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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, The Quarterly Journal of Economics*]

Rainfall Shocks and Learning Outcomes: Dynamic Persistence and the Role of Local Labour Demand (with Aparajita Dasgupta) [*Revised & resubmitted, 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: 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

## 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, The Quarterly Journal of Economics*

**SELECTED**

**AWARDS AND  
FELLOWSHIPS**

University of British Columbia, John Helliwell Fellowship

**2025**

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**

**SELECTED  
RESEARCH  
GRANTS**

Stone Research Grant (*with Matt Lowe and Jeff Weaver*)

**CA\$24,867**

Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics: Pilot Grant

**\$10,294**

Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics: Exploratory Grant

**\$4,333**

SSHRC Insights Grant (*with Matt Lowe and Jeff Weaver*)

**CA\$344,089**

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) • Spanish (elementary)

**PROGRAMMING  
LANGUAGES**

Stata, R,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , ZTree, Julia

**Professor Matt Lowe** (*Committee Chair*)

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