Biography

Subir Vithal Gokarn (1959-2019)

A noted economist, late Subir V Gokarn was the Executive Director on the board of International Monetary Fund (IMF) from 2015 to 2019, representing India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Bhutan on IMF's Executive Board.

Prior to joining the IMF, Subir was the Director of Research at the Brookings India in New Delhi. Before Brookings, Subir served as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) between 2009 and 2012, and where he oversaw monetary policy, research, financial markets, communications, and deposit insurance. Prior to RBI, Subir was Chief Economist for Standard and Poor's Asia Pacific and CRISIL (2002-2009)

He was Chief Economist and IFCI Chair in Industrial Development at the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi (2000-02) and Associate Professor at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai (1991-2000).

He was educated at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi and Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, USA, from where he received a Ph.D. in Economics. His doctoral dissertation was on the impact of capital market liberalisation on industrial performance in South Korea. During 1997-98, he was a Fulbright Fellow at the Economic Growth Centre, Yale University.

His career research interests have primarily been in the reforms process and its interrelationship with economic performance. He has addressed these issues from a variety of perspectives – cross-country comparisons, with particular focus on East Asia, and at macroeconomic, sector and industry levels in the Indian context. His research has resulted in a number of publications, including two co-authored books on the performance of the East Asian economies, and a co-edited book on the structure of Indian industry.