

## 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

Macro-development, trade

## 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.

## GRANTS

- 2024 IGC full research grant, \$102,000
- 2023 STEG Ph.D. research grant, \$15,000
- 2023 G<sup>2</sup>LM|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-Gates Hub for Equal Representation grant for organizing UK's first conference for Queer PhD students in Economics, \$6,200 (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

## WORKING PROJECTS

- "Import Competition and the Long Run Effects of Industrial Policy: Evidence from India"
- "How Much do Firms Save? Financial Frictions and the Microeconomic Implications of the Euler Equation"
- "Meritocracy", with Oriana Bandiera, Ilse Lindenlaub, Christian Moser, and Andrea Pratt.
- "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.

## 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. 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 "Key Concepts in Macro Development". Teaching assistant for Professor Benjamin Moll. 2021.

## CONFERENCES AND TALKS

- **2022:** Institute of Economic Growth (New Delhi)
- **2021:** Centre for Monitoring the Indian Economy (New Delhi)
- **Pre-2019:** Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (Delhi), Reserve Bank of India (Mumbai), International Monetary Fund (Washington DC), Finance Ministry, Government of India (Delhi), Economic Advisory Council to the Indian Prime Minister (Delhi).

## REFEREEING

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, Washington DC.

- "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.