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POSITIONS Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy June 30, 2023 - Present

Amrut Mody School of Management **Ahmedabad University**, Ahmedabad, India

VISITING POSITIONS Visiting Professor May 30, 2024 - June 21, 2024

Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts **McGill University**, Montreal, Canada

Visiting Scientist March 1, 2024 - March 15, 2024

Economics and Planning Unit

Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, India

EDUCATION Ph.D. in Economics, **McGill University**, Montreal, Canada 2023

Dissertation Title: Learning and Technology Adoption in Developing Countries

Committee: Sonia Laszlo (Supervisor), Francesco Amodio (Co-Supervisor), Matthieu Chemin.

M.Sc. in Economics, **University of Calcutta**, Kolkata, India 2016 B.Sc. in Economics (Honours), **R.K.M.R College Narendrapur**, Kolkata, India 2014

RESEARCH FIELDS Development Economics, Information Economics, Applied Microeconomics.

WORKING PAPERS "Inefficiency in Agricultural Production: Do Information Frictions Matter?" March 2025. (with Digvijay

Singh Negi and Rahul Rao)

"Lessons from the Past: How Experience Reduces the Impact of Weather Shocks on Ugandan Small-

holders," November 2024. (with Giuseppe Maggio and Fabio G. Santeramo)

"The Role of Active Discussion in Learning about Uncertain Technologies," October 2024. (with Javier

Escobal, Sonia Laszlo, and Jim Warnick)

"Network-Based Targeting with Heterogeneous Agents for Improving Technology Adoption," March

2024. [Revision Requested at the Journal of Development Economics]

"The Role of Experience in Learning for Index Insurance Products: Evidence from Rural Kenya," March

2023.

WORK-IN-PROGRESS "Testing Alternative Models of Informal Risk Sharing with Data from Tsimane' Villages." (with Francesco

Amodio and Pau Milán)

BOOK CHAPTERS "Food Insecurity, Price Volatility and Trade: A Panel Data Analysis in Developing Countries," Chapter-

10 in Indian Agriculture under Multilateral and Regional Trade Agreements - Competitiveness and Food Security, Sharma and Bathla (eds.), CWS in association with Bookwell, Delhi, 2017, 177-194. (with Pan-

chanan Das and Swayambhu Mukherjee)

OTHER PAPERS "Industrial Performance in West Bengal: Analysis of Technical Efficiency with ASI Data," August 2016.

(with Panchanan Das and Swayambhu Mukherjee)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ahmedabad University (Instructor)

ECO220 - Econometrics, Monsoon 2023

ECO321/ECO620 - Empirical Research Methods in Economics, Winter 2024

ECO100 - Microeconomics, Monsoon 2023-24

McGill University (Teaching Assistant)

ECON 313 - Economic Development 1, Winter 2021-23 & Fall 2021

ECON 314 - Economic Development 2, Winter 2019-20 & Winter 2022

ECON 306 - Labor Markets and Wages, Fall 2022

ECON 416 - Topics in Economic Development 2, Winter 2021

ECON 473 - Income Distribution, Winter 2021 & Fall 2021

ECON 305 - Industrial Organization, Fall 2019

ECON 230D1 - Microeconomic Theory, Fall 2018

ECON 227D2 - Economic Statistics, Winter 2018

ECON 310 - Introduction to Behavioural Economics, Fall 2017 & Fall 2020

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2024: Young Scholars' Best Paper Award by the CITD, JNU in the International Conference on "Recent Developments in Economic Research: Theory and Evidence."

2023: Ahmedabad University Conference Travel Support.

2022: Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel (GREAT) Award, Faculty of Arts, McGill University; Conference Student Travel Grant, Canadian Economics Association (CEA).

2019: McCall MacBain Fellowship, McGill University.

2018-2022: Doctoral Fellowship, McGill University.

2017-2021: Graduate Excellence Award, McGill University.

2014: Prof. D. Datta Memorial Prize for First Class (First Position) in Economic Honours, R.K.M.R College Narendrapur.

PRESENTATIONS

2025: 2nd Meeting of Young Minds at IIT Bombay, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India; Food and Agriculture Research Discussion Forum (FARDF) Meeting, Virtual;

2024: 19th ACEGD at ISI-Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, India;

Winter School 2024 at DSE, New Delhi, Delhi, India;

8th Annual CECFEE Research and Policy Workshop, Khajuraho, MP, India;

IIMB Seminar Series at IIM Bangalore, Bangalore, Karnataka, India;

Economics Department Seminar at Ashoka University, Sonipat, Haryana, India;

CIREQ Lunch Seminar at McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada;

Empirical Reading Group Presentation at ISI-Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, India;

International Conference at CITD, JNU, New Delhi, Delhi, India.

2023: 18th ACEGD at ISI-Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, India;

BREW-ESA 2023 at IIT Bombay, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India;

NEUDC Conference at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA;

AMSOM Research Seminar Series at Ahmedabad University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India;

Far Siders Development Seminar (FSDS), Virtual;

Annual Meeting of the CEA, Virtual Session;

18th CIREQ PhD Students' Conference at Concordia University, Montreal, QC, Canada.

2022: McGill CPD-SSPD Seminar at McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada;

17th CIREO PhD Students' Conference at Concordia University, Montreal, OC, Canada;

Annual Meeting of the CEA at Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada;

CIREQ Lunch Seminars at McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada.

2015: CWS-IIFT Conference at IIFT, New Delhi, Delhi, India.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Referee Services

Journal of the European Economic Association, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Arthaniti- Journal of Economic Theory and Practice, Journal of Advances in Management Research, Journal of Quantitative Economics, Food Security

Other Services

Member, Organizing Committee, 6th Annual Economics Conference, Ahmedabad University; Chair, Social Media Committee, AMSOM, Ahmedabad University, 2024-Present; Member, MA (Economics) Curriculum Design Committee, AMSOM, Ahmedabad University, 2023; Organizer, Applied Micro Breakfast, Dept. of Economics, McGill University, 2020-2021.

LANGUAGES Bengali (native), Hindi (native), English (fluent).

SKILLS Stata, R, Python, EViews, Matlab, Land Matlab, Lan