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RESEARCH FIELDS

Development Economics (Primary), Political Economics (Secondary), Applied Econometrics (Secondary)

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, California USA

Ph.D. Candidate, Agricultural and Resource Economics, Expected graduation date: May 2020

• Advisor: Aprajit Mahajan

M.S., Agricultural and Resource Economics, May 2016

University of California, Berkeley, California USA

M.P.P., Public Policy, May, 2010

B.M.S. College of Engineering, Bangalore, India

B.E., Computer Science, May, 2004

Honors and Awards

- IRLE Graduate Student Research Award, US\$ 6000, with Vaishnavi Surendra, 2018
- ATAI Grant, US\$ 223,565, with Aprajit Mahajan, Xavier Gine and Anup Malani, 2017
- IGC Grant, £50,000 with Aprajit Mahajan (PI), 2017
- Levin Family Fellowship, US\$ 800, with Louis Peronas and Fiona Burlig, 2015
- Maharaj Kaul Research Travel Grant 2015, US\$ 1000
- USAID DIV Award, US\$99,632, with Arun Chandrasekhar, Emily Breza and Ashish Shenoy, 2013
- Berkeley International Office Graduate Student Fellowship, 2009, 2010
- Jacob K. Javits Summer Fellowship, 2009

Academic EXPERIENCE University of California, Berkeley, California USA

Graduate Student Researcher

August, 2014 - present

• Supervised by Elisabeth Sadoulet and Alain de Janvry; Supreet Kaur and Emily Breza; Aprajit Mahaian

Graduate Student Instructor

- International Economic Development Policy (Masters Level), Fall 2017
- Economic Development (Senior Undergraduate Level), Fall 2016
- Macroeconomic Analysis (Intermediate Undergraduate Level), Spring 2010
- Economic History (Intermediate Undergraduate Level), Fall 2009

Research

EXPERIENCE

J-PAL, South Asia

Management and

Training

Research Associate/Research Manager/Senior Research Manager August, 2010 - June 2014

- Managed large scale RCTs, lab-in-field, and field experiments across India
- PIs: Abhijit Banerjee, Emily Breza, Arun Chandrasekhar, Esther Duflo, Iqbal Dhaliwal, Rema Hanna

Training Assistant

- Impact Evaluation for Public Policy Improvement (An Executive Education Program), 2012
- Impact Evaluation Methods (Annual J-PAL/IPA Staff Training), 2011, 2012

Working Papers Rao, M., Local Economic Development and the Political Economy of Village Councils in India.

Rao, M. and Surendra, V., Gender Wage Gap in Agricultural Labor Markets in Rural India.

BOOK CHAPTER

de Janvry, A, Rao, M, and Sadoulet, E (2017), Adjusting extension models to the ways farmers learn. In A. de Janvry, K. Macours, and E. Sadoulet (Eds.), Learning for adopting: Technology adoption in developing country agriculture (pp 71-83), Clermont-Ferrand, France: FERDI

WORK IN PROGRESS

Rao, M., Estimating the Cost of Judicial Delays on Indian Firms Analysis ongoing

Gine, X., Mahajan, A., Malani, A., and Rao, M., Mission Kakatiya: Impact Evaluation of Minor Irrigation Tank Rehabilitation in Telangana Experimental intervention ongoing

Gine, X., Mahajan, A., Malani, A., and Rao, M., The Power of Agency: Evidence from India *Pilots ongoing*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS Rao, M., Impact Evaluation of Population, Health and Nutrition Programs, *PHFI*, New Delhi, India, 2013

Dhaliwal, I., and Hanna, R. 2011, Integrated Medical Information and Disease Surveillance in Primary Health Centres, Saving Lives at Birth Washington D.C., USA, 2011

Professional Experience The World Bank, Washington, District of Columbia USA

Consultant June, 2018

Literature review for Justice Flagship Report

Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines

Summer Intern, Consultant - Aid for trade June, 2009 - August, 2010

Janaagraha, Bangalore, India

Advocacy Associate Sep, 2006 - Apr, 2008

 ${\bf Infosys},\,{\rm Bangalore},\,{\rm India}$

Software Engineer July, 2004 - Dec, 2004

SKILLS

- Statistical Packages: R, Stata
- Computer Languages: Python, some C++ and Java (from earlier life)
- Applications: LATEX
- Languages: English (Fluent), Hindi (Fluent), Kannada (Native), Tamil (Basic)

SERVICE

- Co-Director, Mentorship, Women in Economics, UC Berkeley 2015-present
- Department Coffee Hour, UC Berkeley 2015-16