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Education

PhD	**Trinity College Dublin**, Economics	Sept 2022 – Present

- Supervisor: Michael King ⬈
- Thesis: Essays in Development Economics
- Thesis Committee: Carol Newman ⬈, Martina Kirchberger ⬈

MA	**University of Warwick**, International Development	Oct 2017 – Oct 2018

- Thesis Advisor: Margarita Gelepithis ⬈
- Thesis: A critical analysis of Microfinance in India
- GPA: 3.7 (Merit)

Experience

World Bank, Consultant — Dublin, Ireland — Oct 2023 – Present

- Co-designed with the Gender Innovation Lab (GIL) at the World Bank, an experiment that aimed to assess the impact of business training on MSME owners in Nigeria. The training sessions focused on boosting women's confidence and developing business skills.
- Conducted an in-depth literature review to help inform the Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) design.
- Oversaw the drafting and regular revision of important project documents.
- Displayed extensive stakeholder engagement through regular calls to align project goals.

LEAD at IFMR, Senior Research Associate ⬈ — New Delhi, India — July 2020 – Aug 2022

- Re-designed research designs to fit the local context and developed quantitative and qualitative research instruments.
- Led the field operations by directing 15 enumerator training, and evaluating enumerator performance. This resulted in a 10% increase in enumerators' productivity by leveraging metadata variables such as interview completion time, number of calls made, and others.
- Managed internal and external stakeholders, ensuring seamless project execution.
- Drafted successful grant proposals worth $50k USD to organizations such as UNCDF
- Devised budgets for various projects at LEAD and implemented projects on the budget, ensuring optimal resource allocation.
- Promoted within less than two years—faster than the typical timeline—based on exceptional performance and contributions across multiple projects.

Madras Institute of Development Studies, Research Investigator ⬈ — Chennai, India — June 2019 – June 2020

- Led the design of baseline research instruments for the Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey, collaborating with the University of Michigan team to ensure methodological rigor ⬈
- Liaised with the Government of Tamil Nadu, driving discussions and finalizing the research instrument to align with government goals
- Coordinated with stakeholders to develop the COVID Pulse Survey questionnaire in June 2020, providing rapid insights during the pandemic ⬈

KPMG, Associate Consultant - Strategy

New Delhi, India
Nov 2018 – June 2019

- Conceptualized publicity schemes for international clients and produced high-quality slide decks and reports for stakeholder presentations
- Coordinated between team members, ensuring effective communication

Publications

ExenDT^2 Deliverable 7.2 - Cycle 2 Evaluation Report, [Cycle 2 Evaluation Report ↗](#)

Sep 2024

Girvan, C., Walsh, S., **Shrivastava, B.**, Greka, C., Schiza, K., Nikolaou, M-S., Zhang, F., Shrestha, S., Strubbe, K. & Ornekoglu Selcuk, M. (2024)

Analysed data and generated a critical report for a high-stakes project commissioned by the EU. The project aims to deliver an evaluation report on the use of technology in classroom teaching

How Good is Your Data? Challenges of Ensuring Data Quality in a Large-Scale Survey: Lessons from the Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS), [Working Paper ↗](#)

July 2023

Ananthpur, Kripa & de Jong, Julie & Sridharan, Gargi & **Shrivastava, Bhavya** (2023)

The working paper "How Good is Your Data?" examines the transition from paper-based to computer-assisted interviewing in the Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS). It discusses challenges in ensuring data quality during large-scale surveys and offers quality control guidance to minimize errors and enhance data reliability.

Research Projects

Bridging the Gap: Assessing Demand-Side Constraints in Loan Access for Female Entrepreneurs in Nigeria

Feb 2025 [Ongoing]

Objective: This study aims to assess the impact of targeted training sessions—focusing on business skills and confidence building, on the demand for credit among female entrepreneurs. It seeks to generate evidence on the financial gap among Nigerian female entrepreneurs, particularly due to the low demand for business loans.

- Co-designed the field experiment
- Led the effort in generating official documents required to run the experiment in the field
- Designed the questionnaires for the endline and the baseline of the study
- Tools Used: MS Office, STATA, R, LaTeX

Financing Female Micro-Entrepreneurs: An Experiment on Flexible and Sustainable Credit Products

Feb 2025 [Ongoing]

Objective: This study aims to evaluate the impact of innovative loan products on the business performance, financial well-being, and empowerment of Indian female microentrepreneurs.

- Led field operations for four rounds of primary data collection (12,000 observations), including leading enumerator trainings and conducting extensive SurveyCTO validations to ensure data accuracy and operational efficiency.
- Conducted extensive data cleaning, coding, and regression analyses over months to produce research findings.
- Designed the paper's preliminary conceptual framework and authored the initial manuscript draft.
- Tools Used: MS Office, STATA, R, LaTeX

Backlash against Airbnb: Evidence from London

July 2024

Research Assistant to Prof Nicola Fontana

- Led data cleaning and spatial analysis by processing large datasets in Excel and mapping geographic coordinates using ArcGIS

- Developed and implemented automated text analysis pipelines for large volumes of Airbnb reviews using Large Language Models (LLMs)
- Tools Used: ArcGIS, Python

Awards & Grants

ISWE Award   May 2025
Irish Society for Women in Economics, IEA 2025
  - €250; joint award for Best Paper presented by a Female Economist at IEA 2025

Travel Grant   Feb 2025
Trinity Research in Social Sciences (TRiSS), Trinity College Dublin
  - €650; sponsored by TRiSS to present the findings of my research at University of Oxford

PhD Scholarship   Sep 2022
Dept. of Economics, Trinity College Dublin
  - € 88,000; sponsored by the Dept. of Economics to pursue PhD

GREAT Britain Scholarship   Oct 2017
Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick (UoW)
  - £12,000; sponsored by British Council, GREAT & UoW to pursue MA ↗

Conferences & Seminars

2025	Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference 2025 ↗	Uni of Oxford, UK
	Irish Economic Association 2025 ↗	Queen's University, UK
2024	BREW-ESA 2024 ↗	Ashoka University, India
	Advances in Field Experiment 2024 ↗	LSE, UK
	Irish Economic Association 2024 ↗	Uni of Galway, Ireland

Teaching Experience

Economy of Ireland, *Prof. Barra Roantree, Prof. Francis O' Toole*   Sep 2024 - Present
Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate, Dept. of Economics, TCD
Impact Evaluation, *Dr. Tara Bedi*   Jan 2023 - Present
Teaching Assistant, Postgraduate, Dept. of Geography, TCD

Skills

Programming: R, STATA, Python, LaTeX, SurveyCTO, ArcGIS, MS Office

Languages: English (Native), Hindi (Native), Bengali (Intermediate), French (Basic)

References

Prof. Michael King

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