

# KRISHNA SRINIVASAN

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## Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Zurich	08/2018 - present
Expected Completion Date: 04/2024	
M.Sc. Econometrics and Mathematical Economics, Tilburg University	2016 - 2017
B.Sc. Economics, Mathematics, Statistics, Christ University	2013 - 2016

## Research Visits

Visiting Student, Norwegian School of Economics	08/2022 - 01/2023
Visiting Student, University of California - Berkeley	08/2021 - 12/2021

## Research and Teaching Fields

Primary fields: Behavioral Economics, Public economics  
Secondary fields: Experimental Economics, Political Economy

## Job Market Paper

“Who Should Get Money? Estimating Welfare Weights in the U.S.” (with Francesco Capozza)

Evaluating the desirability of a reform involves weighing the gains of the winners against the losses of the losers using welfare weights. Welfare weights measure the value society places on providing an additional dollar of consumption to individuals. Which welfare weights should be used to evaluate policies? We take a positive approach to answer this question by identifying the welfare weights assigned by the general population of the U.S. using a real-stakes experiment. These weights are general enough to capture various ideals, such as equality of opportunity or poverty alleviation, and can be directly used to evaluate Social Architects’ assessment of the desirability of reforms. We find that the average welfare weights of the general population are progressive, indicating a desire for additional redistribution beyond that achieved by the current tax and transfer system. The general population weights are more progressive than the weights implied by the tax and transfer policies in the U.S. but less progressive than the weights frequently used in the optimal policy literature.

## Work in Progress

“Who Deserves a Tax Break and Why? Evidence on Preferences for Taxing Personal Characteristics” (with Julien Senn)

“Paternalism: Determinants of Demand and Supply” (with Björn Bartling)

“Eliciting Funding Priorities using Domain-Specific Welfare Weights” (with Francesco Capozza and Morten Støstad)

“What Motivates Censorship?” (with Francesco Capozza)

## **Research Grants**

UZH GRC Short Grant (with Julien Senn) - CHF 5000	2023
UZH URPP Equality of Opportunity Grant (with Francesco Capozza) - CHF 8680	2022
Russel Sage Foundation Small Grants (with Francesco Capozza) - \$7850	2018
UZH Director's Grant (with Francesco Capozza) - CHF 1500	2021

## **Scholarships:**

UZH Doc.Mobility	2022
Departmental scholarship for Ph.D. students	2018 - 2024

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Teaching Assistant at University of Zurich**

Behavioral Public Economics (master's)	2022
Behavioral Economics (bachelor's)	2021
Introduction to Behavioral Economics (master's)	2020, 2021
The Economics of Paternalism (master's)	2020
Behavioral Theory (master's)	2019, 2020

## **Professional Activities**

Refereeing: Journal of Public Economics

## **Presentations**

EEA Conference, Annual Congress of the IIPF, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Ludwig Erhard ifo Conference on Institutional Economics, Young Swiss Economist Meeting BREW-ESA, Spring School in Behavioral Economics (Poster), Fairness and the Moral Mind Workshop, In_equality Conference	2023
	2022

## **Summer Schools**

briq Summer School in Behavioral Economics,	2023
Spring School in Behavioral Economics, HCEO-FAIR Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality	2022

## **Personal Details**

Date of birth	04 December 1994
Citizenship	Indian
Languages	English (Native)

## **References**

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