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Dr. Ajit Singh
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Professor Ajit Singh graduated from Punjab University in India, obtained a Master's degree from Howard University in Washington DC, and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. He began his teaching career in Cambridge in 1965. He is currently Emeritus Professor of Economics at Cambridge University, having retired from his Chair on 30th September 2007. From 1st October he has been appointed to two new posts: Director of Research at the Cambridge Endowment for Research in Finance (CERF) at the University's Judge Business School (on a half-time basis) and to a Chair in Economics at the University of Birmingham Business School on a quarter time basis; in addition, for the remaining quarter-time he will be assisting the senior officials at the ILO in Geneva on development policy matters on a self-employed basis. He is also Life Fellow of Queens' College Cambridge where since 1965 he has successively been college lecturer, Director of Studies in Economics and Senior Fellow.

He also held, between 1987 and 1994, the Dr. William M. Scholl Visiting Chair in the Department of Economics at the University of Notre Dame in the US. He has been a senior economic advisor to the governments of Mexico and Tanzania and a consultant to various UN developmental organizations, including the World Bank, the ILO, UNCTAD and UNIDO. He is the author or the editor of more than a dozen books and research or policy monographs. He has also published over 200 academic articles including nearly a hundred in refereed journals. His essay, "How do developing country corporations finance their growth?" was awarded a \$5,000 prize and a Bronze medal in the Amex Awards Competition, 1994. He was appointed to a Fellowship at the Cambridge MIT Institute for 2002-3. In 2004, he was elected as an Academician of the British Academy of Social Sciences.

Professor Singh's research falls into three broad areas: studies relating to the modern corporation, corporate organization, finance and governance and theories of the firm; 'de-industrialization' in advanced economies; North-South competition and issues of employment and unemployment in the North and the South; industrialization and economic policy in emerging markets. He remains active in all these areas of research as they continue to be important for the real world as well as for economic analysis.

Throughout his academic career in Cambridge Professor Singh has taken a very active part in policy work related to economic development in poor countries. He has also been much concerned with North-South economic interactions and how these can be improved to the mutual benefit of both rich and poor countries. At a practical level this work has involved advocacy, policy advice and close exchanges with ministers, officials and civil society in developing countries and senior civil servants in international organizations.

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