

# MEGHA PATNAIK

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## Personal Information

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## Current position

2020-Present

Assistant Professor (tenure track), LUISS Guido Carli, Department of Economics & Finance

## Professional Experience

2025	Visiting Assistant Professor, Stanford University Department of Economics
2017-2019	Visiting Assistant Professor, Indian Statistical Institute, Economics and Planning Unit
2020-Present	Research Affiliate, Centre for Economic Policy Research
2025-Present	Research Affiliate, CESifo Research Network
2022-Present	Network of Women in Data Science & Social Science
2024-Present	Cofounder and Research Director, Leap Insights
2024	Lecturer, Stanford University Department of Economics
2019	Fellow, Eysa Centre
2018	Data Science Consultant, Britannia Inc.
2017-2018	Strategy consultant, Ambit Capital
2012-2017	Research Assistant for Nick Bloom, Department of Economics, Stanford University
2013-2017	Data Scientist, Intuit Inc., Mountain View, California, USA
2013-2018	Special Sworn Status Researcher, US Census Bureau, Maryland, USA
2013	National Bureau of Economic Research Entrepreneurship Bootcamp (Boston, USA)
2010	Research assistant for Prof. Jeff Hammer, Princeton University, USA
2007	Intern, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India

## Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Stanford University, June 2017, Primary Advisor: Nick Bloom

M.Sc. in Econometrics & Mathematical Economics, London School of Economics, 2009-2011

B.Sc. in Mathematics, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, 2006-2009

## Grants, Scholarships and Awards

2025	Structural Transformation and Economic Growth Large Research Grant (£60,000)
2024	LUISS Excellence Teaching Award (2022-2023)
2018	Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and the Japan Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) Joint Project (Rs. 14,00,000 and JPY 2,400,000)
2015	Kapnick Foundation scholarship at Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research Dissertation Fellowship (stipend & tuition coverage at Stanford, final year of Ph.D.)
2015	Kauffman Dissertation Fellowship Award, Kauffman Foundation (\$15,000)
	Research Project Grant, International Growth Centre, London, UK (£9,869)
2014	Ph.D. grant, Stanford Institute for Innovation in Developing Countries, (\$3,900)
2011	Department of Economics Fellowship (stipend and tuition 1st year), Stanford University

### **Main published and forthcoming academic papers**

1. “The international empirics of management”, with Daniela Scur, John Van Reenen, Raffaella Sadun, Lucia Foster, Scott Ohlmacher et al. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 2024.
2. “Management Practices and Resilience to Shocks: Evidence from COVID-19”, with Andrea Lamorgese, Andrea Linarello & Fabiano Schivardi. *Management Science*, 2024.
3. “Compulsory Licensing for Radio-Play of Music in India: Recent History and Economic Context” *Review of Economic Research on Copyright Issues*, 2020.
4. “What drives differences in management practices?”, with Nick Bloom, Erik Brynjolfsson, Lucia Foster, Ron Jarmin, Itay Saporta-Eksten & John Van Reenen. *American Economic Review*, 2019.

### **Working Papers**

1. “Sustainable Remote Workplace: Insights from a Conjoint Survey Experiment on Employees’ Work-from-Home Preferences”, with Beata Wozniak-Jechorek, Amanda Sahar d’Urso & Chloe Thurston. Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Strategic Information Systems*.
2. “The impact of FDIC failed bank resolutions on small business credit” Reject and Resubmit, *Review of Finance*.
3. “Predicting ESG Ratings using Machine Learning on a global panel of firms”, with João Pedro Gaier Ribeiro. Under Review.
4. “Who speaks for the poor?”, with Yashaswini Shekhawat & Jeffrey S. Hammer. Preparing for submission.
5. “Management in India”, with Mert Akan, Nick Bloom, Pete Klenow & Janak Nabar. Draft available.
6. “Big India vs. Big U.S.”, with Mert Akan, Nick Bloom, Shelby Buckman & Pete Klenow.
7. “Management and Remote Work”, with Andrea Lamorgese, Andrea Linarello & Fabiano Schivardi.
8. “Flexible Work, Occupational Constraints, and the Dynamics of Female Labor Supply”, with Sara Casella & Kieran Larkin.
9. “Family Capital”, with Alessandra Allocca, Fabiano Schivardi & Daniela Scur.
10. “Family Succession in Firms: Evidence from Italy”, with Alessandra Allocca, Fabiano Schivardi & Daniela Scur.
11. “Management and Innovation”, with Claudia Nobile.
12. “Copyright and Optimal Fair Use”, with Tanay Raj Bhatt.
13. “Tax, Lies and Red Tape: Tax evasion by Family Firms in India” *Stanford Mimeo*, June 2017.

### **Policy Papers and Reviews**

1. Batting ahead: Management, innovation and the future of Indian manufacturing. CTIER report, May 2024
2. Measuring India’s creative economy. Eysa Centre report , 2020.
3. E-retail, consumer demand and the road to recovery, with Mohit Chaudhary. Eysa Centre Monograph, 2020.
4. Trends in copyright infringement and enforcement in India, with Aishwarya Giridhar, and Shohini Sengupta. Eysa Centre report, 2019.

### **Teaching**

- 2025 Economics from Outer Space (UG Elective, Stanford University)  
Machine Learning for Finance (Masters in Finance, LUISS)  
Microeconomics (BA in PPE core, LUISS)
- 2024 Economics from Outer Space (UG Elective, Stanford University)  
Machine Learning for Finance (Masters in Finance, LUISS)  
Microeconomics (BA in PPE core, LUISS)
- 2023 Satellite Data in Julia (PhD Economics, LUISS)

	Microeconomics (BA in PPE core, LUISS)
2022	Machine Learning for Finance (Masters in Finance, LUISS)
	Microeconomics (BA in PPE core, LUISS)
2021	Machine Learning for Finance (Masters in Finance, LUISS)
2020	Microeconomics (BA in PPE core, LUISS)
	Statistical Learning (PhD core, LUISS)
	Topics in Big data (PhD elective, LUISS)
2019	Introduction to Statistical Learning (Masters elective, ISI Delhi)
2018	Empirical Corporate Finance, Masters elective, ISI Delhi
	Global Economics, Core MBA - Indian School of Business
	Introduction to Data Science - Chennai Mathematical Institute Summer School
2012	TA for Entrepreneurship, VC & Operation of Privately-held Businesses, Stanford

### **Referee activities**

**Journals:** *American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Management Science, Review of Finance, Research Policy, Industrial and Corporate Change, European Journal of Operational Research, Applied Economics.*

**Grants:** *National Science Foundation*

### **Scientific committees**

*EARIE Conference (2023), LUISS Finance Workshop (2023), Bank of Italy-CEPR-EIEF Conference "Firms in a period of turmoil" (2022), Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (2021-2023), Emerging Markets Conference (2021).*

### **Conferences and invited seminar presentations**

**2025:** STEG Annual Conference and Theme Workshops, Oxford University; LMU Munich; Remote Work Conference, Stanford University; LUISS University

**2024:** Organizational Economics Summer Symposium, Ohlstadt; Remote Work Conference, Stanford University; Empirical Management Conference, Harvard Business School; Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute

**2023:** Venice Summer Institute "Decision making in firms: Big Data and Management Practices"; EARIE Rome 2023; Empirical Management Conference 9th Edition, Stanford University

**2022:** CSEF, Naples; Bank of Italy-EIEF-CEPR "Firms in a period of turmoil"; IIM Bangalore

**2021:** NBER Summer Institute (Macroeconomics & Productivity); CAED, Coimbra

**2020:** Empirical Management Conference; LUISS University

**2019:** Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research; Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning; Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, ISI Delhi

**2018:** Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore; Finance Research Group, Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research; Economics Department, Australian National University, Canberra; Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance; Bank of Italy

**2017:** Wharton Finance Department, University of Pennsylvania; Indian School of Business, Hyderabad; Indian Institute of Management, Udaipur; Annual Conference, Ashoka University; Delhi Macroeconomics Workshop, ISI Delhi; Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, ISI Delhi

**2016:** Stanford University, Department of Economics

**2015:** Kauffman Entrepreneurship Mentoring Workshop

**2014:** Trans-Atlantic Doctoral Conference, London Business School; RDC Annual Research Conference, US Census Bureau

**Masters Thesis supervision**

Co-advisor for the Master's thesis of Paola Rizzitano (2025, LUISS)  
Co-advisor for the Master's thesis of Viviana Luisa Palade (2025, LUISS)  
Co-advisor for the Master's thesis of Andrea Quaranta (2025, LUISS)  
Advisor for the Master's thesis of João Pedro Gaier Ribeiro (2024, LUISS)  
Co-advisor for the Master's thesis of Charbel Khazen (2024, LUISS)  
Co-advisor for the Master's thesis of Francesco Montone (2024, LUISS)  
Co-advisor for the Master's thesis of Francesco Nicholas D'Esposito (2023, LUISS)  
Co-advisor for the Master's thesis of Arturo Marucci (2023, LUISS)  
Co-advisor for the Master's thesis of Pierluigi Viscillo (2023, LUISS)  
Co-advisor for the Master's thesis of Filippo Colapinto (2022, LUISS)  
Advisor for the Master's thesis of Arshdeep Duggal (2019, ISI)

**PhD placements**

Yashaswini Shekhawat, NYU Department of Economics  
Tanay Raj Bhatt, The University of Texas at Austin  
Giovanni Rizzelli, Aarhus University