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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Behavioural Development Economics; Political Economy; Gender; Caste

EDUCATION

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

PhD in Economics

2022 - Present

Ashoka University, Haryana, India

MA in Economics (cum laude)

2019

Fergusson College of Arts and Sciences, University of Pune, India

BA in Economics (first class with distinction)

2017

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

Learning from Job Offers About Labor Supply Constraints (with Lisa Ho and Suhani Jalota)

AEA Papers and Proceedings, 2025

Road Access, Fertility and Child Health in Rural India (with Aparajita Dasgupta and Devvrat Raghav)

Population and Development Review, 2024

WORKING PAPERS

Bringing Work Home: Flexible Arrangements as Gateway Jobs for Women in West Bengal (with Lisa Ho and Suhani Jalota) [*Revise & Resubmit, Quarterly Journal of Economics*]

Gender-Gap in Learning Outcomes Under Rainfall Shocks: The Role of Gender Norms (with Aparajita Dasgupta) [*Revise & Resubmit, Economica*]

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Richer but Stricter? The Mixed Legacy of British Colonial Army Recruitment in India

[*Draft available on request*]

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

2025: ASSA Annual Meeting, PacDev

2021: Delhi School of Economics Winter School

WORK EXPERIENCE

Women in Economics and Policy (Registered as WIEP India Association)

April 2021 - Present

Director

Tasks: Strategic oversight, team management, fundraising for a community catering to 2000+ women; Leading a mentorship and resource sharing intervention scale-up in 8 colleges in India (*funded by IEA Women in Leadership in Economics Initiative*)

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

June 2019 - April 2022

Research Associate

Principal Investigators: Gautam Rao (UC Berkeley), Frank Schilbach (MIT)

Projects: Understanding Barriers to the Take-Up of Mental Health Treatment (*Scoping*); Alleviating Psychological and Economic Stress During COVID-19 (*Pilot and RCT*)

Ashoka University

January 2019 - June 2019

Research Assistant

Principal Investigators: Aparajita Dasgupta and Anisha Sharma (Ashoka University)

Project: Preferences or Expectations: Understanding the gender gap in major choice (*Pilot*)

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

June 2018 - December 2018

Research Intern

Principal Investigators: Gautam Rao (UC Berkeley), Frank Schilbach (MIT), Johannes Haushofer (Stockholm University), Jon de Quidt (IIES, Stockholm University)

Project: The Long-Run Effects of Psychotherapy on Depression, Beliefs, and Economic Outcomes (*Pilot*)

TEACHING

ECON 333: Economic History of Europe

Sept 2024-Dec 2024

ECON 442: Issues in Economic Development

Jan 2024-Apr 2024, Jan 2025-Apr 2025

ECON 351: Sex and Gender in the Economy

Sept 2023-Dec 2023

Mathematics for Economics (*Ashoka University*)

January 2018 - May 2018

REFEREEING

Oxford Economic Papers, Quarterly Journal of Economics

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**AWARDS AND
FELLOWSHIPS**

University of British Columbia, John Helliwell Fellowship

2025, 2026

University of British Columbia, 4YF Doctoral Fellowship

2022-2026

President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award

2022-2025

University of British Columbia, International Tuition Award

2022-2025

University of British Columbia, CERC Doctoral Fellowship

2022

University of British Columbia, R Howard Webster Foundation Fellowship

2022, 2025

Ashoka University, Department Award for Excellent Academic Performance

(Awarded to two students with the highest CGPA from the graduating cohort of 23)

2019

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**RESEARCH
GRANTS**

Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics: Pilot Grant

\$10,294

Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics: Exploratory Grant

\$4,333

J-PAL Gender & Economic Agency Initiative (*with Lisa Ho*)

\$21,562

J-PAL Jobs & Opportunities Initiative (*with Lisa Ho*)

\$46,921

STEG Small Research Grant (*with Lisa Ho*)

£14,843

LANGUAGES

English (native) • Marathi (native) • Hindi (fluent) • Mandarin (elementary) • Spanish (elementary)

**PROGRAMMING
LANGUAGES**

Stata, R, \LaTeX , ZTree, Julia

Professor Matt Lowe (*Chair*)

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