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RESEARCH INTERESTS      development economics; industrial organization; higher education markets; Bayesian statistics

EDUCATION      **The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania**  
                         *Ph.D. in Applied Economics*      2020 -  
  
                         **The New School for Social Research**  
                         *MS in Economics*      2018  
  
                         **St. Joseph's College of Arts and Sciences, Bangalore University**  
                         *BSc. in Economics, Mathematics, and Statistics*      2014

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS      Penn Center for the Advanced Study of India Sobti Doctoral Fellowship (\$12.5k)      2024  
                         The Wharton School, Mack Institute Research Fellowship (\$5k)      2024  
                         The Wharton School, Global Initiatives Research Fellowship (\$5k)      2024  
                         Penn Center for the Study of Ethnicity, Race, & Immigration Fellowship (\$2.5k)      2023  
                         Penn Center for the Advanced Study of India Research Funds (\$5k)      2022  
                         Penn Development Research Initiative Research Grant (\$2k)      2022  
                         Penn Development Research Initiative Fellow      2021 -  
                         The Wharton School, Doctoral Education Fellowship      2020 -  
                         The New School for Social Research, Dean's Fellowship Award      2017  
                         The New School for Social Research, Dean's Merit Scholarship      2015

ARTICLES      **Peer Reviewed**  
                         [1] [Bayesian Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials](#) (w. J.K. Bautista and A. Pavlakis)  
                         *International Journal of Eating Disorders*, DOI: 10.1002/eat.22928, 2018.

**Working Papers**  
                         [1] Price Regulation in Centralized College Admission Systems  
                         [2] Unintended Consequences of Price Regulation in College Markets  
                         [3] Multilevel Modeling of Infant Mortality in India (w. J.K. Bautista and A. Pavlakis)  
                         [4] Caste, access to credit and social engagement: A network theoretic approach

**In Progress**  
                         [1] Measuring College Quality and its Determinants (w. G Khanna, N. Kumar, and K. Muralidharan)  
                         [2] Alleviating Loneliness Among Migrant Garment Workers in India (w. A Adhvaryu, A. Nyshadham, A. Russell, H. Schofield, and P. Souza)

TECHNICAL SKILLS      **Programming**  
                         R, Stan, Python [scikit-learn], AWS (S3, SageMaker), JupyterLab, Mathematica, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Stata  
  
                         **Applications**  
                         causal inference methods; reduced form and structural econometrics; Bayesian hierarchical models; MCMC sampling; Hamiltonian Monte Carlo algorithms; panel data and time series analysis; machine learning; variational inference; expectation maximization; network analysis; data visualization; R package development, UNIX, GitHub, SurveyCTO

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### **Amazon**

*Economist Intern: Reduced Form and Causal Analysis*

Summer 2024

- \* Worked with the Worldwide Returns and Recommence team

### **University of Pennsylvania**

*Research Assistant for Prof. H. Schofield*

Mar 2022 - Jun 2023

- \* Examine the impact of loneliness and depression on reverse migration and productivity of migrant factory workers

*Research Assistant for Prof. S. Anagol*

Jun 2021 - Aug 2021

- \* Worked with the Indian Consumer Pyramids Household panel dataset
- \* Analyzed measures of household finance like consumption, expenditure, and borrowing
- \* Estimated household marginal propensity to consume in response to income shocks

*Research Assistant for Prof. C. Low*

Mar 2021 - Oct 2021

- \* Worked with Ambika Sharma and Dr. Gareth Roberts at the World Bank
- \* Analyzed data and prepared policy briefs for the Africa Gender Innovation Lab's Supporting Women's Livelihoods project

### **Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL South Asia)**

*Research Associate at the Behavioral Development Lab, Goa*

Jun 2018 - Jun 2020

- \* Worked with Profs. G. Rao, F. Schilbach, J. Haushofer and J. de Quidt to investigate the economic consequences of depression and psychotherapy
- \* Designed and implemented behavioral experiments and surveys to measure belief updating, information processing, and preferences (risk, social, and time)

### **Columbia University**

*Collaborated with Prof. A. Gelman and Dr. B. Carpenter*

Oct 2017 - Jun 2020

- \* Developed teaching material for Intro to Bayesian Statistics

## TEACHING

### **University of Pennsylvania**

Teaching Assistant [Business in the Global Political Economy, BEPP 2030]

Fall 2024

Teaching Assistant [Introductory Economics, BEPP 1000]

Fall 2023

Teaching Assistant [Managerial Economics, BEPP 2500]

Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant [Wharton Executive MBA, MGEC 6110/6120]

Summer 2022

Teaching Assistant [Applied Econometrics, HCMG 901]

Spring 2022

### **The New School for Social Research**

Instructor [QR II: Research Methods and Data Viz.]

Fall 2017 - Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant [Advanced Microeconomics I, GECO 6200]

Fall 2016

Specialist Math Tutor [University Learning Center]

Sep 2015 - Sep 2016

## LANGUAGES

English (native); Hindi (fluent); Tamil (fluent); Arabic (reading and writing); Bengali (speaking); Malayalam (speaking); Kannada (speaking)

## INTERESTS

motorcycles; aquascaping; succulents; basketball; swimming; Pink Floyd; darkpsy

## REFERENCES

### **Prof. Santosh Anagol**

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