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Academic Employment	<p>University of Delaware, Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Dept. of Economics 08/2023 - UC San Diego, Postdoctoral Scholar, Dept. of Economics 07/2020 - 06/2023</p>
Affiliations	<p>Affiliated Faculty, GAP Initiative, Northeastern University July 2024 - Affiliated Faculty, J-PAL May 2024 - Affiliated Faculty, UC San Diego 21st Century India Center July 2023 - Invited Researcher, J-PAL South Asia Dec 2021 - May 2024 Invited Researcher, The World Bank DIME Group March 2022 - Aug 2023</p>
Prior Education	<p>Ph.D., Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Berkeley 2020 Master of Public Policy, UC Berkeley 2010 B.E. (Comp. Sc.), Visveswaraya Technological Univ, India 2004</p>
Publications	<p>“Got (Clean) Milk?: Organization, Incentives, and Management in Indian Dairy Cooperatives” with Ashish Shenoy <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i>, Vol 212, Aug 2023, Pages 708-722 (Open Access Version) <i>Pre-analysis plan filed with the AEA RCT Registry (#AEARCTR-0000700)</i> Coverage: VoxDev</p>
Book Chapters	<p>Rao, M., Court Efficiency and Business Outcomes: Measuring the Performance of District Courts, in Justice Frustrated: The Systemic Impact of Delays in Indian Courts, Bloomsbury India, Shruti Vidyasagar, Shruthi Naik, and Harish Narasappa (eds) (2020)</p> <p>de Janvry, A., Rao, M., Sadoulet, E. (2017) Learning for adopting: Technology adoption in developing country agriculture, Ferdi, 120 p., de Janvry, A., Macours K., Sadoulet, E. (eds) (2017)</p>
Working Papers	<p>“Front-line Courts as State Capacity: Evidence from India” (<i>Under Review</i>) Coverage: (Ideas for India Blog-post, LiveMint , VoxDev).</p> <p>“Seeding the Seeds: Role of Social Structure in Agricultural Technology Diffusion” with Alain de Janvry and Elisabeth Sadoulet (<i>Under Review</i>) <i>AEA RCT Registry (#AEARCTR-0002157)</i> Coverage: VoxDev, Ideas for India</p>

Working Papers	“Towns and Rural Land Inequality in India” with Prashant Bharadwaj and Juan Eberhard	
	“Institutional Factors of Credit Allocation: Examining the Role of Judicial Capacity and Bankruptcy Reforms”	
	“Whither Justice?: Judicial Capacity Constraints Worsens Trial and Litigants’ Outcomes”	
	“The Value of Decentralized Decision-Making: Lessons from an Agricultural Infrastructure Experiment” with Xavier Gine, Aprajit Mahajan, Anup Malani <i>Pre-analysis plan filed with the AEA RCT Registry (#AEARCTR-0004336)</i> .	
	“Mission Kakatiya: An At-Scale Evaluation of Rehabilitating Irrigation Infrastructure in India” with Xavier Gine, Aprajit Mahajan, Anup Malani <i>Pre-analysis plan filed with the AEA RCT Registry (#AEARCTR-0001821)</i> .	
Ongoing Projects	“Land inequality and rural structural transformation: Evidence from India” with Frances Lu and Harrison Mitchell <i>Available upon request</i>	
	“Contracts, Dispute Resolution, and Firm Productivity: Evidence from Commercial Courts in India” with Sandhya Seetharaman, Khushbu Shah, and Umer Sohail <i>Analysis ongoing</i>	
Teaching (Instructor)	“Debt Recovery, Information Provision, and Legal Counseling: Experimental Evidence from Mumbai Courts” with Raghav Pandey <i>Pilot ongoing</i>	
	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (with Calculus) Graduate Development Economics (PhD Field Course)	
Grants	2024	J-PAL Governance Initiative Multidisciplinary Grant \$ 29,978 (w/ Raghav Pandey); University of Delaware Lerner Grant \$ 4250
	2023	Center for Effective Governance of Indian States \$ 30,000 (w/ Karthik Muralidharan)
	2022	STEG PhD Research Grant £15,000 (w/ Frances Lu)
	2021	J-PAL GI and K-CAI Grants \$100,000 and \$101,654; FID Grant €129,720 (w/ Xavier Gine, Aprajit Mahajan, Anup Malani)
	2019-20	The World Bank Research Grant \$124,490; ATAI Top-up Grant \$49,207 (w/ Xavier Gine, Aprajit Mahajan, Anup Malani); The Jean O. Lanjouw Memorial Endowment (\$757); UC Berkeley Conference Travel Grant (\$ 900)
	2018	IRLE Graduate Student Award (w/ Vaishnavi Surendra, \$6000), The World Bank Proposal Development Grant (w/ Xavier Gine, Aprajit Mahajan, Anup Malani, \$30,000)
	2017	ATAI Grant (w/ Xavier Gine, Aprajit Mahajan, Anup Malani, \$233,565), IGC Grant for Judicial Efficiency and Economic Outcomes (PI Advisor: Aprajit Mahajan, £50,000)

Grants	≤ 2016	Levin Family Fellowship (w/ Fiona Burlig and Louis Preonas, \$ 800), Maharaj Kaul Research Travel Grant (\$ 1000); Post Primary Education Initiative Exploratory Grant (w/ Bastien Michel and Bhavya Srinivasan, \$ 10,000); USAID DIV Pilot Award, (w/ Emily Breza, Arun Chandrasekhar, and Ashish Shenoy, \$ 99,632); Berkeley International Office Fellowship; Jacob K. Javits Summer Fellowship
Academic Talks	2024	Econometric Society Asia Winter Meetings IIT-Delhi, IGIDR-Mumbai, William & Mary Economics Seminar, University of Delaware Economics Seminar, The World Bank Land Conference, AEA CSWEP CeMENT Workshop; NEUDC (Northeastern U), Yale YRISE Annual Conference (scheduled), IFPRI Seminar (scheduled)
	2023	University of Delaware Economics; University of Wisconsin AAE; Ohio State University AEDE; Ashoka University Economics; IIM-Bangalore Econ Area; Shiv Nadar University Economics; Krea University; Firms, Trade, and Development Conference (Yale ECG and the IGC); Yale YRISE Annual Conference
	2022	CGIAR SPIA Webinar; STEG Annual Conference; PacDev (USF); Oxford CSAE Poster Session; Urban Economics Asso. Europe Meeting (LSE); University of Kent (Econ Dept. Seminar); Advances in Micro Development Economics-Barcelona GSE Summer Forum; The World Bank ABCDE; NEUDC (Yale); Plaksha University; NYU-Abu Dhabi Economics; IIT-Kanpur Economics
	2021	ASSA Poster Session; PacDev (UC San Diego); Oxford CSAE Conference; University of Kent (Econ Department Seminar); NBER Org Econ Spring Meet (co-author presenting); UC Riverside (Applied Econ Seminar); NEUDC (Boston U); ISI-Delhi Conference
	2020	PacDev (UC Berkeley); SIOE (self organized session); UC San Diego (guest lecture); Advances in Micro Development Economics-Barcelona GSE; Webinar Series in Finance and Development; Virtual Law and Macro Conference (Yale); NBER Fall Development (lightning round)
	≤ 2019	NEUDC 2019 (Northwestern U); J-PAL South Asia Annual Staff Meet 2017; Dept. of Agriculture, Government of Tamil Nadu 2014; PHFI New Delhi 2013
Refereeing		<i>American Economic Review; American Economic Review-Insights; Berkeley Economists for Equity (Grant Review); Economic Development and Cultural Change; Economics of Education Review; Economic Modelling; Environment and Development Economics; International Review of Finance; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of European Economic Association; Journal of Law and Economics; Journal of Political Economy; National Science Foundation (Grant Review); Rand Journal of Economics; The Review of Economic Studies; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of World Economics; The Economic Journal; The Indian Economic Journal</i>

Service	<i>University of Delaware Economics Seminar Organizer; University of Delaware Faculty Recruitment Committee Member, UCSD-Indian Economy Seminar Series Co-Organizer; Academic Mentor UC Berkeley UN-SDG Undergraduate Research Group Fall 2020; CEGA East Africa Social Science Translation Mentorship Program Spring 2019; Women in Economics (UC Berkeley); UC Berkeley ARE PhD Admissions Committee Student Member; UC Berkeley ARE Department Coffee Hour</i>
Prior Employment	The World Bank, Consultant; J-PAL South Asia, Senior Research Manager (position at the time of exit); The Asian Development Bank, Consultant; Janaagraha, Associate; Infosys Ltd, Software Engineer
Languages	English (proficient), Hindi (proficient), Kannada (native), Tamil (conversational), R (proficient), Stata (proficient), Python (Intermediate)
Citizenship	Indian Citizen (on H1B)