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Academic Positions

- 2018 - Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
2014-18 Assistant Professor of Economics, State University of New York at Binghamton (on leave 2017-18)

Affiliations

- 2018 - Research Fellow, Institute for Study of Labor (IZA)
2023 - J-PAL Jobs and Opportunity Initiative (JOI) invited researcher

Education

2014	Ph.D.	Economics	Columbia University
2008	B.A, M.A	Economics, <i>First Class Honors</i>	Cambridge University
2006	B.A (Hons.)	Economics, <i>First Class Honors</i>	St. Stephen's College, Delhi University

Fields of Specialization

Primary: Development Economics (with a focus on firms and labor markets in developing countries)
Secondary: Finance and Development

Publications (chronologically listed)

“Labor Regulations and Contract Labor Use: Evidence from Indian firms.” *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 114, pp. 224–232, May 2015

“Location-Based Tax Incentives: Evidence from India.” *Journal of Public Economics*, vol. 156, pp. 101-120, December 2017

“An Unintended Consequence of Place-Based Policies: A Fall in Informality.” (with Ama Baafra Abeberese) *Economics Letters*, vol. 176, pp. 23-27, March 2019

“Workfare Programs and Children's Meals Intake: Evidence from India.” (with Karan Singh Bagavathinathan) *Food Policy*, vol. 95, August 2020

"Interventions to Promote Technology Adoption in Firms: A Systematic Review" (with David Alfaro-Serrano, Tanay Balantrapu, Ana Goicoechea, and Eric Verhoogen) *Campbell Systematic Reviews*, vol. 17, no. 4, December 2021

“In the Heat of the Moment: Economic and Non-Economic Drivers of the Weather-Crime Relationship” (with David Blakeslee, Ram Fishman, Deepak Malghan, and Samreen Malik) *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, vol. 192, pp. 832-856, December 2021

“Land Rezoning and Structural Transformation in Rural India: Evidence from the Industrial Areas Program” (with David Blakeslee, Ram Fishman and Samreen Malik) *World Bank Economic Review*, vol. 36, Issue 2, pp. 488-51, May 2022

“Infrastructure maintenance and rural economic activity: Evidence from India” (with Duong Le) *Journal of Public Economics*, vol. 214, October 2022, 104725

“Creditor Rights, Threat of Liquidation, and Labor-Capital Choice of Firms” (with Shashwat Alok and Vasudha Nukala) *Journal of Law and Economics*, vol. 65, number 4, November 2022

"Democracy and Firm Productivity: Evidence from Indonesia" (with Ama Baafrā Abeberese, Prabhat Barnwal, and Priya Mukherjee) *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 105 (3): 713–722, May 2023

“India’s Services Sector Growth: The Impact of Services Trade on Non-tradable Services (with Besart Avidiu, Karan Bagavathinathan, and Gaurav Nayyar) *India Policy Forum 2022*, July 2023

“Place-Based Policies and Migration: Evidence from India” (with Ama Baafrā Abeberese and Radhika Menon) *World Bank Economic Review*, November 2024

“Employment Protection Legislation and Informality: Theory and Evidence from India” (joint with Gaurav Chiplunkar and Vidhya Soundararajan) *Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics*, accepted

Working Papers

“Liquidity Shocks and Firm Exports: Evidence from Cash Shortages during India’s Demonetization” (joint with Ryan Kim and Pravin Krishna)

“Trumping Immigration: Visa Uncertainty and Jobs Relocation” (joint with Kanika Mahajan and Shekhar Tomar)

"Banks and Informality: Evidence from Dual Balance Sheets of Microenterprises" (with Prabhat Barnwal, Reajul Chowdhury, and SK Ritadhi)

“Shaping Minds: The Transformative Effects of Theater-Based Learning” (joint with Sara Constantino, Shantanu Khanna, Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, Nishith Prakash, and Raisa Sherif) *Journal of Development Economics*, conditionally accepted via pre-results review

"Indentured Migration, Caste and Electoral Competition in Colonial India" (with Ashish Aggarwal and Pavithra Suryanarayan)

Works in Progress

“Social Learning among Urban Manufacturing Firms: Energy-Efficient Motors in Bangladesh” (joint with Gaurav Nayyar, Siddharth Sharma, Eric Verhoogen) AEARCTR-0007432

“Building Entrepreneurial Mindsets: Evidence from a Large-Scale Educational Intervention in India” (joint with Sofia Amaral, Aakash Bhalothia, Isis Gaddis, Nishith Prakash, Gaurav Khanna, Samreen Malik, Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, Nishith Prakash, and Raghav Rakesh) AEARCTR-0012702

“Training and Entrepreneurship: Evidence from Ghana” (joint with Ama Baafrā Abeberese, and Patrick Asuming) AEARCTR-0014563

Policy Writing

- “Do location-based incentives promote industrialisation” *Ideas for India*, September 23, 2014
- “Unleashing India’s Potential Through Effective Regulation” *Fair Observer*, September 30, 2015
- “Structural transformation and spillovers from Industrial Areas” *Ideas for India*, December 7, 2017
- “Industrial policy in India: A brief review” *Ideas for India*, March 12, 2018
- “Creditor Rights, Threat of Liquidation, and Labour-Capital Choice of Firms” *Oxford Business Law Blog*, April 12, 2019
- “Rural Infrastructure Development and Economic Activity” *Ideas for India*, March 18, 2020
- “The MSME Sector is critical in times of Covid-19” *Hindustan Times*, April 3, 2020
- “Unless operational constraints for firms are removed, amending labour laws won’t work” *Hindustan Times*, May 26, 2020
- “Franchise expansion and electoral mobilization: How caste and migration shaped India’s colonial politics”, *Economic History Society Blog*, April 12, 2021
- “How democracy causes growth: Evidence from Indonesia”, *VoxDev*, January 7, 2022
- “Land rezoning and structural transformation in rural India”, *UNIDO Industrial Analytics Platform blog*, February 18, 2022
- “Infrastructure maintenance and rural economic activity: evidence from India”, *VoxDev*, October 11, 2022
- “In the Service of Job Creation”, *The Economic Times*, November 11, 2022
- “The Impact of services trade on non-tradable services in India”, *Ideas for India*, November 25, 2022
- “Implicit Costs of factor allocation for Indian firms”, *Ideas for India*, April 13, 2023
- “US immigration policy uncertainty drives job relocation to India”, *VoxDev* November 18, 2024
- “How immigration policy uncertainty affects labour markets”, *Ideas for India*, January 7, 2025
- “H-1B uncertainty fuels jobs in India”, *Indian Express January 23, 2025*
- “How an Uncertain US Immigration Policy Affects Labour Markets”, *The Wire*, January 24, 2025

Honors, and Grants

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| 2024-26 | JPAL Learning for All Initiative (USD 104,605) |
| 2024-26 | PEDL Exploratory Research Grant (GBP 40,000) |
| 2023-26 | Y-RISE (Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale) Grant (\$300,000) |
| 2023-26 | The World Bank, South Asia Gender and Innovation Lab Grant (\$100,000) |
| 2022 | JHU Covid Bridge Grant (\$40,000) |
| 2021 | SAIS Innovation Fund (\$5000) |
| 2020 | King Climate Action Initiative Grant (JPAL) (\$125,000) |
| 2020 | PEDL Exploratory Research Grant (£34702) |
| 2020 | International Growth Centre (IGC) Grant (£65,000) |
| 2019 | World Bank Entrepreneurship for Development Grant (\$450,000) |
| 2017 | Dean’s Research Semester Award, Binghamton University |
| 2016 | Transdisciplinary Areas of Excellence (TAE) research grant (\$2000), Binghamton University |
| 2016 | EY-ISB Initiative on Emerging Market Studies Grant (~\$20000) |
| 2016 | NSE-NYU Initiative on the Study of Indian Financial Markets Grant (\$7500) |
| 2015-16 | G4G KOMPAK - Principal Investigator for Baseline Study – PKKPM (Indonesian Ministry of National Development Planning) – grant (\$14270) |
| 2011 | Program for Economic Research Data Grant, Columbia University |
| 2011, 2014 | Development Colloquium Data Grant, Columbia University |
| 2010 | Summer Grant, Center for Studies of Development Strategies, Columbia University |
| 2008-14 | Faculty Fellow, Department of Economics, Columbia University |
| 2008 | E. M. Burnett Prize, Cambridge University |
| 2006-08 | Rajiv Gandhi Cambridge Scholarship |

Teaching

SUNY Binghamton - Principles of Microeconomics (Econ 160, undergraduate), Economic Development (Econ 656, PhD), Financial Economics (Econ 442, undergraduate)

Johns Hopkins SAIS - Economic Development (Masters), Microeconomics of Development (Masters), Econometrics (Masters), Impact Evaluation in Development (Masters)

Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations (including scheduled)

2024: World Bank SAR GIL, ISI-Delhi

2023: ABFER (Singapore), Kiel Institute (keynote), American University SIS

2022: EUI Workshop (Florence), India Policy Forum, University of Maryland ARE, IMF, ISB-NBER, ISI-Delhi

2020: World Congress of Econometric Society (Bocconi/virtual)

2019: George Mason Schar School of Policy and Government, CSAE Oxford, Ce2 workshop (Warsaw), EPED Workshop (MIT Sloan), UNU-WIDER Development Conference (Bangkok), Johns Hopkins SAIS (ERE/ISEP), Florida International University, George Washington University, ISI Delhi Conference

2018: AFA 2018 (Philadelphia), Georgetown Qatar, George Mason Schar School of Policy and Government, EPED Workshop Montreal, NEUDC (Cornell), ISI Delhi Conference on Economic Growth and Development

2017: Asian Development Bank Conference on Economic Development (ACED), Eastern Economic Association Meetings, Ecole Polytechnique, NYU-Entrepreneurship and Private Enterprise Development in Emerging Economies Workshop, Asian Meetings of the Econometric Society (Hong Kong), Conference on the Indian Economy (Columbia University), NEUDC (Tufts), Johns Hopkins SAIS, Virginia Tech, ISI Delhi Conference on Economic Growth and Development, IIM Bangalore, Indian School of Business

2016: Bucknell University, Cornell University, NYU-NSE Conference, ISI Delhi Conference on Economic Growth and Development, IGC Kolkata

2015: Cornell Dyson, DIAL Conference – Paris, Syracuse University

2014: SUNY Binghamton, Indian School of Business, NEUDC – Boston University, Center on Global Economic Governance Conference (Delhi), ISI Delhi Conference on Economic Growth and Development

2013: Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) – Harvard Kennedy School

Refereeing

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review: Insights, Area Development and Policy, Business and Politics, China Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, Economics Letters, Economic Modelling, Empirical Economics, Employee Relations, IMF Economic Review, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, International Economic Review, International Tax and Public Finance Review, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Journal of Financial Services Research, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Productivity Analysis, Journal of Urban Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Research in Labor Economics, Review of Development Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, World Bank Economic Review

Conference Review: AMIE Conference, ISI Delhi conference, NEUDC

Grant Review: Ad-hoc reviewer for NSF, BA/Leverhulme research grants, PEDL

Other work experience

Nov 2017- Dec 2023	Consultant, World Bank, Washington DC
Feb-June 2014	Consultant, World Bank, Washington DC
Aug-Sep 2012	Consultant, World Bank, New Delhi
2011-12	Research Assistant for Joseph E. Stiglitz, Columbia University
Aug 2011-Jan 2012	Consultant, Asian Development Bank, New Delhi
Summer 2008	Intern, Barclays Capital, London
Summer 2007	Intern, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai

Personal

Indian citizen, US permanent resident, married, two children (2021, 2024)
Languages: English, Hindi, Bangla