

Research Student Information

Name	Ms Padmini RAM	
PhD Title	A Study of Low Income Housing Experiments in Chhattisgarh, India: Identification of Constraints and Incentives from a New Institutional Economics Perspective	
Project information	<p>Chhattisgarh (CG) is one of the recently formed states in India (formed in Nov 2000). CG has experimented with various policy options to address issues in the low income housing sector, with little success. In CG, as in most of India, there is a growing shortage of affordable housing for the low income households. My research centres on the issues that constrain the supply of and demand for low income housing in Chhattisgarh from a New Institutional Economics (NIE) perspective. The framework focuses on transaction costs, property rights, and bargaining power and the effect of these on the supply of and demand for housing in the low income groups.</p>	
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Education	Current	PhD, in Land Economy University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.
	2001 – 2003	MBA in Rural Management Xavier Institute of Management (XIMJ), India.
	1999 – 2001	M.A. in Anthropology Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, India

	1996 – 1999	B.A. in Anthropology Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, India
Career	May '06 – Apr '08	Programme Officer- Research and Development World Sports Alliance (WSA), New York, USA
	Aug '05 – Aug '06	United Nations Representative FORMIT Foundation, New York, USA
	Nov '04 - July '05	Programme Associate NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social affairs United Nations, New York, USA
	Mar '04 - Nov '05	Associate (Volunteer) – Training and Disaster Management American Red Cross New York Chapter, New York, USA
	Jun '03 - Mar '04	Programme Officer MYRADA (Mysore Rehabilitation and Development Agency), India
	Selected Publications	
		Ram, P. (October 2011) Using New Institutional Economics Approach to Understand the Affordable Housing Market in Chhattisgarh, The India Economy Review - Great Indian Dream, Indian Institute of Planning and Management think tank, India.
		Ram, P. (2011) Evidence Based Policy Making and the need for contextualized identification of constraints and incentives, Market Square - The Cambridge Business & Society Interdisciplinary Research Group, Cambridge, United Kingdom, 25th May.
		Ram, P. (2008) The role of civil society in promoting sustainable development and the new international aid architecture, UN ECOSOC NGO Forum, New York, 4th April.
		Ram, P. (August 2007) Towards a model for sustainable community-based development. Sports Education Empowerment Programme – A case study, African Sun Times, New York.
		Ram, P. (2006) Sports as a means to support local Economic Development and Job creation, High Level Segment of the UN ECOSOC, Geneva, Switzerland, 3-5 July.

Fieldwork and Consultancy

Project: Sports Educations
Empowerment Programme (SEEP)
Organization: World Sports Alliance, NY
WSA's flagship development programme was ratified at the United Nations High Level Segment in Geneva. Lead the team that developed sports based educational curriculum with a team of Montessori teachers and sports coaches.

Project: One Dollar for
Development (ODfD)
Organization: FORMIT
ODfD is a civil society initiative of the FORMIT Foundation and is co-sponsored by the NGO Section, United Nations as a Public-Private partnership towards promoting the reuse of e-Government application as a means of supporting socio-economic development.

Project: SUJALA Organization: MYRADA
SUJALA a World Bank Aided, Government of Karnataka Watershed Project. Responsibilities included frequent field visits for project reviews and process monitoring, drafting policies and formulating strategy.

Project: Bill and Melinda Gates HIV/AIDS prevention programme
Organization: MYRADA
Drafted the 'Action plan' for the Bill and Melinda Gates HIV/AIDS program in several districts of Southern India.

Dissertation: Analysis of Maternal and Infant
Survival Project- MISP Organization: CARE
International, Bhopal, India.
Performed needs assessment for strengthening Anganwadi centers as part of the CARE India's Maternal and Infant Survival Project.

Dissertation: Evaluation of Integrated Livestock
Development Project Organization: DANIDA –
ILDIP, India
Performed an external evaluative study on a 'sample' of 25 villages in Bastar district, India to identify gaps in the concept and the process.

Awards and Achievements

Clare Hall, University of Cambridge, Research Scholarship 2011.
Smut's Memorial travel grant, 2011.
Cambridge Political Economy Society grant, 2011.
Gilchrist Educational Trust Grant, 2011
College gold medal for BA university ranking, Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, India, 1999.