

EDUCATION

- 2026 **London School of Economics**, Ph.D. candidate in Economics
(Expected) – **Advisors:** Clare Balboni, Oriana Bandiera, Robin Burgess, Benjamin Moll
– **Fields:** Development Economics, Trade, Finance
– Distinction in M.Res.
- Spring 2023 **Princeton University**, Visiting Ph.D. student, Department of Economics
- Fall 2023 **Dartmouth College**, International Economics Ph.D. Fellow
- 2015 **University of Oxford**, M.Phil. Economics
- 2013 **University of Cambridge**, M.A. Economics
- 2011 **Hansraj College, University of Delhi**, B.A. (Honours) Economics

WORKING PAPERS

- “Meritocracy across Countries”, with Oriana Bandiera, Ilse Lindenlaub, Christian Moser, and Andrea Prat; 2024, NBER Working Paper No. 32375.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Family Matters: Globalization, Management, and Firm Productivity”
- “Globalization and Domestic Industrial Policy”
- “AI and Bureaucratic Decision Making: Evidence from India”, with Daron Acemoglu and Utkarsh Saxena
- “AI and Judicial State Capacity in India”, with Utkarsh Saxena
- “How Much do Firms Save? 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 (Total Grant Funding: \$729,200)

- “Trade, Management, and Firm Productivity”, Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries, PEDL.
- “Artificial Intelligence and Judicial State Capacity”, with Utkarsh Saxena. International Growth Center, IGC, Open Philanthropy.
- “Bridging Data Gaps: A Platform for Harmonized Indian Firm/Household Microdata”. IGC.
- “How Much Do Firms Save? Microeconomic Implications of the Euler Equation.” Structural Transformation and Economic Growth, STEG.
- “Digitizing Historical Plant Level Panel Data on Labour Outcomes”, with Utkarsh Saxena. IZA-FCDO Program on Growth and Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries, PEDL.
- “UK’s first conference for Queer Ph.D. students in Economics”, with Pol Simpson. Suntory

and Toyota International Centres for Economics (STICERD) and LSE Department of Economics.

- "Aggregate Impacts of Command-and-Control Environmental Policy" with Utkarsh Saxena, Henry Zhang, STICERD, EU Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Grant, PEDL, George and Obie Shultz Fund.
- "Trade Liberalization and Misallocation", IGC.
- "Labor Market Frictions, the Organization of Labor, and Structural Change", with Chinmay Lohani and Utkarsh Saxena. STEG.
- "Foreign Direct Investment and Firm Expansion". Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.

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

- LSE, 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

PRESENTATIONS (* scheduled)

- 2025 NBER Summer Institute (Macro and Productivity), SED Annual Meeting, CEPR Joint Workshop on Incentives, IGC/EGC Conference on Firms, Trade, and Development 2025 (Yale)*, ASSA 2026 Annual Meeting Poster Session*, Management and Organization (IMO) & Entrepreneurship, Strategy and Firm Dynamics (ESF)*, FMA Annual Meeting*
- 2024 UCL-IFS-LSE Development Economics Seminar, European Association of Labor Economists Annual Conference, Indian Statistical Institute
- 2023 Dartmouth International Economics Seminar (x2), Princeton Student Trade Seminar, Indian Statistical Institute

REFEREEING

American Economic Review, Econometrica, Review of Economic Studies, Economic Journal, U.S. National Science Foundation

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.

OTHER WRITING

- "How Selling Online Is Affecting Informal Firms in South Asia", (with Maurizio Bussolo, Akshay Dixit, Anne Golla, Jean N. Lee, Prema Narasimhan, and Siddharth Sharma) **World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 10306**.
- "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**.
- "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.

OTHER

Languages: English (Fluent); Hindi (Fluent)

Software: Stata, R, MATLAB, \LaTeX

Other Interests: Swimming, Indian politics.