Preeti Jain Das, Visiting Professor, CSD, started her professional journey as a guest faculty in a college in Kanpur University in 1990 where she taught International Relations to graduate and post-graduate students. After qualifying the Civil Services Examination she entered the Indian Revenue Service and joined the Income- tax Department in 1991. During the course of the service she has worked in various verticals of the Department – assessment, policy research, human resource development, Departmental Representative in the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, infrastructure, vigilance, audit, departmental examinations, computerization and administration.

In 2009, she was conferred a Ph.D. in Sociology by IIT, Delhi. Her doctoral thesis examined the educational aspirations of households for their school-going children in an urbanizing settlement, with particular attention to the gender context of familial aspirations.

Dr Preeti attended the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) sponsored one-year Post Graduate Diploma programme on 'Public Policy and Sustainable Development' at Teri University, New Delhi in 2014-'15. She joined The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), N Delhi as a Senior- Fellow on deputation in the same year. During her 5-year tenure at TERI she headed the Sustainable Land Management Area which she had helped set-up. Her main focus of work was land governance and the relationship between land and people with equity and distributive justice as the underlying theme. Dr. Das conceptualized and executed the five-day training programmes on The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RFCTLARR) Act, 2013 for capacity-enhancement of stakeholders by providing an in-depth knowledge of wide-ranging topics central to land acquisition. The successive batches were attended by officials from Public Sector Undertakings and state Governments, personnel from SIA agencies, researchers and practitioners. She designed and conducted a two-day national conference on the 'Five-year journey of The RFCTLARR Act, 2013: the way forward' in October, 2018 and, in 2019, a two-day international workshop on 'Land pooling policy: paradigm for sustainable development'. Both the events were organized at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. Dr. Das has conducted field studies in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh on development-induced-displacement and has authored research papers and articles based on the primary data. The provisions of The RFCTLARR Act, 2013 have also formed the subject-matter of her writing. As a Sociologist, she has been a member of teams that have executed projects related to endocrine disruptors in Indian food, land deployment for renewable energy, climate- resilient agriculture and watershed- management that have been funded by national and international agencies. Her areas of work in TERI spanned women's rights, land use, renewable energy, sustainability, rehabilitation and resettlement.

Dr Preeti has participated in the World Bank's stakeholder consultations for the roll-out of the updated Environmental and Social Framework in 2018. She has contributed her comments to the Inter- Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) special report on 'Climate Change and Land' in 2019.

In the income-tax Department, Dr Das has been a member of committees, constituted from time to time, to address specific challenges, create road maps for accomplishment of designated tasks and prepare action plans. The experience of 34 years in the Government has honed her skills in strategic planning, supervisory management, project execution, team leadership and human capital management.