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## CURRENT POSITION

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### Oxford University

Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow, Department of Economics and Nuffield College

2025-28

## EDUCATION

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### Brown University

Ph.D. Economics

Providence, RI, USA

2025

*Dissertation Committee:* Andrew Foster, Brian Knight, Stelios Michalopoulos, Peter Hull, Daniel Björkegren

### Delhi School of Economics

M.A. Economics

New Delhi, India

2017

### Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi

B.A. (Honors) Economics

New Delhi, India

2015

Exchange: National University of Singapore

## WORKING PAPERS

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### Hate in the Time of Algorithms: Evidence on Online Behavior from a Large Scale Experiment

*Awards:* BU Platform Strategy Alessandro di Fiore Best Paper Prize Runner-up 2025, Best Paper Award at CesIfo Doctoral Workshop on Economics of Digitization 2025, NEUDC/ Weiss Fund Distinguished Paper Award 2024

### A ‘Ghetto’ of One’s Own: Communal Violence, Residential Segregation, and Group Education Outcomes in India

*Awards:* Winner, Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences Graduate Student Paper Prize (2022)

### Targeted Disruptions: Internet Shutdowns in India (with Ro'ee Levy and Martin Mattsson)

### Local Elections, Leader Identity, and Online Hate Speech at Scale: Evidence from a TikTok-like Platform in Rural India

### Hate Thy Neighbor: Effects of Local News on Political Polarization in a Large-Scale Experiment

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- Global Mobility Research Fellowship, Brown University 2023
- Merit Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University 2022
- Center for Contemporary South Asia Teaching Fellowship, Brown University 2021
- Graduate Student Fellowship, Brown University 2018
- Faculty Prize, Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University 2015
- Exchange Scholarship, National University of Singapore 2014

## GRANTS

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- CSAE Small Grants, Oxford University 2025
- NSF Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation 2023
- Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics 2023
- Saxena Center for Contemporary South Asia Summer Fellowship, Brown University 2022
- Orlando Bravo Center for Economic Research Funding, Brown University 2022, 2021
- Saxena Center for Contemporary South Asia Winter Fellowship, Brown University 2021
- Swearer Center Engaged Course Mini-Grant, Brown University 2021
- Graduate Program in Development Summer Funds, Watson Institute, Brown University 2021, 2020
- Stone Wealth and Income Inequality Fund, Brown University 2020

## INVITED TALKS, SEMINARS, AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**2026** ASSA (Philadelphia), University of Nottingham, Economics and Analytics Group Ofcom, University of Arkansas, UC San Diego

**2025** NBER Summer Institute, CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics and Society (Bocconi), University of Oslo Applied Micro Seminar, Dartmouth Applied Microeconomics and QSS Seminar, Stanford Network Science in Economics Conference (plenary session), UChicago Machine Learning for Economics Conference, cesIfo Doctoral Workshop on Economics of Digitization (Toulouse), Meta, Caltech Information and Misinformation in Elections Conference, Georgetown McCourt School of Public Policy South Asia Seminar, Digital Economy Workshop (DIW Berlin), Oxford Political Economy Workshop, Hertie School, Warwick

**2024** NBER Conference on Information and Competition in the Digital Economy (ISB), ISI-Delhi Growth and Development Conference, ETH Zürich and UZH Workshop in AI + Economics, NEUDC (Northeastern), Harvard Grad PE Seminar, Brown Applied Microeconomics Grad Seminar, Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society (Nashville), Comparative Welfare State Conference 2024 (Brown)

**2023** Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society (UCLA), Asian Meetings of the Econometric Society (IIT-Bombay)

**2022** Spatial Structures in Social Science Colloquium for Best Graduate Student Paper Award (Brown),

NBER Conference on Entrepreneurship, Public Policy, and Economics Outcomes (ISB), PAA (Atlanta), Data Science Institute (Brown), Young Economists' Symposium (Yale), Development Data Lab, Growth and Development Conference (ISI Delhi), NEUDC (Yale), Machine Learning for Economics Summer Institute (UChicago)

**2021** Growth and Development Conference (ISI Delhi), Brown-MIT Graduate Development Workshop

## TEACHING

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### Instructor for Graduate Course at Oxford University

- Quantitative Methods for M.Sc. in Economic and Social History 2025

### Instructor for Undergraduate Courses at Brown University

- Honors Thesis Advising 2025
- Economic and Human Development in South Asia 2021

### Teaching Assistant at Brown University

- Machine Learning, Text Analysis, and Economics (*Professor Amy Handlan*) 2024
- Statistical Methods and Economic Analysis for MPA (*Professors Jesse Bruhn, Bryce Steinberg, Neil Thakral, Alex Poterack*) 2022
- Game Theory and Application to Economics (*Professor Roberto Serrano*) 2020
- Intermediate Microeconomics (*Professor Fahri Ulusoy*) 2020
- PhD Mathematics for Economists (*Professor Alex Poterack*) 2019

### Instructor for Indian Economic Service Officers Training at the Institute for Economic Growth, New Delhi

- Quantitative Methods in Economics 2018

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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Brown University, Economics Department Providence, RI  
Research Assistant for Professor Alisa Tazhitdinova 2020

Center for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics New Delhi, India  
Research Assistant for Professor Mausumi Das 2017–2018

Ranchi University and IIT-Delhi Jharkhand/ New Delhi, India  
Field Investigator for Professors Jean Drèze and Reetika Khera 2013–2018

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**Impacts of regional lockdown policies on COVID-19 transmission in India in 2020** (with Paul Novosad, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 2022)

**Birth Pangs: Universal Maternity Entitlements in India** (with Aditi Priya, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 2020)

## OTHER

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- **Service:** Co-founder, *Bahujan Economists*
- **Referee:** Journal of Development Economics, PLOS One, ACM Journal of Computing and Sustainable Societies, Journal of Comparative Economics
- **Open Data:** A Dataset of Geolocated Villages and Gram Panchayat Election Candidates in Uttar Pradesh
- **Organization:** Fair February 2022, Data Science Initiative, Brown; Women in Data Science Datathon 2023, Brown; Graduate Student Seminar Speaker Series 2024, Saxena Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown
- **Languages:** English (fluent), Hindi (native), Punjabi (advanced), Urdu (elementary)