

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, Management, and Firm Productivity: 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

- “Artificial Intelligence and Judicial State Capacity”, with Utkarsh Saxena. International Growth Center, IGC (\$114,000).
- “Bridging Data Gaps: A Unified Platform for Harmonized Firm and Household Microdata in India”. IGC (\$102,000).
- How Much Do Firms Save? Microeconomic Implications of the Euler Equation. Structural Transformation and Economic Growth, STEG (\$15,000).
- “Digitising Historical Plant Level Panel Data on Labour Outcomes”, with Utkarsh Saxena. IZA-FCDO Program on Growth and Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries (\$27,000), PEDL (\$ 50,000).
- 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 (\$12,500).

- "Aggregate Impacts of Command-and-Control Environmental Policy" with Utkarsh Saxena, Henry Zhang, STICERD (\$13,000); EU Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Grant (\$9,000), Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries, PEDL (\$33,000).
- "Trade Liberalization and Misallocation", IGC (\$24,400).
- "Labor Market Frictions, the Organization of Labor, and Structural Change", with Chinmay Lohani and Utkarsh Saxena. STEG (\$19,000).
- "Foreign Direct Investment and Firm Expansion". Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India (\$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

PRESENTATIONS (* SCHEDULED)

- **2024:** UCL/IFS/LSE Development Economics Seminar, European Association of Labour Economists Annual Conference, *Indian Statistical Institute
- **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, Economic Journal

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

- "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.