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## EDUCATION

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

## 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 Crimes and Judicial Outcomes in India” (Job Market Paper)

“Employment Booms and Infant Health: Evidence from Ready-Made Garment Sector in Bangladesh”  
*Under Review*

“Impact of Female Politicians on School Construction: Evidence from Rural India”

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

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

## 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; 2022  
The North East Universities Development Consortium;  
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management;  
Southern Economic Association
- All-Cal Labor Economics Conference, UC Irvine; 2021  
CEBRA Annual Meeting, MIT Golub Center for Finance and Policy
- Winter School, Delhi School of Economics; 2020  
Southern Economic Association;  
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management;  
WEAI Virtual 95th Annual Conference
- 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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