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## Education

### University of California San Diego

PHD ECONOMICS

- Impact Fellow (Pilot research grant \$20 K) with Prof. Paul Niehaus (2024-25)

California, United States

2024 – Present

### University of Paris-1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

MRES. (M2) DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

- Cumulative Grade: 16.56/20
- Mention: *très bien* (Highest distinction in the French system)
- Equivalent Latin mention: *summa cum laude*

Paris, France

2020 – 2021

### University of Paris-1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

MSc (M1) ECONOMICS

- Cumulative Grade: 16.16/20
- Mention: *très bien* (Highest distinction in the French system)
- Equivalent Latin mention: *summa cum laude*

Paris, France

2019 – 2020

### Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics

MSC INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

- Cumulative Grade: 7.65 out of 10

Pune, India

2017 – 2019

### University of Mumbai

B.A. ECONOMICS

- Cumulative Grade: 6.84 out of 7
- Rank-1** in the Economics Department for two consecutive years (2015 – 16, 2016 – 17) out of 400 students
- Acknowledged as the “**Best Overall Student**” out of 3000 students (2016 – 17)

Mumbai, India

2014 – 2017

## Employment

### UC San Diego

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER (SUMMER)

- Summer GSR for Professor Karthik Muralidharan
- Responsibilities:** Developing teaching materials for book project; Preparing drafts for R&R submissions

Multiple Locations, India

June 2025 – September 2025

### DAI Research

PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

- Pre-doctoral Researcher for Professor Nishith Prakash
- Responsible for managing a portfolio of Professor Nishith Prakash's projects across Bihar, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand
- Responsibilities:** Project Management, Data Quality Checks, Documentation & Reporting, Hiring, Training & Capacity Building

Multiple Locations, India

July 2023 – March 2024

### The World Bank, Development Impact Evaluation (DIME)

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE (SHORT TERM CONSULTANT)

- Principal Investigators: Sofia Amaral, Girija Borker, Nishith Prakash, and Maria Micaela Sviatschi
- Project titled: “*Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers using an Expressive Arts Intervention*”
- Randomized controlled trial (RCT) study conducted across 12 districts of Bihar, covering 422 police stations and 3500 police officers
- Responsibilities:** Design of Experiment, Design of Survey Instruments, Data Cleaning & Analysis, Generating Descriptive Tables, and Contributing to the writing of Pre-Analysis Plan

Bihar, India

July 2022 – June 2023

## Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale (Y-RISE)

### RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

- Principal Investigators: Jason Abaluck, Laura Kwong, Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak, Nishith Prakash, and Shana Warren
- RCT on “*Studying the Incentives to improve COVID-19 vaccination rates in rural Bihar*”
- Study conducted across 10 districts of Bihar, covering 249 villages
- Responsibilities:** Fieldwork and Logistics, Data cleaning & Analysis, Contributed to the writing of the Background and Cross-randomization sections of the paper

Bihar, India

February 2022 – July 2022

## Fellowships and Grants

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### Impact Fellowship

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO

- Mentorship and Early Career Research Grant of \$20 K from Prof. Paul Niehaus

California, United States

2024 – 2029

### Regents Fellowship

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO

- Full Financial Support for Graduate Studies

California, United States

2024 – 2029

### Cité Scholarship, Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris (CIUP)

UNIVERSITY OF PARIS-1 PANTHÉON-SORBONNE

- Excellent academic performance and active participation in extra-curricular activities

Paris, France

2020 – 2021

### Haresh Gohil Memorial Prize (Two Consecutive Years)

WILSON COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

- Rank-1** in the Department of Economics for the year 2016 – 17 (out of 400 students)
- Rank-1** in the Department of Economics for the year 2015 – 16 (out of 400 students)

Mumbai, India

2015 – 17

### Late Rao Saheb Achyut Rao Kamat Prize (Two Consecutive Years)

WILSON COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

- “**Best Male Student**” in Wilson College for the year 2016 – 17 (out of 2500 male students)
- “**Best Male Student**” in Wilson College for the year 2015 – 16 (out of 1500 male students)

Mumbai, India

2015 – 17

### Romario Rozer Memorial Prize

WILSON COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

- “**Best All-Round Student**” – excellent performance in academics and extra-curricular activities (out of 3000 students across all departments)

Mumbai, India

2015 – 16

## Conference Presentations

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**2023** 18th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi (*scheduled*); Path2Dev Conference 2023, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore (*scheduled*)

**2022** 17th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi

**2019** D. R. Gadgil Memorial Paper Presentation, Annual Economic Conference, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune

**2018** Niti-Samvaad Conference, Department of Public Policy, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai; Econ-Visva Conference, Department of Economics, Visva-Bharati University, Shantiniketan

## Research

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### WORKING PAPERS

“**Political (Mis)selection: The Role of Historical Institutions**” with (Ryu Matsuura, and Utsav Manjeer)

“**Incentives and Access: A Large-Scale COVID-19 Vaccination Experiment in India**” with (Jason Abaluck, Emily Crawford, Aritra Das, Laura Kwong, Tanmay Mahapatra, Mushfiq Mobarak, Narottam Pradhan, Nishith Prakash, Manvendra Singh, Ephraim Sutherland, and Shana Warren)

“**Sustainability Starts at Home: The Role of Children in Shaping Environmental Practices**” with (Sara Constantino, Nirajana Mishra, Nishith Prakash, Shwetlena Sabarwal, Dighbijoy Samaddar, and Raisa Sherif)

## Fieldwork Experience \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sustainability Starts at Home: The Role of Children in Shaping Environmental Practices**

*Bihar, India*

RESEARCHERS: SARA CONSTANTINO, NIRAJANA MISHRA, NISHITH PRAKASH, SHWETLENA SABARWAL, DIGHBIJOY SAMADDAR, AND RAISA SHERIF

*July 2022 –*

- Co-investigator in the RCT involving 3000 students in Bihar

### **Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers: Evidence from an Expressive Arts Intervention in India**

*Bihar, India*

RESEARCHERS: SOFIA AMARAL, GIRIJA BORKER, NISHITH PRAKASH, AND MARIA MICAELA SVIATSCHI

*June 2022 –*

- Study conducted across 12 districts of Bihar covering 422 Police Stations and 4000 Police Officers

### **Shame or Spirituality? What Works in Improving Waste Management in Urban India**

*Bihar, India*

RESEARCHERS: AHANA BASISTHA, NISHITH PRAKASH, AND RAISA SHERIF

*November 2022 – August 2023*

- Study conducted across 75 wards in Patna, Bihar in collaboration with the Patna Municipal Corporation (PMC)

### **Incentives and Access: A Large-Scale COVID-19 Vaccination Experiment in India**

*Bihar, India*

RESEARCHERS: JASON ABALUCK, LAURA KWONG, AHMED MUSHFIQ MOBARAK, NISHITH PRAKASH, AND SHANA WARREN

*February 2022 – July 2022*

- Study conducted across 10 districts of Bihar in collaboration with the State Health Society of Bihar

## Refereeing Experience \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLOS ONE**

AD-HOC REVIEWER

*August 2023, November 2023*

### **Economics of Education Review**

AD-HOC REVIEWER

*February 2023*

## Internships \_\_\_\_\_

### **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP)**

*New Delhi, India*

ECONOMICS AFFAIRS INTERN

*June 2020 – September 2020*

- Supervisor: Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director and Head of the South and South-West Asia, UNESCAP
- Worked on a report titled: "From Digital Divide to Digital Dividend: Can COVID-19 provide an impetus to Bridge the Digital Divide in South Asia?"

### **Jawaharlal Nehru University**

*New Delhi, India*

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

*May 2018 – July 2018*

- Supervisor: Dr. Saradindu Bhaduri, Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Worked on a Research Project titled: "The role of Informational Technology and Smartphones in the learning and innovation by Small and Medium Enterprises in the Medical Device Industry"

## Software and Language Skills \_\_\_\_\_

### **Software Skills**

STATA | QGIS | LATEX | R-PROGRAMMING | PYTHON

### **Languages**

ENGLISH (NATIVE PROFICIENCY) | BENGALI (NATIVE) | HINDI (NATIVE) | FRENCH (BASIC)