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Education

Ph.D. in Economics	Penn State University	2022 (Expected)
M.A. in Economics	Delhi School of Economics	2014
B.Tech.	Vellore Institute of Technology	2009

Research Interests

Spatial Economics, Development Economics

Research Papers

Temporary vs. Permanent Migration in Spatial Economy: Evidence from India (*job market paper*)

In this paper, we argue that distinguishing temporary migration from permanent migration is important for estimating the welfare effects of migration frictions. This is because workers migrating temporarily leave their families behind, and thus economic conditions both at origin and destination matter for the destination choice and household welfare of temporary migrants. To shed light on spatial and aggregate implications of temporary migration, we develop and quantify a quantitative spatial general equilibrium trade model that allows for permanent and temporary migration. Estimates suggest that relative to permanent migration, temporary migration matters 1.3 times more for average welfare and 5 times more for the welfare of poorest 10 percent districts. We also find that shutting down temporary migration increases spatial inequality by 23 percent and reduces average productivity in tradable sectors by 30 percent. Finally, ignoring temporary migration results in overestimating average loss from redistributive policies and underestimating the gains to poorest locations.

Trade cost, intermediate-inputs and firm productivity (*working paper*)

Policy Writing

Wither Jobs (with S. Chatterjee and R. Lamba)
Law School Policy Review, NLS Bangalore

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor	Delhi University	2014-2016
Instructor	Penn State University	Summer 2018
Instructor	Penn State University	Summer 2019
Instructor	Penn State University	Summer 2021

Research Experience

RA for Kala Krishna	2018, 2021
RA for Shoumitro Chatterjee	2019-2021
RA for Arvind Subramanian and Rohit Lamba	2019

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