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ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Postdoctoral Scholar, LEAP, Bocconi University	2023 -
Research Affiliate, IZA	2024 -
Non-resident Associate Fellow, NCAER, India	2023 -

EDUCATION

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

RESEARCH FIELDS

Labor Economics, Development Economics, Public Economics, Economics of Crime

ECONOMICS JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

"Women's Leadership in Fintech: Cross-country Evidence" (with Purva Khera, Sumiko Ogawa and Ratna Sahay), *CESifo Economic Studies*, 2024

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

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

"Female Leadership in India: Climbing the Corporate Ladder" (with Ratna Sahay and Navya Srivastava), *India Policy Forum*, Forthcoming

"Why Such Few Women in Leadership Positions in Japan?" (with Kohei Asao and Purva Khera), *IMF Selected Issues Papers, Country Report No. 2024/119*

WORKING PAPERS AND SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Media Coverage and Judicial Convictions of Sex Crimes in India" (Job Market Paper)

"Employment Booms and Infant Health: Evidence from Ready-Made Garment Sector in Bangladesh" *Revise & Resubmit, Journal of Development Studies*

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

"Reporting of Intimate Partner Violence: Evidence from Counselling Centers in India" (with Aarushi Kalra and Marcela Mello)

MEDIA COVERAGE

Ideas of India Podcast with Shruti Rajagopalan, 2022

The Digital Gender Gap, with Purva Khera, Sumiko Ogawa and Ratna Sahay, *Finance & Development Magazine*, December 2022

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 AND CONSULTING

Economic Consultant, Center for Effective Governance for Indian States

July 2024 -

Fund Intern, International Monetary Fund

2020

RESEARCH GRANT AND FELLOWSHIPS

Safe Spaces for Safer Students: Assessing Effective Methods for Delivering Comprehensive Sex Education to Reduce Gender-Based Violence Risks *2024*

joint with Marinella Leone and Selene Ghisolfi

LEAP Faculty Grant (€25,000)

Frontline Health Workers and Adaptation to Heat Waves in India *2024*

joint with Erika Deserranno and Andrea Guariso

LEAP Faculty Grant (€25,000)

LEAP Faculty Travel Grant (€3,000)

2023

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 *2016 - 2018*

joint with Rohini Somanathan and Hemanshu Kumar

Azim Premji Foundation (\$8,100)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Prof. Rohini Somanathan

Center for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics

2014 - 2017

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Journal Referee Service: Journal of Development Economics, World Bank Economic Review, World Development, Economics of Education Review, Economic Modelling, Feminist Economics

Grant Referee Service: WEE-Connect Initiative for BRAC

Organizer, Women in Economics student group, UC Irvine

2020 - 2022

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

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

2014

INVITED TALKS

- WEESA, World Bank SAR GIL; 2024
International Food Policy Research Institute, DC;
Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India;
Azim Premji University, Bangalore India;
New York University, Abu Dhabi;
CLEAN Seminar Series, Bocconi University and LSE
- Laboratory for Effective Anti-Poverty Policies, Bocconi University; 2023
Azim Premji University, Bangalore, India
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County; 2022
California State University, Long Beach
- Monetary and Capital Market Forum, International Monetary Fund 2021

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- CSAE, Oxford University, UK (Scheduled); 2025
- IEB-WB Conference on Gender Norms and Law ; 2024
Southern Economic Association;
BREW-ESA (scheduled);
Delhi School of Economics Winter School (scheduled);
Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, ISI (scheduled)
International Conference on Development Economics, France;
3rd Workshop on Public Policy, IEB, Barcelona;
Midwest International Economic Development Conference;
Bolzano Applied Microeconomics Workshop;
Asia Meeting of The Econometric Society, IIT-Delhi
- Workshop on the Econ of Crime for Junior Scholars, Northeastern University; 2023
Applied Young Economist Webinar;
NCAER Neemrana Conference;
Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, ISI
- 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

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

REFERENCES

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