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EDUCATION:

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| London School of Economics and Political Science PhD Economics | 2020 – 25 |
| London School of Economics and Political Science M.Res Economics | 2018 – 20 |
| Indian Institute of Technology, Varanasi B.Tech Mining Engineering | 2010 – 14 |

RESEARCH FIELDS:

Primary: Environmental Economics, Development Economics
Secondary: Political Economy, Spatial Economics

WORKING PAPERS:

“Climate Change and Firm Dynamics: Evidence from Manufacturing Plants in Indonesia”
“Global Gains from a Green Energy Transition: Evidence on Coal-Fired Power and Air Quality Dissatisfaction” with Tim Besley. *CEPR Discussion Paper, no. 18046, 2023.*
“From Streets to Ballots: The Impact of Climate Protests on Public Awareness and Electoral Outcomes” with Javad Shamsi and Ranjana Sinha. *Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4939241>.*

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS:

“Understanding Environmental Preferences and Drivers of Climate Action” with Tim Besley and Michael Callen.
“Illuminating Development: Socioeconomic Impact of Rural Electrification in India”
“Political Economy of Religious Salience in Electoral Competition: Theory and Evidence from India”

METHOD CONTRIBUTIONS:

“A Practical Guide to Climate Econometrics: Navigating Key Decision Points in Weather and Climate Data Analysis” with James Rising, Kevin Schwarzwald, and Ana Trisovic. *Journal of Open Source Education, 7(75), 90, 2024.*

POLICY BRIEFS:

“Are Perceptions of Air Quality More Negative for Those Who Live Close to Coal-fired Power Stations?” with Tim Besley. *British Academy Policy Brief, August 12, 2022.*
“Could a National Investment Bank Support Recovery from the COVID-19 Crisis?” with Tim Besley, Richard Davies, and Nick Stern. *Economics Observatory, September 30, 2020.*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

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| Research Assistant to Professor Tim Besley, LSE | 2020 – |
| Research Assistant to Professor Robin Burgess, LSE | 2019 |
| Research Assistant to Professors Michael Greenstone and Solomon Hsiang, University of Chicago | 2016 – 18 |
| Senior Research Associate at Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) | 2014 – 16 |

HONORS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

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| European Economic Association Travel Grant | 2023 |
| Royal Economic Society Conference Grant | 2023 |
| STICERD Michio Morishima Student Grant | 2023 |
| PEDL Exploratory Research Grant | 2022 |
| British Academy SSF Grant (with Tim Besley) | 2022 |
| STICERD Research Grant for PhD students | 2021 |
| Member of Action Team for the UK Royal Society DELVE initiative | 2020 |
| Chevening Scholarship supported by the FCDO, UK (<i>declined</i>) | 2016 |
| J-PAL Best Innovation Award for survey data tracking and cleaning | 2016 |

INVITED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS:

(* indicates presentations by a co-author)

2024 (incl. scheduled): Oxford Development Economics Workshop, Occasional Workshop in Environmental and Resource Economics–UCSB, NEUDC–Northeastern, RES Annual Conference, TrEnCE Working Group–Paris Dauphine ($\times 2$), Political Economy of Environmental Policy–Stockholm School of Economics*, IFS-UCL-LSE Development Seminar, ~~LSE Southeast Asia Centre PhD Workshop~~

2023: RES PhD Conference, BREAD Conference–MIT, Essex PhD Conference, EEA-ESEM Annual Congress, MWIEDC–Houston, NICEP–Nottingham, LSE Environment Day, LSE Environment Week, AYEWS Working Group–Monash & Warwick, ISEC–Bengaluru*, ~~HPF Annual Conference, NCDE–Gothenburg, MCEE–Mannheim, ACEGD–ISI Delhi~~

2022: British Academy Roundtable, ~~NEUDC–Yale~~

TEACHING:

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| EC351: International Economics, LSE (Summer School) | 2022, 24 |
| EC338: International Trade, LSE (Undergraduate) | 2023 |
| PP4G9E: Public Policy in Practice II, LSE (Graduate) | 2023 |
| EC212: Introduction to Econometrics, LSE (Summer School) | 2021, 23 |
| EC320: Applied Econometrics and Big Data, LSE (Summer School) | 2021, 22 |
| EC201: Microeconomic Principles I, LSE (Undergraduate) | 2020 – 22 |
| EC102: Introductory Economics, LSE (Undergraduate) | 2019 – 20 |
| <u>Awards</u> | |
| LSE Class Teacher Bonus Award (<i>based on students' ratings</i>) | 2020 – 22 |
| LSE Students' Union Teaching Excellence Award (<i>nominated</i>) | 2021 |

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY AND SERVICE:

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| Developing LSE Economics database for Research Excellence Framework (REF2029) | 2024 – |
| Research Advisor at Gallup, Inc. | 2021 – |
| Coordinator for the Hayek Programme at LSE | 2020 – |
| Organizing Team Member for Development Reading Group at LSE | 2020 – 22 |
| Referee: <i>Economica</i> , Young Economist Symposium (Yale) | |

SKILLS:

Computing: C, C++, Matlab, Python, QGIS, R, Stata
Languages: English (fluent), Hindi (native), Urdu (native), Arabic (beginner)

PERSONAL:

Born in Bihar, India. Married, with one son.
Running results: 2023 Manchester Half Marathon (1:45:44), 2024 Edinburgh Marathon (4:03:53)