

Biographical Information on Professor Jagdish Bhagwati

Complete Biography

Jagdish Bhagwati, currently a University Professor at Columbia University and Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, was born in 1934 and raised in India. He attended Cambridge University where he graduated in 1956 with a first in Economics Tripos. He then studied at MIT and Oxford, returning to India in 1961 as Professor of Economics at the Indian Statistical Institute, and then as Professor of International Trade at the Delhi School of Economics. He returned to MIT in 1968, leaving it twelve years later as the Ford International Professor of Economics to join Columbia. Until 2001, he used to be Arthur Lehman Professor of Economics and Professor of Political Science at Columbia. Professor Bhagwati has also served as Economic Policy Advisor to Director-General, GATT (1991-1993) and as Special Adviser to the UN on Globalization (2001). Currently, he is an External Adviser to the WTO and a member of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan's High-level Advisory Group on the NEPAD process in Africa.

Professor Bhagwati has published more than three hundred articles and fifty volumes. He is regarded as one of the foremost international trade theorists of his generation. Three *festschrift* volumes of essays in his honor have been published in the USA, the UK, and the Netherlands. Five volumes of his collected scientific essays have been published by MIT Press to date. His early books, [India: Planning for Industrialization](#) (with Padma Desai, 1970) and *India* (with T.N. Srinivasan, 1975) are acknowledged to have provided the intellectual case for the economic reforms now underway in India. His recent book, [India in Transition : Freeing the Economy](#), was published in 1993 by Clarendon Press, Oxford . Among his books are: [Protectionism](#) (1988), an international bestseller in several languages, and [The World Trading System at Risk](#) (1991), both reviewed extensively in the United States and abroad.

His latest books are *Free Trade Today* (Princeton, 2002) and *In Defense of Globalization* (Oxford, 2004), both reviewed in leading magazines and newspapers worldwide and translated into several languages.

Professor Bhagwati also writes frequently for *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* , and *The Financial Times* . His writings on public policy have been published by MIT Press in two successive volumes: [A Stream of Windows: Unsettling Reflections on Trade, Immigration, and Democracy](#) (1998) [which won the prestigious Eccles Prize for Excellence in Economic Writing](#); and [The Wind of the Hundred Days: How Washington Mismanaged Globalization](#) (2001), both volumes reviewed extensively in newspapers, magazines and journals worldwide. He has appeared frequently on national television programs, including CNN, BBC, MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour and the Charlie Rose Show.

Professor Bhagwati has delivered many prestigious lectures, among them the Frank Graham Lecture at Princeton, the Bertil Ohlin Lectures at the Stockholm School of Economics, the Harry Johnson Lecture in London, the Eyskens Lectures in Belgium, the Radhakrishnan Lectures in Oxford, and the Prebisch Lecture at UNCTAD IX in Johannesburg.

He is a Director of the [National Bureau of Economic Research](#) . He was advisor to India's Finance Minister, now Prime Minister, on India's economic reforms.

He works with several NGOs in the US and India. He is on the Academic Advisory Board of Human Rights Watch (Asia) and was a member of the Advisory Board of the Council on Economic Priorities Accreditation Agency (which has created the SA 8000 Standard for Corporate Social Accountability).

Professor Bhagwati founded in 1971 the *Journal of International Economics* , the premier journal in the field today, and *Economics & Politics* in 1989.

Professor Bhagwati is a Fellow of the Econometric Society and has been elected a member of the American Philosophical Society, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He was a Vice President, and has been elected Distinguished Fellow, of the American Economic Association. He holds honorary degrees from several universities, including, Erasmus (Netherlands) and Sussex (UK). Among the awards he has received are the Mahalanobis Memorial Medal (India), the Bernhard Harms Prize (Germany), the Kenan Prize (USA), the John R. Commons Award (USA), the Freedom Prize (Switzerland), and the Frank E. Seidman Distinguished Award in Political Economy (USA).

He is married to Padma Desai, the Gladys and Ronald Harriman Professor of Comparative Economic Systems at Columbia University and a scholar of Russian and other former socialist countries' transition problems. They have one daughter, Anuradha Kristina, currently at Kennedy School at Harvard and former Captain in the US Marine Corps.

Standard Biography

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Professor Bhagwati has published more than three hundred articles and fifty volumes and also writes frequently for *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Financial Times*, as well as reviews for *The New Republic* and *The Times Literary Supplement*. Professor Bhagwati is described as the most creative international trade theorist of his generation and is a leader in the fight for freer trade. His most recent book, *In Defense of Globalization* (Oxford, 2004), was published and has attracted worldwide acclaim.

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Short Biography

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Immigration-Focused Curriculum Vitae

Jagdish Bhagwati is University Professor of Economics at Columbia University and Andre Meyer Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. Although he is regarded as one of the foremost international trade economists of his generation, Professor Bhagwati has made many significant contributions to the field of migration and immigration policy over the last three decades, extending his scholarly research and public policy writings to virtually all questions raised by international migration. He has notably used insights from economics, ethics and politics in addressing these issues.

Professor Bhagwati has pioneered the analysis of the growing phenomenon of international personal mobility and the problems it creates for the design of a country's tax system. Professor Bhagwati's proposal to extend the source-country income tax to skilled migrants abroad gained significant scholarly, media and public-policy attention in the 1970's. The proposal was endorsed by the Nobel Laureate Jan Tinbergen, discussed at UNCTAD and was the central subject of a profile of Professor Bhagwati in *The Guardian* (UK). This issue is taken up extensively in several of his books: two on *Taxing the Brain Drain*, North Holland, 1976 *International Factor Mobility*, MIT Press (1983) and *International Migration and Income Taxation*, MIT Press (1991), jointly edited with John Wilson. This so-called "**Bhagwati Tax**" proposal has been revived in recent years and is currently being discussed by scholars, NGO's and policymakers.

Professor Bhagwati also edited two symposia on this and related immigration questions in the *Journal of Public Economics* as well as the *Journal of Developmental Economics* in the late 1970's.

Among his works on public policy, which have been published recently by MIT press in two successive volumes, are: *A Stream of Windows: Unsettling Reflections on Trade, Immigration, and Democracy* (1998), and *The Wind of the Hundred Days, How Washington Mismanaged Globalization* (2000). Both books have contributions to the subject matter of immigration, including challenges.

Professor Bhagwati has also written frequently for *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Financial Times*, *Foreign Affairs* and *The New Republic* on immigration issues. A recent piece discussing the current administration's management of immigration policies is: *Bush trades his principles*, *Financial Times*, April 2002.

His latest article on immigration was published in the Jan/Feb 2003 Davos Issue of *Foreign Affairs*, titled *Borders Beyond Control*. Professor Bhagwati highlights the need for a shift of immigration policy away from attempts at curbing migration to coping with it.

Professor Bhagwati is currently Director of the Program on International Migration: Economics, Ethics and Law at the Columbia University Law School, and is engaged in several books and projects on the subject of international migration also at the Council on Foreign Relations.