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#### **EDUCATION**

## Monash University, Australia

2016 - present

Ph.D (Economics)

Department of Economics

Thesis Title: Three Essays on Economic Shocks and Networks

Advisors: Associate 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

#### Monash University, Australia

2016 - Present

Teaching Associate

· ECC1100/ECF1200 : Principles of Macroeconomics

· ECF2331/ECF5923: Macroeconomic and Monetary Policy

### University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

2013 - 2014

Visiting Lecturer

· ECN 4184 : Principles of Insurance

#### INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

#### HNB Assurance PLC, Sri Lanka

2010 - 2015

 $Investment\ Division$ 

- $\cdot$  Intern
- · Management Trainee
- · Senior Investment Analyst
- · Assistant Manager

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2017 - Monash University CDES Competitive Travel Grant

2016 - Australia Post-graduate Award

2011 - Professor of Economics Gold Medal for Economics for the best performance at the Final Degree Examination in Arts - University of Colombo

2011 - M. W. Jayasuriya Memorial Prize for Economics for the best performance at the Final Degree Examination in Arts - University of Colombo

2011 - Neil Bandaranaike Memorial Prize for the best performance at the Final Degree Examination in Arts - University of Colombo

2009 - Neil Bandaranaike Memorial Prize for the student who performs best at the Second Year Examination in Arts - University of Colombo

2008 - Neil Bandaranaike Memorial Prize for the student who performs best at the First Year Examination in Arts - University of Colombo

2008 - Faculty of Arts Scholarship for the student who performs best at the First Year Examination in Arts - University of Colombo

## WORKING PAPERS

Spatial Diffusion of Economic Shocks and Networks CESifo Working Paper No. 7001 with Roland Hodler, Paul A. Raschky and Yves Zenou

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Conflicts in Sptial Networks: Evidence from Africa with Paul A. Raschky, Yves Zenou and Junjie Zhou

Sports, Sentiments and Governments

Learning from Disasters: Evidence from Economic Growth Effects of Tropical Cyclones with Paul A. Raschky and Melvin Wong

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Annual Conference of the Center for the Study of African Economies 2018 - University of Oxford, UK Annual Australasian Public Choice Conference 2017 - Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia 30th PhD Conference in Economics and Business 2017 - University of Melbourne, Australia Summer School in Development Economics 2017 - Italian Development Economists Association, Prato, Italy

Australasian Development Economics Workshop 2017 - University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

#### SOFTWARE SKILLS

Stata, ArcGIS, MATLAB, LATEX, Microsoft Office

#### OTHER COMMITMENTS

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

## REFERENCES

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