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Current Position	Department of Economics, University of Zurich (UZH) (UNICEF) Assistant Professor in Economics of Development and Child Welfare	2024-
Education	Harvard University, Ph.D., Economics University of Oxford, MPhil, Economics (Distinction) University of Cambridge, B.A., Economics (First Class Honors)	2024 2018 2016
Research Fields	Development Economics, Behavioral Economics, Education	
Working Papers	How Prosocial Motives Shape Market Exchange: Evidence from Street Vending 3G Internet and Human Capital Development (with Samuel Stemper) Silent Networks: The Role of Inaccurate Beliefs in Reducing Social Interactions (with Vatsal Khandelwal) Great Expectations? Leveraging Teachers to Improve Student Performance (with Minahil Asim and Vatsal Khandelwal)	
Publications	The Effects of Classroom-Level Incentives: Experimental Evidence from Kenya (with Brandon Tan) <i>Economics of Education Review</i> , 2026 The Labour Market and Poverty Impacts of COVID-19 in South Africa (with Ihsaan Bassier, Josh Budlender and Rocco Zizzamia) <i>South African Journal of Economics</i> (2023); Covered by The Economist	
Fellowships & Awards	Certificate of Distinction for Excellence in Teaching, Harvard Harvard Kennedy Scholar MPhil Economics Prize for best performance, University of Oxford Clarendon Scholarship, University of Oxford Nuffield College Scholarship, University of Oxford Santander Graduate Award, University of Oxford Mitsuharu Hara Prize for best performance, Churchill College Churchill College Scholarship Award, University of Cambridge	2020, 2021, 2022 2018 2017 2016-18 2016-18 2016 2015 & 16 2013-16
Teaching	Instructor, Department of Economics, University of Zurich <i>Course: Behavioral Development Economics (PhD)</i> <i>Course: Intermediate Econometrics (BA)</i> Instructor, Department of Economics, Harvard University <i>Course: Development Economics: An Experimental and Behavioral Perspective</i> Teaching Fellow, Harvard University <i>Course: Economic Development: Analytical Frameworks for Smart Policy Design</i> <i>Course: The Rise of Asia and the World Economy</i>	2026- 2025- 2020-23 2021-23 2021

Research Grants (Selected)	Swiss National Foundation (\$786k)	2025
	Kenneth C. Griffin Economics Research Award (\$12k)	2022
	Bradley Graduate Fellowship Grant (x3) (\$15k)	2019, 2021, 2022
	Lab for Economic Applications and Policy (LEAP) (\$10k)	2021
	Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative (\$5k)	2020
	Weiss Fund Research Grant (x2) (\$50k) (with Brandon Tan)	2019, 2020
	JPAL Post-Primary Education Initiative Grant (\$20.5k) (with Minahil Asim and Vatsal Khandelwal)	2020
	Research on Improving Systems of Education (RISE) (\$40k) (with Minahil Asim and Vatsal Khandelwal)	2019
	Centre for the Study of African Economies (x2) (\$13k) (with Vatsal Khandelwal)	2019, 2022
Refereeing	American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Human Resources, World Bank Economic Review, World Development, Journal of Urban Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change	
Seminars		
2025-	NBER Labor Studies Summer Institute, CEPR Development Economics Annual Symposium, CESifo Area Conference on Economics of Education, Princeton University, TUM Field Experiments in Business and Economics, Early Career Behavioral Economics Conference (ECBE), Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries (SEEDec), CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society, Annual Research Night (Zurich), University of Cologne, Bristol University, Thrive Conference: Scaling ECD Programmes, Field Days-Experiments Outside the Lab Conference	
2024-2025	NBER Economics of Education Spring Meeting, Stanford University, FAIR (Norwegian School of Economics), BREAD, IZA Institute of Labor Economics, Advances with Field Experiments (AFE), Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Monash University, UNU-MERIT, Urbanization and Poverty Reduction Conference (World Bank), Warwick Business School, University of Zurich, Warwick University, Economics and Psychology Conference (Zurich), CSAE Conference, FIW-International Economics Conference, Delhi School of Economics, Diversity and Human Capital Workshop, Workshop on Social Economy for Young Economists	
2018-2023	Learning and Educational Achievement in Pakistan Schools (LEAPS), Machine Learning and Economics Summer Institute, Harvard Mellon Urban Institute, AEA/ASSA Meeting, SANEM Conference, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Delhi School of Economics Winter School	
Academic Service	Resident Tutor, Quincy House, Harvard University	2023-24
	Resident Advisor for Graduate Students, Harvard University	2019, 2021, 2022
	Co-organizer, Graduate Development Economics Workshop, Harvard University	2021
	Consent Advocate and Relationship Educator, Harvard University	2019, 21
	Harassment Advisor, Nuffield College, University of Oxford	2017-18

Previous Positions	Research Advisor, Rocket Learning	Jan - Dec 2024
	Economics Intern, Amazon (Advanced Experimentation)	Jun - Sep 2023
	Short Term Consultant, World Bank (DIME)	May-Oct 2021
	Research Assistant, Harvard University, Prof. Michael Kremer	2018-19
	Quantitative Research Intern, Oxford Policy Management	Jul-Sep 2017
	Research Assistant, University of Cambridge, Prof. Sriya Iyer	Jul-Sep 2015
Languages	English (fluent), Hindi & Rajasthani (native), Spanish (intermediate)	