

Akanksha Vardani

CONTACT INFORMATION	DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS Columbia University 420 West 118th Street New York, 10027	akanksha.vardani@columbia.edu https://akankshavardani.github.io
EDUCATION	Columbia University, New York Ph.D in Economics M.Phil in Economics M.A. in Economics	<i>2019-2025 (Expected)</i> <i>2022</i> <i>2021</i>
	Delhi School of Economics (DSE), New Delhi Master of Arts in Economics	<i>2018</i>
	Indraprastha College for Women(IPCW), University of Delhi Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in Economics	<i>2016</i>
	Springdales School, Pusa Road, New Delhi Senior Secondary	<i>2013</i>
AWARDS AND HONORS	SurveyCTO Primary Data Collection Research Grant (Honorable Mention) Wueller Pre-Dissertation Award for Best 4th-year Proposal, Columbia University Reubens Travel and Research Award, Columbia University Wueller Award for Best TA for MA Program, Columbia University Wueller Award for Best TA (Runners up) for Undergraduate Courses, Columbia University Exim Bank Scholarship, DSE National (CAS) Scholarship Internal, DSE Rai Bahadur Raghunath Sahai Memorial Prize, IPCW Rewa Dhawan Memorial Scholarship, IPCW Nagendra Nath Majumdar Memorial Prize, IPCW Principal's Honour Roll, IPCW	<i>2024</i> <i>2023</i> <i>2023</i> <i>2022</i> <i>2022</i> <i>2016-2018</i> <i>2016-2018</i> <i>2016</i> <i>2013-2016</i> <i>2016</i> <i>2015</i>
FELLOWSHIPS	NBER Gender in the Economy Fellowship	<i>2023-2024</i>
RESEARCH GRANTS	Weiss Fund (with Aneesha Parvathaneni) CDEP Student Research Grant , Columbia University PER Experiment Grant , Columbia University CDEP Student Research Grant , Columbia University PER Experiment Grant , Columbia University PER Research Fellow Summer Grant , Columbia University	<i>2024</i> <i>2023</i> <i>2023</i> <i>2022</i> <i>2022</i> <i>2020</i>
WORK IN PROGRESS	House for Two : Empowering Women with Property Rights How do political connections affect property tax compliance? with Aneesha Parvathaneni Signaling in Female Education with Tushar Kundu	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS	Research Assistant <i>Supervisors: Michael Best and Evan Sadler</i> Department of Economics, Columbia University, New York	<i>2020-2021</i>
	Research Assistant <i>Supervisor: Rohini Somanathan</i> Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi	<i>2017-2019</i>
	Research Analyst Intern India Institute, New Delhi	<i>2015</i>
	Research Intern Consumers India, New Delhi	<i>2014-2015</i>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Teaching Fellow, Columbia University Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate)	<i>Fall 2022</i>
	Microeconomics (MA)	<i>Spring 2022</i>
	Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate)	<i>Fall 2021</i>
	Math Camp (PhD)	<i>Summer 2021</i>
FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE	Running a randomised control trial (RCT) in India to study the impact of land ownership on women's empowerment.	<i>May 2023-present</i>
	Conducted a household-level survey on women's bargaining power across 30 villages, covering 150 households in Pune, India.	<i>October 2022</i>
	Surveyed the workers of the informal wire stripping industry in Seelampur, Delhi.	<i>March 2015</i>
	Surveyed the workers of the informal garment sector in Kapashera, Delhi.	<i>December 2013</i>
ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS	European Association of Young Economists Annual Meeting	<i>2024</i>
	Imperial College PhD Conference	<i>2024</i>
	NBER Summer Institute	<i>2023</i>
	14th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development	<i>2018</i>
	4th Annual Center for research on the Economics of Climate, Food, Energy and Environment (CECFEE) Research and Policy Workshop	<i>2018</i>
	12th South Asian Economics Students' Meet	<i>2016</i>
TECHNICAL SKILLS	STATA, R, Python, L ^A T _E X	
LANGUAGE SKILLS	English (Fluent), Hindi (Native Speaker), French (Intermediate) and German (Beginner)	