

# Aditi Bhowmick

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## EDUCATION

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### Harvard University

Ph.D., Public Policy (Economics Track)

Primary Fields: Development Economics, Labor Economics

James M. and Cathleen D. Stone PhD Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration

Cambridge, MA

August 2023 – Present

### Princeton University

Masters in Public Administration (Economics)

Princeton, NJ

2018 – 2020

### Cornell University

B.A. in Economics and Political Science

Ithaca, NY

2012 – 2016

## PUBLICATIONS

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- “In-group bias in the Indian judiciary: Evidence from 5 million criminal cases”  
*With Elliott Ash, Sam Asher, Sandeep Bhupatiraju, Daniel Chen, Tanaya Devi, Christoph Goessmann, Paul Novosad and Bilal Siddiqi. The Review of Economics and Statistics, 2025. [Link](#).*
- “Excess mortality in India from June 2020 to June 2021 during the COVID pandemic: Death registration, health facility deaths, and survey data”  
*With Yashwant Deshmukh, Wilson Suraweera, Chinmay Tumbe, Sankalp Sharma, Paul Novosad, Sze Hang Fu, Leslie Newcombe, Hellen Gelband, Patrick Brown and Prabhat Jha. Science, 2022: [Link](#)*
- “English proficiency, Gender and the Occupations of childhood immigrants in the US”  
*With Alicia Adsera. Journal of Labor Research, 2022: [Link](#)*

## WORKING PAPERS

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- “The Power of Norms: Rural Electrification and Female Labor in India”  
**Working paper, 2025. *Submitted*.**
- “Cultural Capital and Access to Opportunity in India”  
*With Sam Asher, Vidisha Mehta, Paul Novosad, and Maurizio Bussolo. Working paper, 2025. [Link](#).*

## CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

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<i>Northeastern Universities Development Consortium.</i> Northeastern University.	2024
<i>Cornell Conference on Development Economics and Law.</i> Cornell University.	2024
<i>5th Society for Gender and Family Economics Meeting.</i> Insper, Brazil.	2024
<i>Pacific Conference for Development Economics.</i> CEGA & University of San Francisco.	2022
<i>Applied Development Economics Conference.</i> Lahore School of Economics.	2021
<i>Discrimination and Diversity Workshop.</i> University of East Anglia.	2021
<i>Winter School.</i> Delhi School of Economics.	2020

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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HKS Women and Public Policy Program Summer Research Grant (7,000 USD)	2025
Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies Learning Grant (30,000 USD)	2024–2025
IHS Humane Studies Fellowship Grant (3000 USD)	2024–2025
Harvard Mind Brain Behavior Interdisciplinary Grant (10,000 USD)	2024–2025
Center for International Development GEM Incubation Fund: <i>With Eliana La Ferrara.</i>	2024–2025
Mittal Institute Faculty Climate Research Grant: <i>With Eliana La Ferrara.</i>	2024–2025
STEG Large Research Grant: <i>With Sam Asher, Rebecca Cai and Paul Novosad.</i>	2021–2023

## POLICY PUBLICATIONS

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- “Big, Open Data for Development: A Vision for India”  
*With Sam Asher Alison Campion, Tobias Lunt and Paul Novosad. India Policy Forum, 2021: [Link](#)*
- “Expanding Opportunities: A Map for Equitable Growth in South Asia”  
*Joint work with the World Bank South Asia Chief Economist’s Office, 2023. [Link](#).*
- “Effects of COVID-19 on Rural Households in India”  
*Joint work with ID Insight and the World Bank, 2020. [Link](#).*

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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Reviewer: *The Review of Economics and Statistics*  
PhD Student Ambassador: *The Center for International Development (Harvard Kennedy School)*  
Mental Health Chair: *Kennedy School PhD Student Association*

## AFFILIATIONS

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PhD Affiliate: *Center for International Development at Harvard Kennedy; LEAP at Bocconi University*

## TEACHING

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DEV 102M: Using Analytical Frameworks for Smart Policy Design (*Graduate*) Spring 2025

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Development Data Lab**, Washington DC & New Delhi (India) 2020–2023  
*India Director (2021–2023); Predoctoral Research Associate (2020–2021)*

**Evidence Action**, Washington DC 2019  
*Beta Incubator: Graduate Summer Intern*

**J-PAL South Asia**, Bhopal, New Delhi & Chennai (India) 2016–2018  
*Research Associate on education-focused Randomized Control Trials.*

## OTHER

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*Citizenship: India. Birthplace: Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. Languages: English, Hindi, Bengali.*  
*Interests: Hindustani Classical Music.*