Siddhartha is an internationally recognised economist in the field of political economy and public policy. His work on political coalitions has been published in internationally leading journals and has been widely cited by leading scholars in the field. His papers are on the reading list of a numner of courses in political economy in reputed universities. He has a particular interest in the economics of crime and economic evaluation of policy. His research interests in this area includes game theoretic modelling of criminal behaviour, econometric (statistical) analysis of factors determining crime, cost benefit analysis of alternate interventions, and the impact of initiatives such as citizen reporting. He has published several papers in reputed journals in this area as well and has been cited in both academic papers as well as policy reports, including the Official National Statistics. He is well versed in the methodological tools required to do analysis of the economic efficiency of various interventions and developed a course at the PG level in this area. He has also given short training sessions on economic evaluation to police and other practitioners.

His work on crime has been featured widely in the media and he has been interviewed by the Economist. He has links with think tanks such as Centre for Crime and Justice Studies and CIVITAS. Along with regularly speaking in academic seminars, he also has participates in high profile public engagement activities such as addressing a panel discussion organised by the Criminal Justice Alliance on 'Why crime rates are falling' chaired by Mark Eaton. Siddhartha was one of the co-applicants in the successful bid for the College of Policing Innovation fund and co-led (along with Jessica Woodhams) the contribution from the University of Birmingham. He leads the policing theme in the recently formed cluster on Accountability and Governance.

Qualifications

B.Sc (Calcutta)
M.Sc (Delhi)
Ph.D (Pennsylvania)

Teaching

Economic Policy and Political Economy, Development Policy. Microeconomics

Postgraduate supervision

Lead supervisor: Sofia Amaral, Juste Abramovaite, Humera Khan, Katharine Inglis

Co-supervisor: Paul Keasey, Neha Prashar

Research

Research Interests:

Applied micro theory especially political economy, public choice and development issues

Current projects:

- Extremism as a signal of quality (with Manaswini Bhalla, Kalyan Chatterjee and Jaideep Roy)
- Prosecutor election and case backlogs (with Bryan McCannon)

Other activities

Welfare Tutor

Director of Knowledge Transfer

Publications

S. Amaral, S. Bandyopadhyay, S. Bhattacharya and R. Sensarma, 2014, **Crime across conflict and non-conflict states in India, (http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/index.php/EPSJ/article/view/191)** *Economics of Peace and Security Journal,* 9(1) 46-56

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S Bandyopadhyay, K Chatterjee. 2006. "**Coalition Theory and its Applications: A Survey (http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-0297.2006.01068.x/abstract;jsessionid=932B1AA88032B8AC1619710E3D4FD963.d04t04?deniedAccessCustomisedMessage=&userIsAuthenticated=false)** ", *Economic Journal*, 116, 509, F136-F155.

S Bandyopadhyay, M Oak, 2010. "Conflict and Leadership: Why is There a Hawkish Drift in Politics?", Department of Economics Discussion Paper Series, University of Birmingham.

Expertise

Siddhartha is an expert on political economy and public policy. He is an experienced media commentator on a number of issues in public policy but in particular on crime policy and the changes in governance of policing. He also welcomes media enquiries on issues related to electoral systems and coalition governments.

Expertise

Hundred-year sentences ignore both logic and evidence (http://theconversation.com/hundred-year-sentences-ignore-both-logic-and-evidence-21779) , The Conversation

Was the Election of Police Commissioners a Mistake? (http://theconversation.com/was-the-election-of-police-commissioners-a-mistake-15262) , The Conversation

The paradox of falling crime rates in a recession (/research/perspective/falling-crime-rates-siddhartha-bandyopadhyay.aspx) , Perspectives, University of Birmingham

Acquisitive Crime: Imprisonment, Detection and Social factors (http://www.civitas.org.uk/crime/crimeanalysis2012.pdf) , CIVITAS report

Is Introducing elected police commissioners to the UK a good idea? (/research/perspective/debate/police-bandyopadhyay.aspx) , Perspectives, University of Birmingham

An Analysis of Crime and Crime Policy (http://www.civitas.org.uk/crime/crimepolicyMarch2011.pdf) , CIVITAS report

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