

Amartya Sen Bio

Professor Sen is Thomas W. Lamont University Professor, and Professor of Economics and Philosophy, at Harvard University. He has held academic positions at Cambridge, Jadavpur University Calcutta, the Delhi School of Economics, the London School of Economics, and Oxford University.

His research has ranged over social choice theory, economic theory, ethics and political philosophy, welfare economics, theory of measurement, decision theory, development economics, public health, and gender studies. Amartya Sen's books have been translated into more than thirty languages. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1998.

Professor Sen was the Founding Chancellor of Nalanda University in India. The initial university was founded in the fifth century and lasted eight hundred years, with 2,000 teachers and 10,000 residential students. In 2007 Professor Sen became Founding Chancellor of a re-envisioned University as a place of higher learning with academic freedom at its core.