

# Canishk Naik

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## PERSONAL DETAILS

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## FIELDS

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Public Economics, Behavioural Economics, Mental Health

## EDUCATION

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PhD Economics, LSE	2021 – present
<i>Visiting Research Fellow in Economics</i> , Brown University	Spring 2022
MRes Economics <i>with Distinction</i> , LSE	2019 – 2021
MSc Applicable Mathematics <i>with Distinction</i> , LSE	2017 – 2018
BA Mathematics, University of Cambridge	2014 – 2017

## WORKING PAPERS

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[Intrapersonal Utility Comparisons as Interpersonal Utility Comparisons](#), August 2024  
with Daniel Reck (UMD)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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Mental Health and the Targeting of Social Assistance

A Welfare Analysis of Public Housing Allocation Mechanisms  
with Neil Thakral (Brown University)

The Socio-Economic Determinants of Mental Health  
with Jonathan Kolstad (UC Berkeley), Will Parker (LSE) and Johannes Spinnewijn (LSE)

## EXPERIENCE

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Economist, The Behaviouralist	2019 – 2021
Research Assistant to Daniel Reck, LSE	Summer 2020

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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LSE Class Teacher Award ( <i>Highly Commended in 2024</i> )	2023, 2024
STICERD Grant. £9,677.29	2022
Awarded for the project “Mental Health and the Targeting of Social Assistance”.	
Race Equity Innovation Fund. £2,000	2022
Awarded for the project “Review of the Economics Curriculum”, together with other members of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee in Economics (DICE) at LSE	
Excellence in Education Award, LSE School of Public Policy	2022, 2023
Economic and Social Research Council Doctoral Studentship	2019 – 2024
Economics Departmental Fellowship, LSE	2019 – 2024
Haya Freedman Prize for Best MSc Dissertation, LSE	2018
Top Overall Performance MSc Applicable Mathematics, LSE	2018

## TEACHING

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LSE School of Public Policy (Graduate)	2022 – 2024
<i>PP410: Public Economics for Public Policy</i> : a module in the MPA / MPP degree programme.	
LSE Economics Dept (Graduate)	2022 – 2024
<i>EC400: Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics</i> : probability and statistics part of pre-sessional mathematics module (aka “math camp”).	
LSE Economics Dept (Undergraduate)	2021 – 2023
<i>EC100 &amp; EC1A3</i> : first-year introductory micro- and macro-economics.	

## PRESENTATIONS

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2024: LSE Public Economics Work in Progress Seminar, Dutch Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis (CPB), LSE CEP Wellbeing Seminar, IFS-CAGE Workshop on the Economics of Mental Health, IIPF Annual Congress, NTA Annual Congress.

2023: LSE Public Economics Work in Progress Seminar.

2022: SJDM Annual Meeting (Poster), Brown University Theory/Experimental Lunch Seminar, LSE Public Economics Work in Progress Seminar.

2021: UEA North American Meeting, LSE Public Economics Work in Progress Seminar.

## REFERENCES

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**Prof. Johannes Spinnewijn** (supervisor), Dept. of Economics, LSE, [j.spinnewijn@lse.ac.uk](mailto:j.spinnewijn@lse.ac.uk)

**Prof. Nava Ashraf** (supervisor), Dept. of Economics, LSE, [n.ashraf1@lse.ac.uk](mailto:n.ashraf1@lse.ac.uk)

**Dr. Daniel Reck**, Dept. of Economics, University of Maryland, [dreck@umd.edu](mailto:dreck@umd.edu)

## OTHER INFORMATION

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Affiliations: [STICERD](#), [The Behaviouralist](#)

briq Insitute Summer School in Behavioral Economics Participant 2023.

Outreach: Applicant Mentor for the [LSE Economics PhD AMP](#), Founding member of the LSE Diversity and Inclusion Committee in Economics (DICE), Organiser of LSE Public Economics Work in Progress Seminar 2022-23.

Software: Python, R, Stata, Matlab, Java

Languages: English (Native), German (Intermediate)

Citizenship: Canada, Ireland, UK Residency