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EDUCATION

Ph.D Economics

George Washington University, Washington DC

2021 - Current

M.A. Economics

Madras School of Economics, Chennai

2017 - 2019

B.A. Economics *with minors in Statistics and English Literature*

St. Xavier's College, Mumbai

2014 - 2017

AREAS OF INTEREST

Public Finance, Urban, Political Economy, Development

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Associate - Center for Advanced Financial Research and Learning, Reserve Bank of India

2019 - 2021

PI: Nirupama Kulkarni

- Worked on projects involving zombie lending, credit misallocation, homeownership, and sovereign credit ratings using loan-level datasets such as the LPC Dealscan and MCA, and firm-level datasets such as the Compustat and Thomson Reuters.

INTERNSHIPS

Consultant

Nov 2025 -

World Bank Group, PI: Klaus Deininger

- Exploratory work on digitization of property tax collection in Malawi

Summer Consultant

May 2025 - August 2025

International Finance Corporation

- Worked on background research articles on in-office worker trainings, manufacturing agglomeration effects and indigenous crops in Sub-Saharan Africa

Summer Research Associate

May 2023 - August 2023, May 2024 - August 2024

PI: Tanner Regan

- Examined property tax payments in Kampala using proprietary property tax data

Summer Research Associate - Energy and Environment Lab, University of Chicago

May 2022 - August 2022

PIs: Michael Greenstone, Olga Rostaphsova, Fiona Burlig and Ludovica Gasse

- Assisted on an RCT examining heavy duty truck emissions in California, in collaboration with the California Air Resources Board.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Raising Revenues: A Study of Property Tax Compliance in an Indian Municipality
(Job Market Paper)

Bridging the Solar Divide: Demand Responses to Subsidies among Low-Income Households with [Rui Zhong](#)

Digital land and property improvement tax payment mechanism in Malawi with [Klaus W. Deininger](#) and [Daniel Ayalew Ali](#)

Pass-Through of Consumption Taxes under Political Pressure with [Sai Pitre](#)

How much influence does a bureaucrat have? A study of caste and crime in India

Political Economy of State Borrowing and Financial Crowding Out with [Viral Acharya](#), [Nirupama Kulkarni](#), and Rahul Singh Chauhan
Presented at the 5th World Bank/IFS/ODI Tax Conference, slides available [here](#)

CONFERENCES

World Bank/IFS/ODI Tax Conference 2023

POLICY

Progressive tax rate bands and the state of property tax in Kampala with Nathaniel Badalov, Julius Mutebi, Tanner Regan and Ezra Ssebuwufu
International Growth Centre, 2025 Report available [here](#)

Understanding Sovereign Ratings and Their Implications for Emerging Economies with Nirupama Kulkarni, Gautham Udupa, Kaushalendra Kishore, Ilisa Goenka and Rahul Singh Chauhan
Economic & Political Weekly, 2023 Report available [here](#)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Advanced	Stata, \LaTeX
Intermediate	Python, R, Git, GIS, MS-SQL, Tableau

REFERENCES

Dr. Elira Kuka
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