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EDUCATION:

London School of Economics and Political Science 2020 - 25
PhD Economics

London School of Economics and Political Science 2018 - 20
M.Res Economics

Indian Institute of Technology, Varanasi 2010 - 14
B.Tech Mining Engineering

RESEARCH FIELDS:

Environmental Economics, Development Economics, and Political Economy

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.
Coverage by: VoxDev, Ideas for India (English), Ideas for India (Hindi), LSE Business Review, IGC Blog
Awards: Honorable mention for 2024 ADB-IEA Innovative Policy Research Award

"From Streets to Ballots: The Impact of Climate Protests on Public Awareness and Voting" with Javad Shamsi and Ranjana Sinha.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS:

"Understanding Environmental Preferences and the Drivers of Climate Action" with Tim Besley.

"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. *Coverage by*: Open Sustainable Technology, No Hesitations Blog

POLICY WRITINGS:

"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:

Research Assistant to Professor Tim Besley, LSE 2020 - Present
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:

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 (*declined*)	2016
J-PAL Best Innovation Award for survey data tracking and cleaning	2016

INVITED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS:

(* indicates presentations by a co-author)

2024: RES Annual Conference, TrEnCE Working Group–Paris Dauphine, Political Economy of Environmental Policy–Stockholm School of Economics*, LSE Southeast Asia Centre PhD Workshop (*declined*)

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

2022: British Academy Roundtable, NEUDC–Yale (*declined*)

TEACHING:

EC338: International Trade, LSE (Undergraduate)	2023
PP4G9E: Public Policy in Practice II, LSE (Graduate)	2023
EC212: Introduction to Econometrics, LSE (Summer School)	2021, 23
EC351: International Economics, LSE (Summer School)	2022, 24
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
Awards	
LSE Class Teacher Bonus Award (*based on students' ratings*)	2020 - 22
LSE Students' Union Teaching Excellence Award (*nominated*)	2021

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY AND SERVICE:

Developing LSE Economics database for Research Excellence Framework 2029	2024
Independent Consultant at Gallup Research	2021 - Present
Coordinator for the Hayek Programme at LSE	2020 - Present
Organizing Team Member for Development Reading Group at LSE	2020 - 22
Referee: Economica, 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.
Running results: 2023 Manchester Half Marathon (1:45:44), 2024 Edinburgh Marathon (4:03:53)