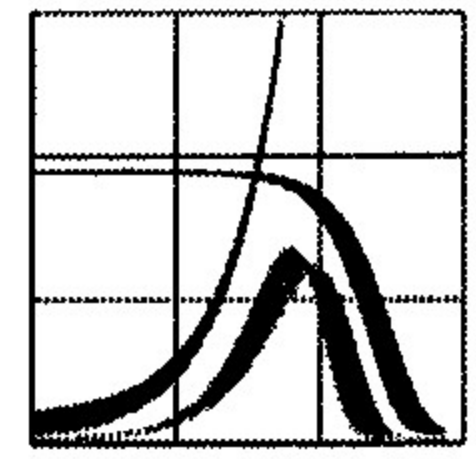


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To whom it may concern.

It is my pleasure to write a recommendation for Sumon Kumar Bhaumik, Ph.D.

Sumon joined our group on 'Population, Economy, and Environment' in August 2000 and would be a part of it up to April 2001. During this time his research focused mainly on 'intergenerational transfers' using the German Socioeconomic Panel (SOEP). Sumon managed to develop a feel for this data set within a very short time period and conducted interesting econometric analysis on the neglected role of time in the literature on intergenerational transfers. Currently he is using the same data source to investigate the effect of uncertainty in the labour market on fertility decisions. In this second analysis, Sumon has nicely demonstrated that besides being an excellent applied econometrician he is also extremely well trained in performing mathematical simulations.

Sumon carried out his research with extreme care and stands out for working extremely hard. He is used to working independently and is always of great value in any project discussions.

Sumon also stands out for his openness, kindness and his reliability. I am sure that Sumon will continue with what is already a very successful research career and contribute many more interesting and scientifically very well conducted research papers.

I wish Sumon all the best for his future career!



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