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EDUCATION

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

University of Virginia	Charlottesville, Virginia, USA
M.A. Economics	2016 –2017

Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi	Delhi, India
M.A. Economics	2014 –2016

Miranda House, University of Delhi	Delhi, India
B.A. Economics	2011 –2014

RESEARCH FIELDS

Macroeconomics, Labor Economics, Behavioral Economics

JOB MARKET PAPER

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

Labor Force Participation in the 21st Century 2022

WORK IN PROGRESS

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

The Dynamics of Expectations 2022

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant at Brown University

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

- Research Assistant for John Friedman, Brown University 2020
- Research Assistant for Gauti Eggertson, Brown University 2020
- Research Assistant for Stelios Michalopoulos, Brown University 2018
- Intern in the Financial Inclusion and Development Department, Reserve Bank of India 2015

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Conference and Seminar Presentations

- Midwest Macro 2022
- Western Economic Association International 2022
- North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society 2022
- International Atlantic Economic Society 2022

- Indian Institute of Management (Bangalore) Brown Bag Seminar Series 2022
- Population Association of America 2022, 2021, 2019
- Delhi School of Economics' Winter School, India 2021

Research Workshops

- NBER Behavioral Economics Bootcamp 2022
- Geographic Information System (GIS) Institute, Brown University 2019

Teaching Workshops

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

Affiliations

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

Service

- Co-organizer of Macro Graduate Student Workshop, Brown University 2019-2021

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- [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

OTHER

- **Gender:** Female
- **Citizenship:** India
- **Languages:** Hindi (native), English (fluent) and Spanish (beginner)
- **Software:** Python, MATLAB, Stata, C++, ArcGIS