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EDUCATION

Monash University, Australia 2016 - 2020
Ph.D (Economics)
Department of Economics
Thesis Title: Essays on Economic Shocks in Networks
Advisors: Professor Paul A. Raschky, Professor Yves Zenou

University of Colombo, Sri Lanka 2007 - 2011
Bachelor of Arts (Economics) First Class Honours
Top of the Class
Department of Economics

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

SoDa Laboratories, Monash University, Australia 2020 - Present
Research Fellow

Monash University, Australia 2016 - Present
Teaching Associate

University of Colombo, Sri Lanka 2013 - 2014
Visiting Lecturer

WORKING PAPERS

Diverting Domestic Turmoil *SoDa Labs Working Paper No.2021-03* (Revision requested, Journal of Public Economics)

Key Players in Economic Development *IZA DP No. 13071* with Roland Hodler, Paul A. Raschky and Yves Zenou (Under Review)

Conflicts in Spatial Networks *CEPR DP No. 14300* with Paul A. Raschky, Yves Zenou and Junjie Zhou (Under Review)

Public Sentiments in Times of Terror *SoDa Labs Working Paper No.2021-08* (Under Review)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Quantifying Government Behaviour through Text Analysis

Competing for Attention: The Effect of Talk Radio on Political Polarization with Paul A. Raschky

Perceived Racism and Labor Supply Decisions with David Kreitmeir and Paul A. Raschky

Geography, History and the Persistence of Political Attitudes with Paul A. Raschky and Miethy Zaman

The Diffusion of the Internet with Klaus Ackermann, Simon Angus and Paul A. Raschky

PRESENTATIONS

2021 - Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society, Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Australasian Development Economics Workshop

2020 - Applied Young Economist Webinar (AYEW), Oz Virtual Economics Research Seminar (OVERS), Brown Bag Seminar - Monash University

2019 - Monash Business School Doctoral Colloquium, Conflict and Economic Development Workshop - Deakin University, Australian Conference of Economists, Australasian Development Economics Workshop - University of Western Australia

2018 - Annual Conference of the Center for the Study of African Economies - University of Oxford

2017 - Annual Australasian Public Choice Conference - Deakin University, 30th PhD Conference in Economics and Business - University of Melbourne, Summer School in Development Economics - Italian Development Economists Association, Australasian Development Economics Workshop - University of New South Wales

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

2020 - *to date* : Founder and Co-Organizer - [Applied Young Economist Webinar](#)

2020 - *to date* : Organizer - [SoDa Labs Webinar](#)

2019 - *to date* : Co-organizer - SoDa Labs Reading Group

2017 - 2018: Co-organizer - PhD Seminar Series, Department of Economics - Monash University

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2021 - Monash Business School COVID-19 Disrupted Research Grant Scheme (AUD 9,962) with Paul Raschky

2021 - “Quantifying government behaviour through text analysis” Monash Business School ECR Research Grant Scheme (AUD 9,347)

2021 - “Applied Young Economist Webinar Series” Monash-Warwick Alliance Connections Fund (AUD 4,000 & GBP 2,000) with Paul Raschky, Sascha Becker and Ivan Yotzov

2019 - Australasian Development Economics Workshop Travel Grant

2017 - Australasian Development Economics Workshop Travel Grant

2017 - Monash University CDES Competitive Travel Grant

2016 - Australia Post-graduate Award/ Research Training Program Scholarship

2011 - Professor of Economics Gold Medal - University of Colombo

2008 - Faculty of Arts Scholarship for the best performing student - University of Colombo

REFEREEING ACTIVITY

Economic Modelling ($\times 2$), Empirica, Journal of Asian Economics

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Stata, ArcGIS, Matlab, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

HNB Assurance PLC, Sri Lanka
Investments & Fund Management

2010 - 2015

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Sinhalese (native)

CITIZENSHIP

Australian and Sri Lankan

REFERENCES

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