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**EDUCATION**

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<b>Brown University</b>	Providence, RI, USA
Ph.D. Candidate in Economics	2017 –present
Expected Completion Date: May 2023	

<b>University of Virginia</b>	Charlottesville, Virginia, USA
M.A. Economics	2016 –2017

<b>Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi</b>	Delhi, India
M.A. Economics	2014 –2016

<b>Miranda House, University of Delhi</b>	Delhi, India
B.A. Economics	2011 –2014

**TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS**

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Macroeconomics, Labor Economics and Behavioral Economics

# JOB MARKET PAPER

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## What Determines Household Expectations?

with *Anushka Mitra*

This paper uses high frequency data on household expectations to examine what causes households to adjust their expectations about the future of the economy. We analyze several macro variables of policy interest, and find that households respond primarily to movements in the labor market. Further, these responses are asymmetric: households pay more attention to bad news and to larger shocks. Households in areas with higher local unemployment are also more sensitive to changes in national unemployment than those in areas with lower local unemployment. We examine whether stock market or news drives these results. We find our results to hold even after controlling for movements in the stock market. We also show that both news coverage and news sentiment respond to a large number of macroeconomic announcements, suggesting that households' focus on the labor market points to inattention.

## OTHER RESEARCH PAPERS

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Labor Force Participation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century 2022

Optimal Unemployment Insurance in the Presence of Informality 2022  
with *Marcel Peruffo* and *Luca Rive*

The Dynamics of Expectations 2022

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

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Research Assistant for John Friedman 2020  
Department of Economics, Brown University Providence, RI

Research Assistant for Gauti Eggertson 2020  
Department of Economics, Brown University Providence, RI

Research Assistant for Stelios Michalopoulos 2018  
Department of Economics, Brown University Providence, RI

Intern in the Financial Inclusion and Development Department 2015  
Reserve Bank of India Delhi, India

## TEACHING

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### Teaching Assistant at Brown University

- International Finance (*Professor: Manuel Lancastre*) Fall 2021
- Industrial Organization (*Professor: Manuel Lancastre*) Spring 2021, Fall 2022
- Intermediate Macroeconomics (*Professor: Kellie Forrester*) Spring 2022
- Intermediate Macroeconomics (*Professor: Manuel Lancastre*) Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- Orlando Bravo Center Research Funding Award, Brown University 2022
- Stephen Robert Graduate Fellowship, Brown University 2021-2022
- Graduate Student Fellowship, Department of Economics, Brown University 2019-2021, 2022-2023
- Dean Peder Estrup Graduate School Research Fund Fellowship, Brown University 2018 - 2019

- Susan R. Kamins 1982 Fellowship 2017- 2018
- Graduate Student Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Virginia 2016 - 2017
- The Academic Prize, Miranda House, University of Delhi 2013
- The Mallan Devi Bhalla Prize, Miranda House, University of Delhi 2013

## CERTIFICATIONS

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Course Design Seminar Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University	2022
Teaching Certificate I Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University	2020
Effective Performance Workshop Brown University and Trinity Repertory Theater	2019

## AFFILIATIONS

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S4 Fellow Spatial Structures in Social Sciences, Brown University	Jan 2019-Present
Demographic Trainee Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University	Aug 2018-Present

## OTHER

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- **Conferences Participations:** [Midwest Macro 2022](#), [WEAI 2022](#), , [NASMES 2022](#), [IAES 2022](#), [PAA 2022](#), [IIM Bangalore 2022](#), [DSE Winter School 2021](#), [PAA 2021](#), [PAA 2019](#)
- **Gender:** Female
- **Citizenship:** India
- **Languages:** Hindi (native), English (fluent) and Spanish (beginner)
- **Software:** Python, MATLAB, Stata, C++, ArcGIS