

The Paradox and Potential of India's One-Billion

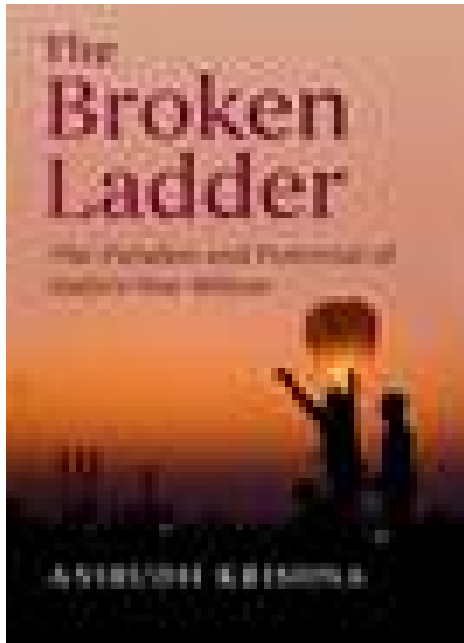
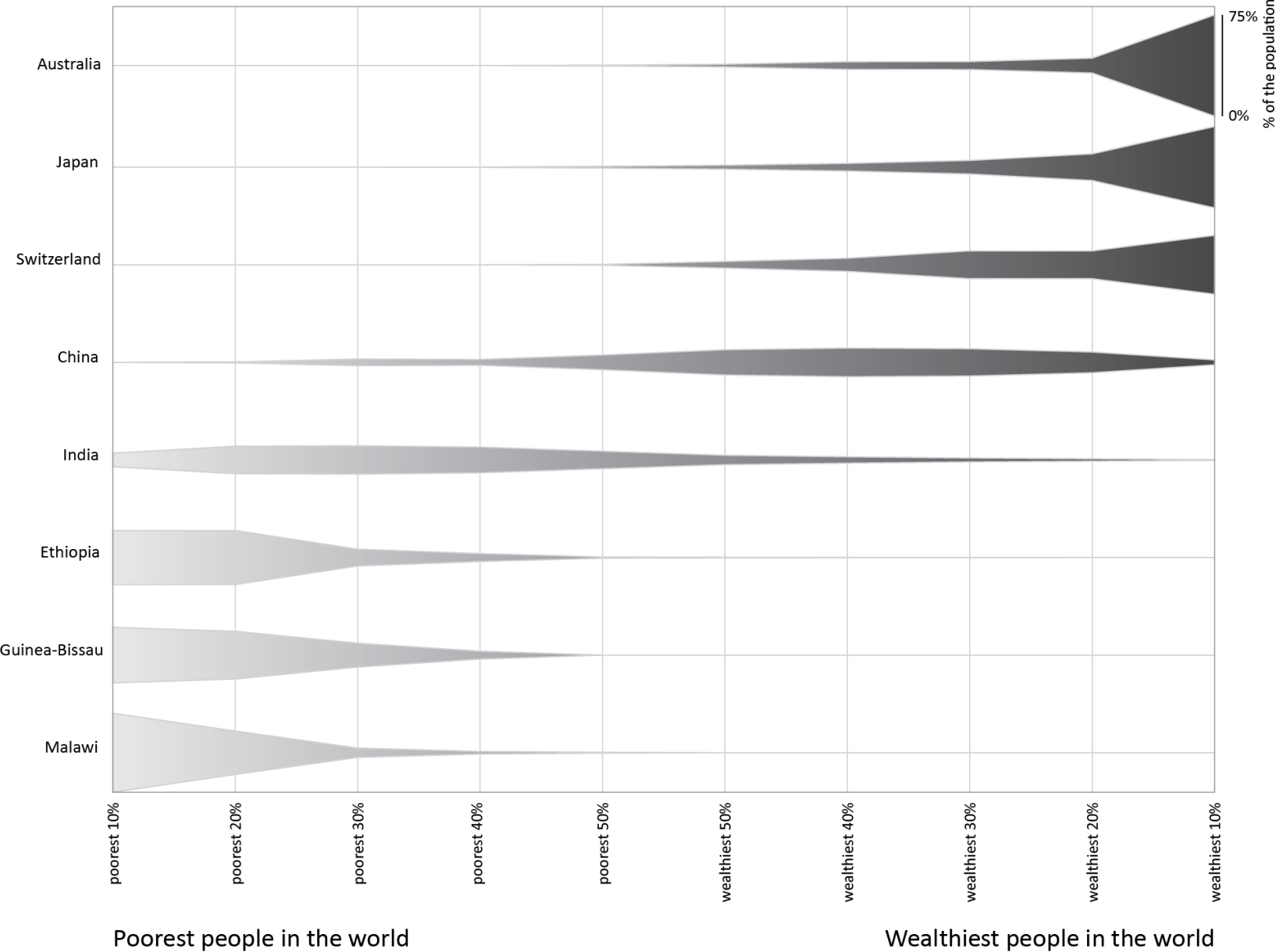


Figure 1.1: How wealthy or poor are the people of different countries?



Data from *Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report 2013*

Dollar economy and rupee economy

Percentage of households who possess

	<u>Rural</u>	<u>Urban</u>
Computer	2%	11%
Credit Card	2%	5%
Car	2%	7%
Stocks and bonds	<1%	4%
Have been abroad (past yr.)	<1%	4%

MONTHLY PER-CAPITA INCOME (2012)

Population falling below (cumulative)

	<u>Rural</u>	<u>Urban</u>
< 1,000 rupees	44%	19%
< 2,000 rupees	74%	48%
< 5,000 rupees	94%	81%
<i>> 10,000 rupees</i>	<i>1.7%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>

(IHDS 2012)

HIGHEST POSITIONS ACHIEVED

in the past 10 years

71 villages in three states

Accountant (2)	Lineman (7)
Advocate (4)	Council Secy. (4)
Computer Operator (4)	Recordkeeper (11)
Constable (8)	Messenger (6)
Clerk Typist (10)	Sub-Inspector (4)
Doctor (1)	Schoolteacher (50)
Driver (4)	Soldier (<i>Jawan</i>) (32)
Civil Engineer (2)	Software Engineer (1)

OTHER INDICATORS

Share of

- Rural students in engineering colleges 2 - 9%
- Students in business schools with 'less educated' parents 6%
- Higher civil servants who grew up without a scooter or television 7%

Multiple disadvantages are deadly:

hardly any: woman AND less educated parents, rural AND SC/ST

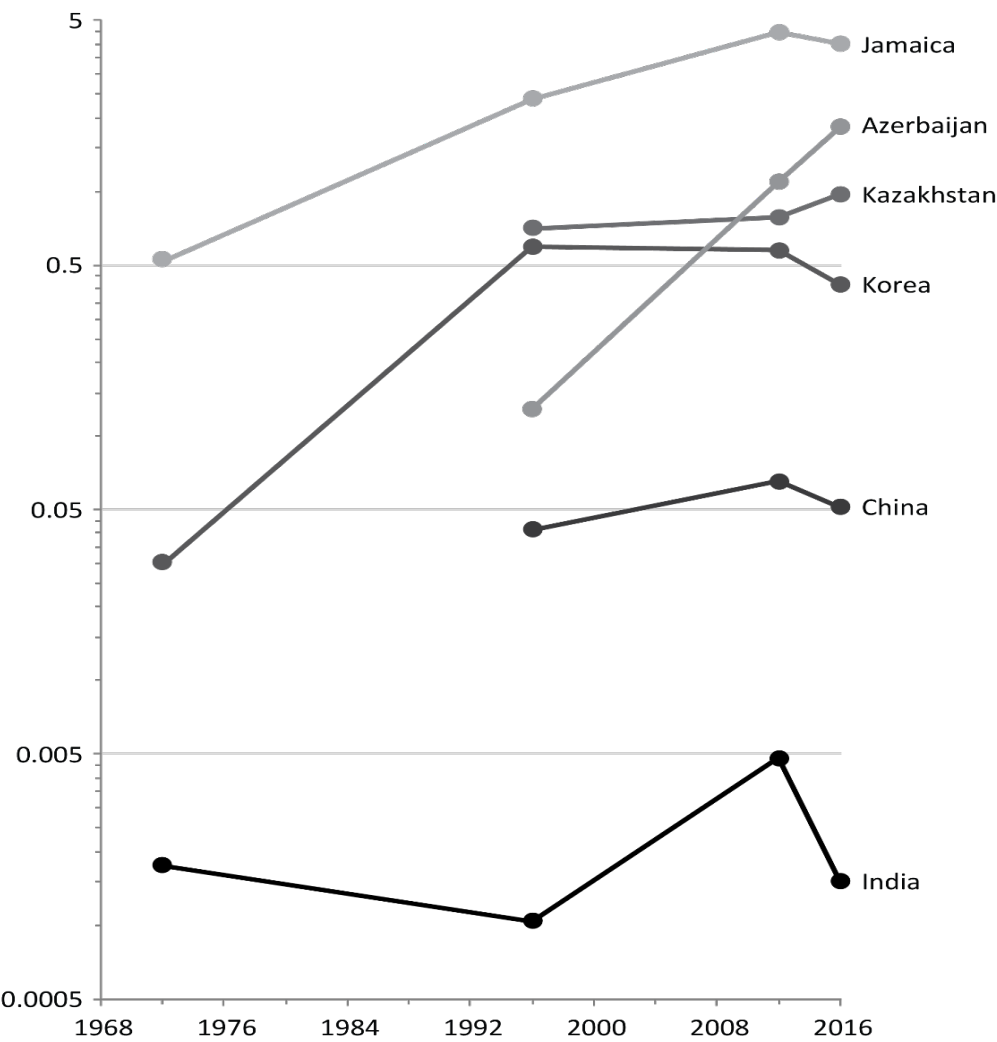
MULTIPLE INDICATORS SHOW A PATTERN

- Low individual achievements
- Little buoyancy at the bottom

Consequences for overall achievement...

SUMMARY MEASURES OF TALENT UTILIZATION (1)

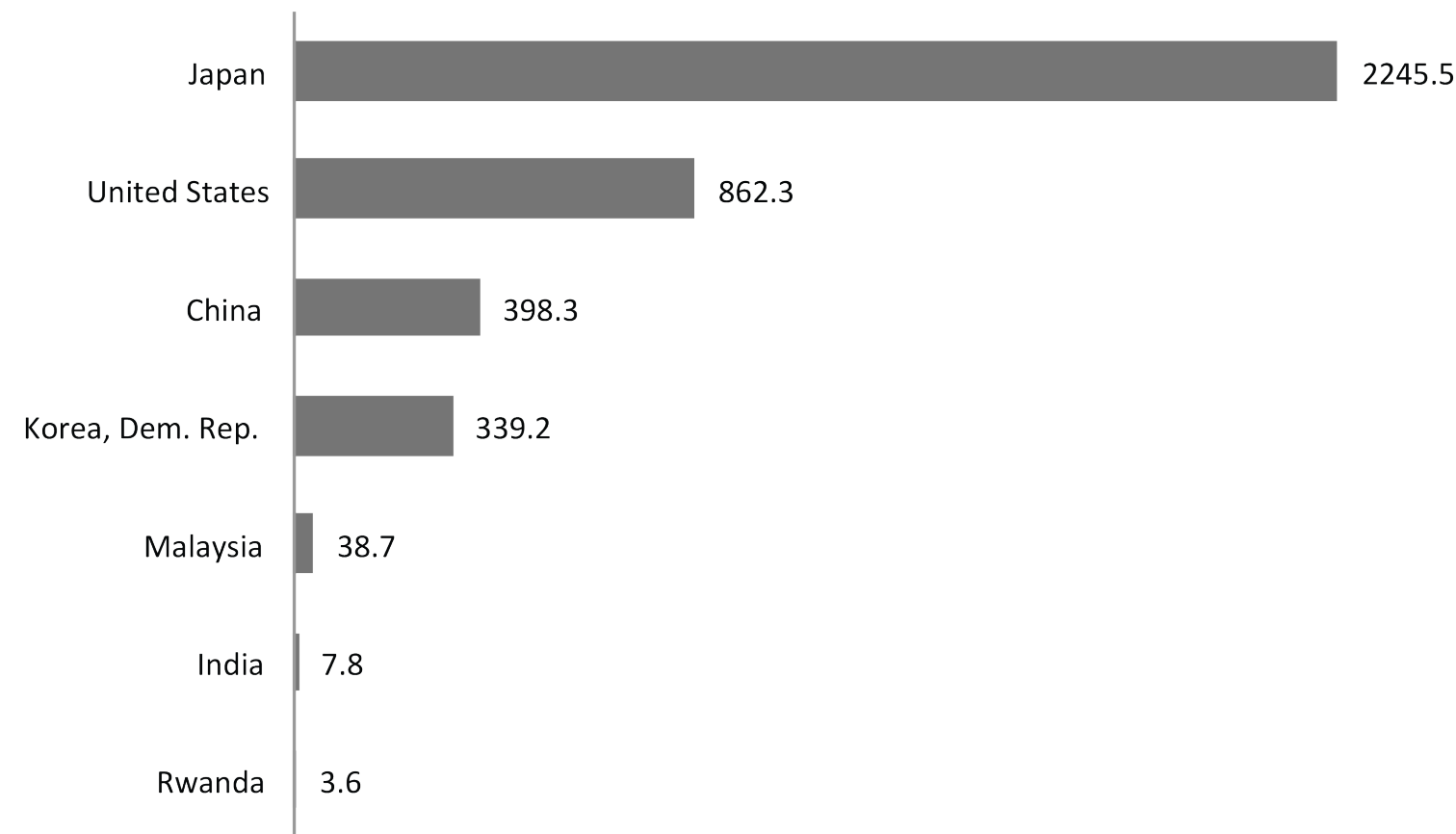
Figure 2: Number of medals per million people



Data source: Olympic Medals Per Capita, <http://www.medalspercapita.com>

SUMMARY MEASURES OF TALENT UTILIZATION (2)

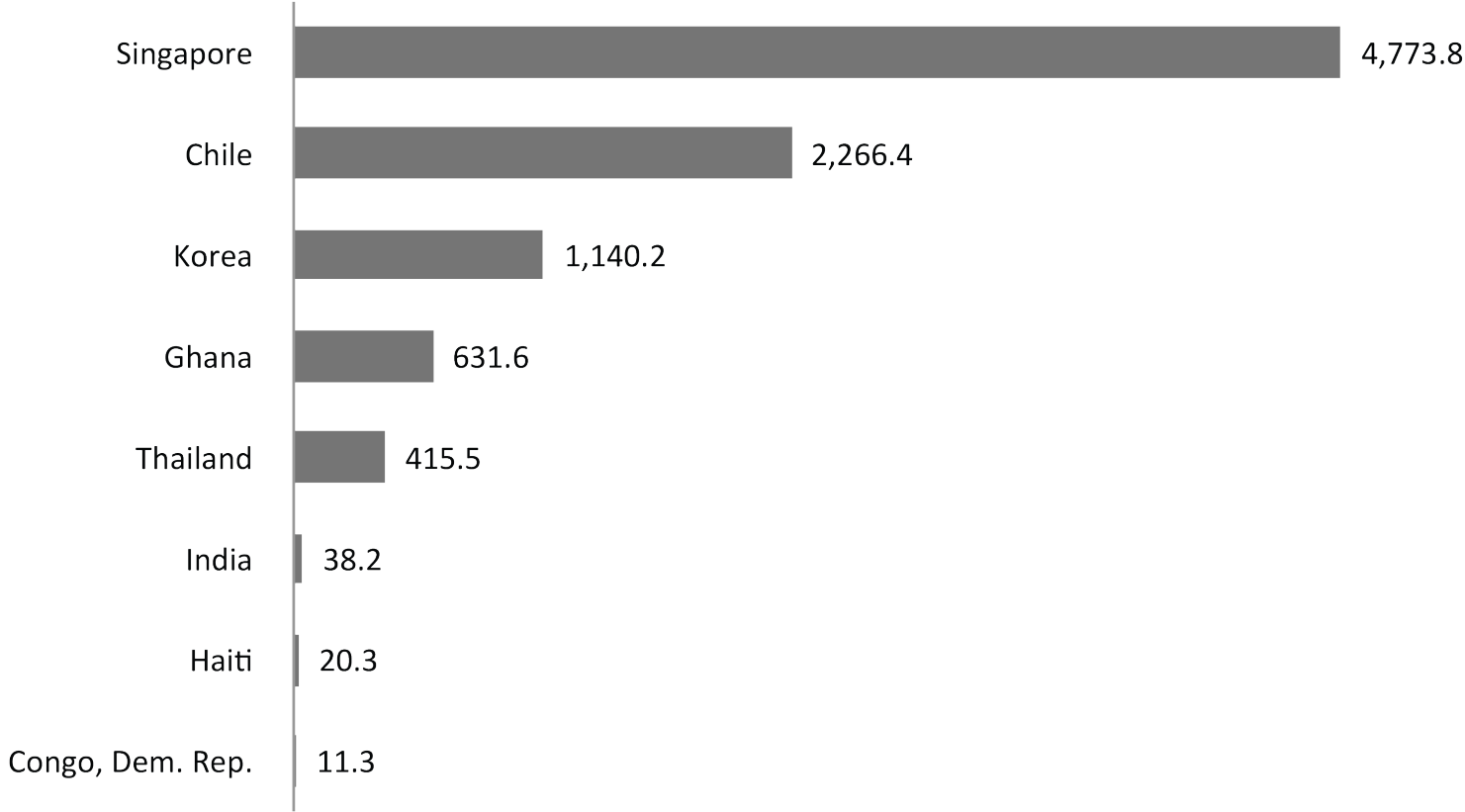
Figure 3: Number of patent applications per million people (2011)



Data source: World Bank World Development Indicators (IP.PAT.RESD, SP.POP.TOTL)

SUMMARY MEASURES OF TALENT UTILIZATION (3)

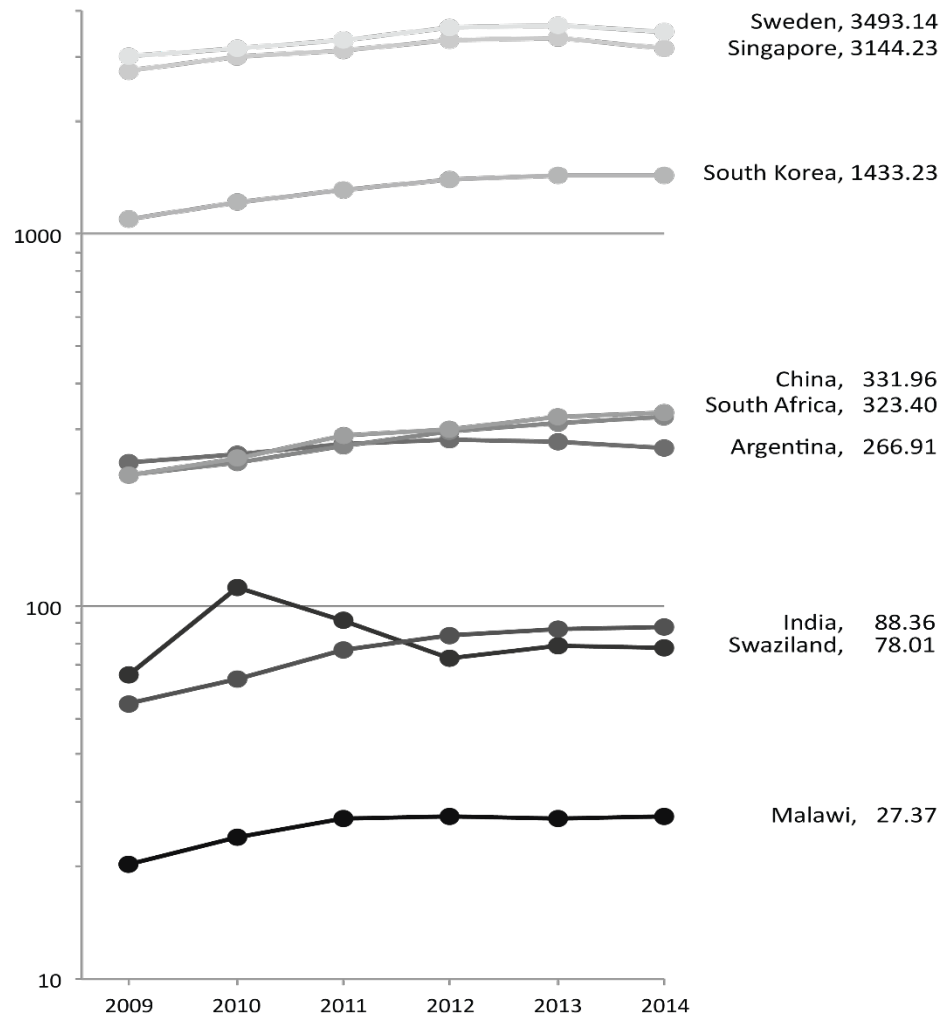
Figure 4: Number of new businesses registered per million people (2009)



Data source: World Bank World Development Indicators (IC.BUS.NREG, SP.POP.TOTL)

SUMMARY MEASURES OF TALENT UTILIZATION (4)

Figure 5: Number of research publications per million people



Data source: SCImago Journal & Country Rank, <http://www.scimagojr.com/countryrank.php>

Multi-stranded explanation – 5 main factors

- Rural-urban divide
- **Jobs:** few formal, technological advances
- **Downward mobility:** very few protected against risk
- **Governance:** structural limitations, short-term thinking
- **Attitudes:** demeaning lower caste, rural, women

THE WAY AHEAD

No ready answers – unique historical situation

- Not merely “growing the nation”
- Equally, focus on local and individuals
 - local matters (e.g., Rampur and Sitapur)
 - shining small-scale examples (NGOs/SMPOs)
- Longer time-horizon