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Professor Singh received his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, and his BSc and MSc from the London School of Economics, where he was awarded the Allyn Young Prize, Gonner Prize and Ely Devons Prize. He has a long-standing research program on the Indian economy, including the economy of Punjab. He organized one of the first major US conferences on Indian economic reform. He has served as Director of the Santa Cruz Institute for International Economics, Co-Director of the Center for Global, International and Regional Studies, Director of the South Asian Studies Initiative, and Special Advisor to the Chancellor, all at UCSC.

In addition to various aspects of the Punjab economy and the Sikh community, Professor Singh's current research topics include information technology and development, entrepreneurship, electronic commerce, business strategy, political economy, federalism, economic growth, and the Indian economy,. He has authored over 100 research papers and co-authored three books: *Joint Ventures, International Investment and Technology Transfer*; *The Political Economy of Federalism in India*; and *Waiting to Connect: India IT Revolution Bypasses the Domestic Industry*. He has also served as an advisor for several startups and knowledge services firms in Silicon Valley and in India.

Writings and Activities in Sikh and Punjabi Studies

Published

Literature and Society: The Writings of Bhai Mohan Singh Vaid, *Sikh Review*, March, 1993

Book Review of *Studying the Sikhs: Issues for North America*, J. Stratton Hawley and G.S. Mann, eds., *Sikh International*, August, 36-37, 1994

Cultural Conflict in India: Punjab and Kashmir, in *The Myth of "Ethnic Conflict": Politics, Economics, and "Cultural" Violence* ed. B. Crawford and R. Lipschutz, Berkeley: International and Area Studies, University of California at Berkeley, pp. 320-352, 1998

Old Culture, New Knowledge: The Writings of Bhai Mohan Singh Vaid (with Ardaman Singh) in *Sikh Art and Literature*, ed. K. Brown, London: Routledge, pp. 172-180, 1999

Guru Nanak and the Sants: A Reappraisal, *International Journal of Punjab Studies*, 8, 1, pp. 1-34, 2001

The Sikh Farmers: Contributions to the Green Revolution, *India Today*, April 9, 2001

Guru Nanak and the Sants: A Response to Professor McLeod, *International Journal of Punjab Studies*, 9:1, pp. 138-142, 2002

Inter-state Water Disputes in India: Institutions and Policies (with A. Richards), *International Journal of Water Resources Development*, 18, 4, pp. 611-625, 2001 [includes discussion of Ravi-Beas dispute]

Information Technology and Broad-Based Development: Preliminary Lessons from North India, (with P.D. Kaushik), *World Development*, 32 (4), pp. 591-607, 2004 [compares case studies of rural Internet efforts in Punjab and Haryana]

The Green Revolution in Punjab, India: The Economics of Technological Change (with D.S. Kohli), *Journal of Punjab Studies*, vol. 12, no. 2, pp. 285-306, 2005

Crossing a Chasm: Technologies, Institutions and Policies for Developing a Regional IT Industry, in *ICTs and Indian Social Change: Diffusion, Poverty and Governance*, Ashwani Saith, M. Vijayabaskar and V. Gayathri ed., New Delhi: Sage Publications, pp. 192-218, 2007 [examines the case of Punjab]

Unpublished/In Progress

Guru Nanak and the Sikh Religion: A Personal Reflection, 1st Annual Guru Nanak Lecture, San Jose State University (printed as event booklet), November, 2003

The Interpretation and Significance of Guru Arjan Dev's Martyrdom, (with P.S. Kohli), June 2006

Network Economics and the Digital Divide in Rural India (with P. D. Kaushik, Jake Kendall, Kristen Williams and Yan Zhou), NET Institute Working Paper 07-29, September 2007 [includes Punjab case study]

Public-Private Partnerships for Health Care in Punjab, September 2010

Activities

Conferences and Lectures

Literature and Society: The Writings of Bhai Mohan Singh Vaid, paper presented at Conference on Sikh Art and Literature, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, November, 1992

The Green Revolution in Punjab: The Economics of Technological Change, talk at South Asian Center Conference on Punjab Agriculture, Columbia University, March, 1995

Punjab's Economic Prospects, talk given at Sikh Foundation Annual Retreat and Workshop, November, 1995

Participant, UC Santa Barbara conference on Global and International Studies [Sikh Studies], June, 1999

Session chair, UC Berkeley conference on Sikh and Punjabi Migration to North America, 1999

Session Chair, Conference on the Global Sikh Diaspora, University of California, Santa Barbara, April, 2001

The Concept of a Sikh in the Guru Granth Sahib, lecture at San Jose State University, June, 2003

Guru Nanak and the Sikh Religion: A Personal Reflection, 1st Annual Guru Nanak Lecture, San Jose State University, November, 2003

The Interpretation and Significance of Guru Arjan Dev's Martyrdom, talk at San Jose State University international conference on Guru Arjan Dev June 2006

Service

Trustee, Sikh Foundation Board, 1998-2001

Treasurer, Sikh Music Heritage Institute, 2005-present

Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of Punjab Studies*, 2005-present