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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-DOCCTORAL 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

Impact Fellowship

California, United States

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO

2024 – 2029

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

Regents Fellowship

California, United States

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO

2024 – 2029

- Full Financial Support for Graduate Studies

Cité Scholarship, Cité International Universitaire de Paris (CIUP)

Paris, France

UNIVERSITY OF PARIS-1 PANTHÉON-SORBONNE

2020 – 2021

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

Haresh Gohil Memorial Prize (Two Consecutive Years)

Mumbai, India

WILSON COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

2015 – 17

- **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)

Late Rao Saheb Achyutrao Kamat Prize (Two Consecutive Years)

Mumbai, India

WILSON COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

2015 – 17

- **“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)

Romario Rozer Memorial Prize

Mumbai, India

WILSON COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

2015 – 16

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

Conference Presentations

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

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 MICHAELA SVIATSCHE

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)