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Education

George Mason University
Ph.D. in Economics

Virginia, US
2020 - Present

Jawaharlal Nehru University
M.Phil. in Economics

New Delhi, India
2014 - 2017

South Asian University
M.A. in Development Economics

New Delhi, India
2010 - 2012

Aligarh Muslim University
B.A. in Economics (with Psychology)

Uttar Pradesh, India
2007 - 2010

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Historical Political Economy, Economic History of Colonial India

Publications

Journal Articles

- Addressing the Challenges of Death Registration in India: A Path Forward (joint with Md Azharuddin Akhtar), *Economic and Political Weekly* (Forthcoming)
- Political Connections and Access to Credit: Evidence from Micro-enterprises in India (joint with Malvika Tyagi), *Small Business Economics* (Forthcoming).
- Political Connections of Firms and Access to Credit: Evidence from the Indian Corporate Sector (joint with Malvika Tyagi), *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*, vol. 69, June 2024, pp. 527-542.
- Role of Political Connections in Land Investment: Evidence from Rural India (joint with Malvika Tyagi), *Constitutional Political Economy*, 2020.
- Household Transition to Toilet in India: Role of Government Schemes (joint with Deepak Kumar), *Journal of Biosocial Science* (Revision submitted).
- Money and Muscle in India's Democracy: The Rise of Criminal Politicians and Its Impact on Governance (joint with Fakhruzzaman Ansari Faiz, Azharuddin Akhtar), *Asian Journal of Political Science* (under review).
- STEMming the Dowry Tradition: Empowering Girls in India (joint with Deepak Kumar), *Oxford Development Studies* (under review).

Working Papers

- Mistrust and Vaccination in Colonial India: 1870 - 1926 (with Noel D. Johnson), 2024.
- Religion and Smallpox Vaccination in Colonial India, 2024.
- Colonization in a Network of Allies, 2024.
- Railways and Health Outcomes in Colonial India, 2024.
- Discrimination in Provision of Public Goods in India (with Deepak Kumar), 2024.

Awards and Fellowships

Bradley Fellowship, 2021 - 2024

Public Choice Fellowship, 2023 - 2024

Mercatus Center Ph.D. Fellowship, 2020 - 2023

Mercatus Center Summer Fellowship, 2021, 2022, 2023

Qualified Junior Research Fellowship, 2015

South Asian University Merit Fellowship, 2010 - 2012

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor (Offer Declined) <i>BASE University</i>	July 2020 <i>Bangalore, India</i>
Assistant Professor <i>Kamala Nehru College</i>	August 2018 - July 2019 <i>University of Delhi, New Delhi, India</i>
Assistant Professor (Offer Declined) <i>Jamia Millia Islamia University</i>	August 2018 <i>New Delhi, India</i>

Conferences and Presentations

3rd International Conference on Indian Business and Economic History <i>Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad</i>	August 2023 <i>Ahmedabad, India</i>
ACES Political Economy Summer School <i>University of California, Berkeley</i>	August 2023
CAGE Summer School 2023, Culture, History and Development <i>University of Warwick</i>	June 2023
2023 PPE Summer School, Smith Institute of Political Economy and Philosophy <i>Chapman University</i>	May 2023
78th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance <i>University of Linz</i>	August 2022 <i>Austria</i>
ASREC Graduate Workshop on Economics of Religion <i>Chapman University</i>	April 2022
International Conference on South Asian Economic Development <i>SAU</i>	2017 <i>New Delhi, India</i>
EXIM Bank and Centre for Economic Studies and Planning Conference <i>JNU</i>	2015 <i>New Delhi, India</i>

Center for Economic Studies and Planning Young Scholar's Seminar
JNU

2014
New Delhi, India

Modern Finance and Macroeconomics: A Multidisciplinary Approach
Winter School at International Centre for Theoretical Sciences

2015
Bangalore, India

Referee

Constitutional Political Economy, International Journal of Social Economics, International Tax and Public Finance, Review of Development Economics, Small Business Economics

Technical Skills

Statistical and Data Analysis: R, Stata

Geospatial Analysis: QGIS

Document Preparation and Typesetting

LaTeX

References

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