

EDUCATION

- 2019– **London School of Economics**, Ph.D. candidate in Economics
Distinction in core exams
- Fall 2023 **Dartmouth College**, International Economics Ph.D Fellow
- Spring 2023 **Princeton University**, Visiting Ph.D. student, Department of Economics
- 2015 **University of Oxford**, M.Phil. Economics
- 2013 **University of Cambridge**, M.A. Economics
- 2011 **Hansraj College, University of Delhi**, B.A. (Honours) Economics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development economics, trade, and macro-development

WORKING PAPERS

- “Meritocracy across Countries”, with Oriana Bandiera, Ilse Lindenlaub, Christian Moser, and Andrea Pratt; NBER Working Paper No. 32375

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Trade and the Organization of Family Firms: Evidence from India”
- “Import Competition and the Long Run Effects of Industrial Policy: Evidence from India”
- “Artificial Intelligence and Judicial State Capacity in India”, with Utkarsh Saxena
- “Financial Frictions and the Microeconomic Implications of the Euler Equation”
- “Aggregate Impacts of Command-and-Control Environmental Policy: Evidence from Court-Ordered Mining Bans in India”, with Utkarsh Saxena and Henry Zhang
- “Labor Market Frictions, the Organization of Labor, and Structural Change”, with Chinmay Lohani and Utkarsh Saxena

GRANTS

- 2024 IGC full research grant, \$114,000 (with Utkarsh Saxena)
- 2024 IGC full research grant, \$102,000
- 2023 STEG Ph.D. research grant, \$15,000
- 2023 G²LM|LIC research grant, (IZA-FCDO program on Growth and Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries), \$27,000 (with Utkarsh Saxena)
- 2023 EU Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Grant, \$9,000
- 2023 STICERD and LSE Department of Economics grant for organizing UK's first conference for Queer PhD students in Economics, \$12,500 (with Pol Simpson)
- 2022 PEDL Ph.D. research grant, \$50,000
- 2022 STICERD Ph.D. research grant, \$13,000 (with Utkarsh Saxena, Henry Zhang)
- 2022 IGC early-career researchers grant, \$24,400

- 2022 PEDL exploratory research grant, \$33,000 (with Utkarsh Saxena, Henry Zhang)
- 2022 STEG Ph.D. research grant, \$19,000 (with Chinmay Lohani)
- 2021 Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India research grant, \$4,000

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2023 Dartmouth International Economics Ph.D Fellowship
- 2019-24 LSE Economics Scholarship (2019-2024)
- 2015 Mahindra Scholarship
- 2011-13 Inlaks Scholarship
- 2011-13 Cambridge Trusts Scholarship

TEACHING

- London School of Economics, EC307. Teaching assistant for Professors Oriana Bandiera and Robin Burgess for a third-year undergraduate course in development economics. 2020, 2021, 2024.
 - LSE teaching award: highly commended list in 2021
- IZA/FCDO Online Development Economics Course for Sub-Saharan Africa. Teaching assistant for Professors Oriana Bandiera and Robin Burgess. 2021
- STEG Virtual Course on "Heterogeneous Agents Models and Methods". Teaching assistant for Professor Benjamin Moll. 2021

RELEVANT POSITIONS

- 2021-22 Research Assistant to Professor Oriana Bandiera, LSE
- 2020-22 Consultant, South Asia Chief Economist's Office, World Bank, Washington D.C.
- 2017-19 Pre-doctoral fellow with Professor Michael Greenstone, University of Chicago
- 2016-17 Economist, Chief Economic Advisor's office, Ministry of Finance, India
- 2015-16 Consultant, Fiscal Rules Review Committee, Ministry of Finance, India
- 2015 Graduate Summer Intern, International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C.

PRESENTATIONS (* SCHEDULED)

- **2024:** UCL/IFS/LSE Development Economics Seminar, Association of Labour Economists*
- **2023:** Dartmouth International Economics Seminar (x2); Princeton Student Trade Seminar; Indian Statistical Institute
- **2022:** Institute of Economic Growth
- **Pre-2019:** Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-National Institute of Public Finance and Policy Seminar; Reserve Bank of India; International Monetary Fund, Indian Finance Ministry; Economic Advisory Council to the Indian Prime Minister

REFEREEING

American Economic Review, Econometrica, Review of Economic Studies

OTHER WRITING

- "Workers at Risk : Panel Data Evidence on the COVID-19 Labor Market Crisis in India" (with Maurizio Bussolo and Siddharth Sharma) **World Bank Policy Research Working Paper**; No. 9584. World Bank
- "Should States Target a 3% Fiscal Deficit?" (with Rathin Roy) **Economic and Political Weekly**, 2018, 53(9): 71-76
- "Sub-National Fiscal Rules, Vertical Fiscal Imbalances, and Fiscal Discipline: New Empirical Evidence from Europe" (with Victor Lledo) **IMF Working Paper** 16(8), April 2016
- "History and Evolution of The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act (2003): Issues and Challenges" (with Rathin Roy), Report of Fiscal Rules Review Committee, **Ministry of Finance, Government of India** (tabled in Indian Parliament, Feb 2017)
- "India's Experience with Sub-National Fiscal Responsibility Legislation: Performance and Challenges" (with Rathin Roy), Report of Fiscal Rules Review Committee, **Ministry of Finance, Government of India** (tabled in Indian Parliament, Feb. 2017)
- Why are finances of Indian states deteriorating? **IGC Ideas for India**, Sep. 2017
- How to arrest deterioration in state finances, **Business Standard**, Jul. 2017
- India's distinctive demographic dividend (with Arvind Subramanian), **Business Standard**, Feb. 2017
- An economic defence of surge pricing, **Mint**, Apr. 2016
- Fine-tune the FRBM framework, **Financial Express**, Feb. 2015