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CONTACT Information

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EDUCATION

University of California - Irvine, USA

Graduate Student, Economics, Fall 2017 - Summer 2022 (expected) M.A., Economics, 2018

Madras School of Economics, CUTN, India

M.Sc., Economics, 2016

Hansraj College, University of Delhi, India

Bachelor of Commerce (Honours), 2013

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Monetary Economics, Macroeconomics and International Macroeconomics.

WORKING PAPERS

Unconventional Monetary Policy and Consumption, Working Paper, 2020.

Abstract: This paper provides empirical evidence the role played by household mortgages in the heterogeneous response of consumption to unconventional monetary policy. Specifically, I study the mortgage refinancing channel of transmission of monetary policy to household consumption. I find that the homeowners who refinance their loan in response to an expansionary monetary policy shock consume more than households who do not refinance their loans and households who are renters. This heterogeneity is conditional on local home prices. Mortgage owners in states which were severely affected by the housing market crash during the 2008 financial crisis did not respond to the unconventional policy shocks. On the other hand, mortgage owners in less affected states who refinanced their loans have higher consumption growth, following an expansionary policy shock.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Rational Inattention in the Housing Market with Olga Goldfayn-Frank and Georgi Kocharkov.

Fiscal Policy and Animal Spirits in the Euro Area

RESEARCH VISITS Deutsche Bundesbank

July 2020 - September 2020

Frankfurt, Germany

Presentations

• Delhi School of Economics Winter School

2020

2010

Fall 2020

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

• Associate Dean Fellowship, UCI

• Summer Research Fellowship, UCI 2019, 2020

• Graduate Dean's Recruitment Fellowship, UCI 2017

• Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, India 2016

• Scholarship under Central Sector Scholarship Scheme, Ministry of Human Resource and Development, India

Teaching
EXPERIENCE

University of California, Irvine

Teaching Assistant Fall 2017 - present

• Econ 20A: Basic Economics I	Fall 2017, Summer 2019
• Econ 161B: International Money	Winter 2018
• Econ 140: Managerial Economics	Spring 2018
• Econ 100A: Intermediate Economics I	Fall 2018
• Econ 15B: Probability and Statistics II	Winter 2019
• Econ 100C: Intermediate Economics III	Spring 2019
• Econ 161A: Money and Banking	Fall 2019

PAST EMPLOYMENT Research Associate

July 2016 - June 2017

Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning, Reserve Bank of India

- Research Associate to Dr. Nirupama Kulkarni (Research Director, CAFRAL) and Dr. Anand Srinivasan (Senior Research Director, CAFRAL).
- Assisted with research on household portfolio decisions and misallocation of resources across firms.
- Prepared policy briefs for the bi-monthly monetary policy committee meetings.

Research Assistant May-July 2013

New Delhi, India

- Research assistant to Dr. Arijit Chatterjee (Associate Professor, ESEC Business School).
- Assisted in studying the trajectory of various socio-economic indicators covering education, health, infrastructure, and governance in Indian states for the period 1960-2010.

Research Intern, National Human Rights Commission

Dec-Jan 2014

- New Delhi, India
 - Undertook a project work on 'Rights of Indigenous People and Access to Development' under Dr. S.K. Jain, Senior Research Officer (Training Division).
 - Compiled reports on human rights scenario in jail and children's shelter home.

Positions of RESPONSIBILITY

Editor, Department of Commerce, Hansraj College, University of Delhi

2012-13

• Headed a seven member editorial team in designing and publishing De Facto, the annual magazine of Department of Commerce, Hans Raj College.

CITIZENSHIP

India (F1 visa)

References

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