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POSITIONS	Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy <i>Amrut Mody School of Management</i> Ahmedabad University , Ahmedabad, India	June 30, 2023 - Present
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Economics, McGill University , Montreal, Canada Dissertation Title: <i>Learning and Technology Adoption in Developing Countries</i> Committee: Sonia Laszlo (Supervisor), Francesco Amodio (Co-Supervisor), Matthieu Chemin.	2023
	M.Sc. in Economics, University of Calcutta , Kolkata, India B.Sc. in Economics (Honours), R.K.M.R College Narendrapur , Kolkata, India	2016 2014
RESEARCH FIELDS	Development Economics, Information Economics, Applied Microeconomics.	
WORKING PAPERS	<p>“Learning from Experience about Product Design: Evidence from Index Insurance in Kenya,” February 2026.</p> <p>“The Role of Active Discussion in Coordinating about Uncertain Technologies,” February 2026. (with Javier Escobal, Sonia Laszlo, and Jim Warnick)</p> <p>“Lessons from the Past: How Experience Reduces the Impact of Weather Shocks on Ugandan Small-holders,” November 2025. (with Giuseppe Maggio and Fabio G. Santeramo) [Under Review]</p> <p>“Network-Based Targeting with Heterogeneous Agents for Improving Technology Adoption,” September 2025. [Revised and Resubmitted to the Journal of Development Economics]</p> <p>“Inefficiency in Agricultural Production: Do Information Frictions Matter?” June 2025. (with Digvijay Singh Negi and Rahul Rao)</p>	
WORK-IN-PROGRESS	“Food Transfers in a Primitive Economy: Comparing Three Models of Risk-Sharing in Networks.” (with Francesco Amodio and Pau Milán)	
BOOK CHAPTERS	“Food Insecurity, Price Volatility and Trade: A Panel Data Analysis in Developing Countries,” <i>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.</i> (with Panchanan 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)	
MEDIA/POSTS	<p>“Information is power: ICT and agricultural productivity,” <i>Ideas for India</i>, April 2025. (with Digvijay Singh Negi and Rahul Rao)</p> <p>“Using Social Ties to Improve Technology Adoption: Does Heterogeneity Matter?” August 2023.</p>	

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**Ahmedabad University** (Instructor)

ECO220 - Econometrics, Monsoon 2024-25

ECO321/ECO620 - Empirical Research Methods in Economics, Winter 2024-25 & Monsoon 2025

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

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, IndiaFELLOWSHIPS AND
AWARDS

2025: Econometric Society Travel Grant.

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

2023-25: 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: Symposium on Network Economics at IIM Bangalore, Bangalore, Karnataka, India;

Econometric Society World Congress 2025, Seoul, Korea;

EAYE Annual Meeting 2025 at King's College London, London, United Kingdom;

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

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, Sonapat, 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 CIREQ PhD Students' Conference at Concordia University, Montreal, QC, 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, Agriculture & Food Security

Other Services

Co-Coordinator, Research Seminar Series, AMSOM, Ahmedabad University, 2025-Present;
 Member, Organizing Committee, 7th Annual Economics Conference, Ahmedabad University;
 Member, Organizing Committee, Symposium on Network Economics, IIM Bangalore, 2025;
 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, \LaTeX