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Employment

Economist, Amazon, Washington, DC, 2022-

Assistant Professor of Economics, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, 2019- (on leave)

Lecturer and Associate Director of the M.S. Program in Applied Economics, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, College Park, 2022

Consultant, Poverty Global Practice, World Bank, Washington, DC, 2018-19

Visiting Graduate Student, Global Policy and Strategy School, University of California, San Diego, 2015-16

Research Manager, Social and Rural Research Institute, IMRB International, Delhi, 2009-11

Affiliations

Research Fellow, Bharti Institute of Public Policy, 2019-

Education

Ph.D., Economics, The George Washington University, Washington, DC, 2018

M.A., Development Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, 2009

B.A. (Hons.), Economics, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, Delhi, 2007

Research Fields

Primary: Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Secondary: Political Economy, Agricultural Economics

Publications

Irrigation and the Spatial Pattern of Local Economic Development in India (with David Blakeslee, Ram Fishman, Samreen Malik, Heitor Pelegriana, Karan Singh) *Journal of Development Economics*, Volume 161, March 2023, 102997

The Impact of Groundwater Depletion on Agricultural Production in India (with Nishan Bhattarai, Adrienne Pollack, David B. Lobell, Ram Fishman, Balwinder-Singh and Meha Jain) *Environmental Research Letters*, 16(8), July 2021, 085003

Health Impacts of the Green Revolution: Evidence from 600,000 births across the Developing World (with Ram Fishman, Prabhat Barnwal, Nathaniel D. Mueller, Jan von der Goltz and Gordon C. McCord) *Journal of Health Economics*, Volume 74, December 2020, 102373

Working Papers

“All is Water”: Technological Complementarities and Path Dependence in Indian Agriculture

The Groundwater Constraint: Farmer Responses to Falling Water Tables in India (with Nishan Bhattarai, Ram Fishman and Meha Jain)

Electoral Cycles in Food Prices: Evidence from India (with Pranav Gupta and Rahul Verma)

Parachuters vs Climbers: Economic Consequences of Barriers to Political Entry in a Democracy

Designing Policy in Weak States: Unintended Consequences of Alcohol Prohibition in Bihar (with Abhilasha Sahay)

Work in Progress

Bureaucracy and Digital Governance (with Aprajit Mahajan and Prabhat Barnwal)

Public or Private Leviathan? Crime and Development in Contemporary Bihar (with Ashwani Kumar)

Teaching

Government, Business and Society (masters), Indian School of Business, Jan-Mar 2020, May-Jun 2021, Jul-Aug 2021

Managerial Economics (masters), Indian School of Business, Jun 2020, Jun 2021

Fundamentals of Economics (masters), Indian School of Business, Feb 2021

Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate), George Washington University, Fall 2016

Introductory Statistics and Basic Mathematical Tools (masters), Institute for International Economic Policy, George Washington University, Fall 2016

Training Workshop in Operationalizing a Field Survey (MPhil/PhD), Kurukshetra University, Summer 2013

Grants

The Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics, USD 43,995

International Growth Center, USD 19,000, 2022-23 (Co-PI with Aprajit Mahajan and Prabhat Barnwal)

Emergent Ventures, USD 25,000, 2021-22 (Co-PI with Kiran Garimella and Vasundhara Sirnate)

ISB Junior Faculty Research Award, USD 4,500, 2020-22

Srini Raju Centre For IT and The Networked Economy Research Grant, USD 8,000, 2021

Digital Identity Research Initiative, USD 22,000, 2020-21

Global Religion Research Initiative, University of Notre Dame, USD 11,000 (Co-PI with Rahul Verma), 2018-19

Azim Premji University Research Grants, USD 22,000 (Co-PI with Ashwani Kumar), 2017-19

International Growth Center, USD 26,000 (Co-PI with Chinmaya Kumar and Pankaj Verma), 2015-17

Election Commission of India, USD 31,000 (multiple studies under aegis of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai), 2013-17

International Growth Center, USD 14,000 (Co-PI with Ashwani Kumar), 2013-16

Sigur Center for Asian Studies, USD 6,000, 2014

Professional Activities

Referee: Applied Economics Letters, Asian Journal of Comparative Politics, American Law and Economics Review, Current Research in Environmental Sustainability, Ecology and Society, Economic Modeling, Electoral Studies, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of South Asian Development, Journal of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, Oxford Open Economics, World Bank Economic Review, World Development Perspectives

Service: Co-organizer of the eighth annual SERI workshop at ISB; Core group member, Society for Economics Research in India (SERI); Co-organizer Seminar in Applied Microeconomics - Virtual Assembly and Discussion (SAMVAAD); Organizing Committee, Indian Democracy at Work Conference 2020; Student Coordinator, Development Lunch Reading Group, George Washington University, 2013-15; Instructor, Training Workshop in Operationalizing a Field Survey, Kurukshetra University, Haryana, 2013

Membership: American Economic Association (AEA), Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA), Urban Economics Association (UEA), American Political Science Association (APSA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Conferences/Seminars

2023: Fourth South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM)-World Bank North America Discussion Forum

2022: Fourth International Workshop on Market Studies and Spatial Economics; Midwest International Economic Development Conference; Pacific Conference for Development Economics

2021: Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development at Indian Statistical Institute; Delhi School of Economics Winter School; Institute of Economic Growth; EVaP Research Workshop; Food and Agriculture Research Discussion Group; INSEE-IITD International Conference; Political Economy Workshop at University of Calcutta; Temple University; University of Maryland, Baltimore County; University of Virginia

2020: Economic History of Developing Regions Webinar

2019: 15th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute; Center for International Studies (CERI), Sciences Po; Delhi Political Economy Workshop; Development Studies Workshop & Society of Bolivian Economists (SEBOL) Mid-Year Meeting; Eastern Economic Association (EEA); International Conference on Indian Business & Economic History; International Conference on Public Policy and Management; Louisiana State University, Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop; Mid-West Political Science Association (MPSA); Second Annual Workshop on Empirical and Computational Social Sciences in India, Ashoka University; Third South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM)-World Bank Discussion Forum

2018: Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE); DC India Politics Workshop; Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); North East Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC); SANEM-World Bank North America Discussion Forum; Southern Economic Association (SEA); Young Economists Symposium (YES)

2017: ADRI International Conference on Bihar and Jharkhand: Shared History to Shared Vision; Indian Political Economy Workshop, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; South Asia Colloquium, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley; The Annual Bank Conference on Africa (ABCA)

2016: ADRI International Conference on Development and Growth: Experience and Theories; Environment and Resource Group, Department of Economics, UC San Diego; International Growth Center (IGC) Bihar Growth Conference; Toward Sustainable Groundwater in Agriculture International Conference (AGW)

Personal

Languages: English, Hindi, German

Citizenship: Indian

References

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