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## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD in Economics</b> , University of California, Irvine	<i>2017- 2023 (Expected)</i>
<b>M.Sc. Economics</b> , TERI University, New Delhi, India	<i>2012 - 2014</i>
<b>B.A. (Hons.) Economics</b> , Delhi University, New Delhi, India	<i>2009 - 2012</i>

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Labor Economics, Development Economics, Public Economics

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Language and Learning in Ethnically Mixed Communities” (with Hemanshu Kumar and Rohini Somanathan), *Review Of Development Economics*, 2022

“Women in Fintech: As Leaders and Users.” (with Purva Khera, Sumiko Ogawa and Ratna Sahay), *IMF Working Paper* No. 2022/150

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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“Local Media Reports about Sexual Assaults and Judicial Outcomes in India” (Job Market Paper)

“Impact of Female Leadership on Education Outcomes: Evidence from Rural India”

“Employment Boom and Infant Health: Evidence from Ready-made Garment Sector in Bangladesh”

## POLICY WRITING

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**Women and Fintech: As Leaders and Users**, with Purva Khera, Sumiko Ogawa and Ratna Sahay, *Finance & Development Magazine*, forthcoming

**Ideas for a better Budget: Women’s health, maternal leave and safety for economic growth**, with Tarun Jain, *The Economic Times*, January 8, 2021

## RESEARCH VISIT

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<b>International Monetary Fund</b> Fund Internship Program	<i>2020</i>
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## RESEARCH GRANT AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Initiatives to End Family Violence Research Grant, UC Irvine (\$750)	<i>2022</i>
Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies Research Grant, UC Irvine (\$3,000)	<i>2022</i>
Associate Dean’s Fellowship, School of Social Science, UC Irvine (\$7,000)	<i>2021</i>
Travel Fellowship, Department of Economics, UC Irvine (\$500)	<i>2020</i>
Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Economics, UC Irvine (\$7,700)	<i>2019, 2020, 2021, 2022</i>
Impact of Medium of Instruction on Learning Outcomes under ID E224 joint with Rohini Somanathan and Hemanshu Kumar Azim Premji Foundation (\$8,100)	<i>2016 - 2018</i>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, UC Irvine *2017 - 2022*  
*Courses:* Applied Econometrics I, Applied Econometrics II, Introduction to Macroeconomics, Business Forecasting, Intermediate Economics I, Intermediate Economics III, Managerial Economics, Basic Economics II

## SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

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Organizer, Women in Economics student group, UC Irvine *2020 - 2022*

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

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Award for academic excellence, M.Sc. (Economics), TERI University *2014*

## INVITED TALKS

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- California State University, Long Beach *2022*
- Monetary and Capital Market Forum, International Monetary Fund *2021*

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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- All-Cal Labor Economics Conference, UC Riverside;  
Northeast Universities Development Consortium;  
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management;  
Southern Economic Association *2022*
- All-Cal Labor Economics Conference, UC Irvine;  
CEBRA Annual Meeting, MIT Golub Center for Finance and Policy *2021*
- Winter School, Delhi School of Economics;  
Southern Economic Association;  
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management;  
WEAI Virtual 95th Annual Conference *2020*
- Mentorship Workshop, Women in Economics, Stanford University, CA; *2019*  
Summer Workshop on India's Women, Work and Development, Jointly held by Evidence for Policy and Design, Indian Statistical Institute and Initiative for What Works to Advance Women and Girls in the Economy at IFMR, New Delhi, India;  
Discussant for Healthcare: Access and Cost, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, UC Irvine;  
Graduate Student Workshop, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, Boston, MA.

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

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- Proficient in STATA, Python, ArcGIS, MATLAB, LaTeX and MS Office

## REFERENCES

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University of California, Irvine

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