

Isha Bhallamudi

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EDUCATION

UC IRVINE

PH.D. IN SOCIOLOGY (EXP. 2023)

M.A. in Demographic Analysis (2021)

IIT MADRAS

B.A.+M.A. IN DEVL. STUDIES (2017)

Minor in Economics

SKILLS

Methods: Interviews, Surveys, Focus Group Discussions, Qualitative Analysis, Network Analysis, Hypothesis Testing, Regression Analysis, Policy Analysis, Literature Reviews

Competencies: Project management; people management; qualitative and quantitative research; working in resource-constrained settings; collaborating with diverse teams; strong analytical thinking.

Languages: R, STATA, SPSS

AWARDS & TRAINING

- 2021. Noyce Fellow in AI, Law & Society, UCI.
- 2021. Graduate Fellow, Center for Networks & Relational Analysis, UCI.
- 2021. Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, UCLA.
- 2020. Summer Institute in AI and Governance at Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society, Harvard.

COURSEWORK

GRADUATE

Interview Methods
Survey Design
Analysis of Networks Data
Demographic Analysis
Advanced Regression Models
Graduate Statistics I, II and III

UNDERGRADUATE

Technology and Sustainable Devl.
Social Psychology
Disability Studies
Econometrics
Economics of Industrial Orgs

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IRVINE | RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Jun '20 – Present | California, USA

- Collaborated with 3 cross-sector teams on different projects. Conducted qualitative analysis, survey analysis and networks analysis, along with literature reviews, data cleaning, ideation and policy recommendations.

TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES | RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Jun '17 – Jul '18 | Mumbai, India

- Provided research and consultancy services to UN Women, UNICEF, and state police academies. Conducted user interviews, focus group discussions and policy analyses, and came up with organizational strategies.

UNI. OF OXFORD, DEPT. OF SOCIAL POLICY | RESEARCH INTERN

Jun '15 – Jul '15 | Oxford, U.K.

- Helped design a novel qualitative methodology for an international 6-country study of multidimensional poverty, later presented at UN and OECD.

SELECTED PROJECTS

HOW ALGORITHMICALLY-MEDIATED WORK SHAPES SOCIAL MOBILITY, LABOR AND URBANIZATION IN INDIA - PHD THESIS

Jan '22 - June '23 | Irvine, CA / Mumbai, India

- Will conduct interviews, focus group discussions, surveys and ethnographic observation with gig workers across sectors in urban India starting 2022.
- The project will examine how the platformization of daily life shapes urbanization, social mobility and labor in India.

ADOLESCENT MOBILE PHONE USE IN MUMBAI - MA THESIS

Jun '19 - Aug '20 | Irvine, CA / Mumbai, India

- Studied how gender and class shape differential access to technology as well as different digital cultures and use patterns in India, using interviews, focus group discussions and vignettes with around 300 adolescents.
- Have previously conducted an exploratory study for UNICEF on mobile phone use patterns in low-resource communities in India, through group interviews, focus group discussions and field observation.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND TALKS

- 2021. **Isha Bhallamudi**. "Girls, Gadgets and Gatekeepers: Gendered Modes of Access to Mobile Phones in Mumbai, India". Association for Internet Researchers Annual Meeting.
- 2019. Jayadev Bhaskaran and **Isha Bhallamudi**. "Good Secretaries, Bad Truck Drivers? Occupational Gender Stereotypes in Sentiment Analysis". Workshop on Gender Bias in NLP, ACL 2019, Florence, Italy.
- 2018. Lakshmi Lingam, **Isha Bhallamudi**, and Neomi Rao. "Adolescent Sub-cultures and Smartphones: Exploring Implications for Gender, Sexuality and Rights". UNICEF Report.
- (Forthcoming). Lakshmi Lingam and **Isha Bhallamudi**. "Keeping Young People Out of Harm's Way: Smartphones and the Social Reproduction of Gender?": in 'Smart Phones, Social Media and Gender Fault-lines: Southern Perspectives'. Routledge.