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<b>RESEARCH INTERESTS</b>	Behavioural Development Economics; Political Economy; Gender; Caste
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>University of British Columbia</b> , Vancouver, Canada <i>PhD in Economics</i>
	<b>2022 - Present</b>
	<b>Ashoka University</b> , Haryana, India <i>MA in Economics (cum laude)</i>
	<b>2019</b>
	<b>Fergusson College of Arts and Sciences</b> , University of Pune, India <i>BA in Economics (first class with distinction)</i>
	<b>2017</b>
<b>RESEARCH</b>	<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>
	Learning from Job Offers About Labor Supply Constraints (with Lisa Ho and Suhani Jalota) <i>AEA Papers and Proceedings, 2025</i>
	Road Access, Fertility and Child Health in Rural India (with Aparajita Dasgupta and Devvrat Raghav) <i>Population and Development Review, 2024</i>
	<b>WORKING PAPERS</b>
	Bringing Work Home: Flexible Arrangements as Gateway Jobs for Women in West Bengal (with Lisa Ho and Suhani Jalota) <i>[Revise &amp; resubmit, The Quarterly Journal of Economics]</i>
	Rainfall Shocks and Learning Outcomes: Dynamic Persistence and the Role of Local Labour Demand (with Aparajita Dasgupta) <i>[Revised &amp; resubmitted, Economica]</i>
	<b>SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS</b>
	Richer but Stricter? The Mixed Legacy of British Colonial Army Recruitment in India <i>[Draft available on request]</i>
	<b>SELECTED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS</b>
	2025: AEA Annual Meeting, UBC Dev/Pol Econ Lunch, Pacific Conference for Development Economics
	2024: UBC Dev/Pol Econ Lunch (x 2)
	2021: Delhi School of Economics Winter School
<b>WORK EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>Women in Economics and Policy (Registered as WIEP India Association)</b> <b>April 2021 - Present</b> <i>Director</i> 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 ( <i>funded by IEA Women in Leadership in Economics Initiative</i> )
	<b>Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL South Asia)</b> <b>June 2019 - April 2022</b> <i>Research Associate</i> Principal Investigators: Gautam Rao (UC Berkeley), Frank Schilbach (MIT) Projects: Understanding Barriers to the Take-Up of Mental Health Treatment ( <i>Scoping</i> ); Alleviating Psychological and Economic Stress During COVID-19 ( <i>Pilot and RCT</i> )

<b>Ashoka University</b>	<b>January 2019 - June 2019</b>
<i>Research Assistant</i>	
<i>Principal Investigators:</i> Aparajita Dasgupta and Anisha Sharma (Ashoka University)	
<i>Project:</i> Preferences or Expectations: Understanding the gender gap in major choice ( <i>Pilot</i> )	
<b>Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL South Asia)</b>	<b>June 2018 - December 2018</b>
<i>Research Intern</i>	
<i>Principal Investigators:</i> Gautam Rao (UC Berkeley), Frank Schilbach (MIT), Johannes Haushofer (Stockholm University), Jon de Quidt (IIES, Stockholm University)	
<i>Project:</i> The Long-Run Effects of Psychotherapy on Depression, Beliefs, and Economic Outcomes ( <i>Pilot</i> )	
<b>TEACHING</b>	
ECON 333: Economic History of Europe	<b>Sept 2024-Dec 2024</b>
ECON 442: Issues in Economic Development	<b>Jan 2024-Apr 2024, Jan 2025-Apr 2025</b>
ECON 351: Sex and Gender in the Economy	<b>Sept 2023-Dec 2023</b>
Mathematics for Economics ( <i>Ashoka University</i> )	<b>January 2018 - May 2018</b>
<b>REFEREEING</b>	<i>Oxford Economic Papers, The Quarterly Journal of Economics</i>
<b>SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS</b>	
University of British Columbia, John Helliwell Fellowship	<b>2025</b>
University of British Columbia, 4YF Doctoral Fellowship	<b>2022-2026</b>
President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award	<b>2022-2025</b>
University of British Columbia, International Tuition Award	<b>2022-2025</b>
University of British Columbia, CERC Doctoral Fellowship	<b>2022</b>
University of British Columbia, R Howard Webster Foundation Fellowship	<b>2022, 2025</b>
Ashoka University, Department Award for Excellent Academic Performance <i>(Awarded to two students with the highest CGPA from the graduating cohort of 23)</i>	<b>2019</b>
<b>SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS</b>	
Stone Research Grant ( <i>with Matt Lowe and Jeff Weaver</i> )	<b>CA\$24,867</b>
Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics: Pilot Grant	<b>\$10,294</b>
Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics: Exploratory Grant	<b>\$4,333</b>
SSHRC Insights Grant ( <i>with Matt Lowe and Jeff Weaver</i> )	<b>CA\$344,089</b>
J-PAL Gender & Economic Agency Initiative ( <i>with Lisa Ho</i> )	<b>\$21,562</b>
J-PAL Jobs & Opportunities Initiative ( <i>with Lisa Ho</i> )	<b>\$46,921</b>
STEG Small Research Grant ( <i>with Lisa Ho</i> )	<b>£14,843</b>
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	English (native) • Marathi (native) • Hindi (fluent) • Spanish (elementary)
<b>PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES</b>	Stata, R, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, ZTree, Julia
<b>REFERENCES</b>	
<b>Professor Matt Lowe</b> ( <i>Committee Chair</i> ) Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia 6000 Iona Drive, Vancouver, BC, V6T 2E8 <a href="mailto:matt.lowe@ubc.ca">matt.lowe@ubc.ca</a>	<b>Professor Nathan Nunn</b> ( <i>Committee Co-Chair</i> ) Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia 6000 Iona Drive, Vancouver, BC, V6T 2E8 <a href="mailto:nathan.nunn@ubc.ca">nathan.nunn@ubc.ca</a>
<b>Professor Siwan Anderson</b> Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia 6000 Iona Drive, Vancouver, BC, V6T 2E8 <a href="mailto:siwan.anderson@ubc.ca">siwan.anderson@ubc.ca</a>	<b>Professor Heather Sarsons</b> Booth School of Business University of Chicago 5807 S Woodlawn Ave, Chicago, IL <a href="mailto:heather.sarsons@chicagobooth.edu">heather.sarsons@chicagobooth.edu</a>

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