

## **Sir Partha Dasgupta: Biographical Note**

### **Biography**

Partha Dasgupta, was born in Dhaka (at that time in India) and educated in Varanasi, Delhi, and Cambridge. He is the Frank Ramsey Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Cambridge; Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge; and Visiting Professor at the New College of the Humanities, London. He taught at the London School of Economics during 1971-1984 and moved to the University of Cambridge in 1985 as Professor of Economics, where he served as Chairman of the Faculty of Economics in 1997-2001. During 1989-92 he was also Professor of Economics, Professor of Philosophy, and Director of the Program in Ethics in Society at Stanford University; and during 1991-97 he was Chairman of the (Scientific Advisory) Board of the Beijer International Institute of Ecological Economics, Stockholm. In 1999-2005 he was a Founder Member of the Management and Advisory Committee of the South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE), Kathmandu. In 1996 he helped to establish the journal *Environment and Development Economics*, published by Cambridge University Press, whose purpose has been not only to publish original research at the interface of poverty and the environmental-resource base, but also to provide an opportunity to scholars in developing countries to publish their findings in an international journal.

### **Research Interests**

Professor Dasgupta's research interests have covered welfare and development economics, the economics of technological change, population, environmental and resource economics, the theory of games, the economics of under-nutrition, and the economics of social capital. His publications include *Guidelines for Project Evaluation* (with S.A. Marglin and A.K. Sen; United Nations, 1972), *Economic Theory and Exhaustible Resources* (with G.M. Heal; Cambridge University Press, 1979 (recipient of the United States Association of Environmental and Resource Economists "Publication of Enduring Quality Award 2003")); *The Control of Resources* (Harvard University Press, 1982); *An Inquiry into Well-Being and Destitution* (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1993); *Human Well-Being and the Natural Environment* (Oxford University Press, 2001; revised edition, 2004); and *Economics: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2007). A collection of his scientific papers have been published in a two-volumes set, under the title, *Selected Papers of Partha Dasgupta: 1, Institutions, Innovations, and Human Values* and *2: Poverty, Population, and Natural Resources* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010).

### **Honours and Awards**

Professor Dasgupta is a Fellow of the Econometric Society (1975) and the Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (2013), Fellow of the British Academy (1989), Fellow of the Royal Society (2004), Member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences (1997), Fellow of the Third World

Academy of Sciences (2001), Member of Academia Europaea (2009); Foreign Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (1991), Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1991), Foreign Associate of the US National Academy of Sciences (2001), Foreign Member of the American Philosophical Society (2005), Foreign Member of Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti (2009); Honorary Fellow of the London School of Economics (1995), Honorary Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge (2010); Honorary Member of the American Economic Association (1997), Andrew D. White Professor-at-Large (2007-2013) at Cornell University, and Distinguished *CES* Fellow 2011, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitat, Munich. He is a past President of the Royal Economic Society (1998-2001), the European Economic Association (1999), Section F (Economics) of the BA (British Association for the Advancement of Science) Festival of Science (2006), and President of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (2010-11). Professor Dasgupta was named Knight Bachelor by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in her Birthday Honours List in 2002 for "services to economics"; was co-winner (with Karl-Goran Maler of the Beijer International Institute of Ecological Economics, Stockholm) of the 2002 Volvo Environment Prize and of the 2004 Kenneth E. Boulding Memorial Award of the International Society for Ecological Economics; was recipient of the John Kenneth Galbraith Award, 2007, of the American Agricultural Economics Association, the Zayed International Environment Prize (Category II: Scientific and Technological Achievements), 2010; and the 2015 Blue Planet Prize for Scientific Achievements. He received a Doctorate, *Honoris Causa*, from Wageningen University, 2000; Catholic University of Louvain, 2007; Faculte Universitaire Saint-Louis, 2009; University of Bologna, 2010; University of Tilberg, 2012; and Harvard University, 2013.