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ONGOING PROJECTS

Biased Beliefs and Search Costs in School Choice

With Claudia Allende and Christopher Neilson

- Randomized controlled trial with 724 parents in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, to assess the importance of biased beliefs and search costs in the school choice process.

The Long-Term Impact of Grace Periods in Microinsurance Contracts

With Arielle Bernhardt, Erica Field, Rohini Pande and Natalia Rigol

- Randomized controlled trial with 845 clients in Kolkata, India, to estimate the long-term impact of grace periods in microfinance contracts on health and education outcomes.

EDUCATION

Princeton University

PhD in Economics

Aug 2017 – present
Princeton, US

- Current PhD Courses: Economic Development; Industrial Organization; Directed Research
- Completed PhD Courses: Microeconomics I & II; Macroeconomics I & II; Econometrics I & II

University of St. Gallen

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Sep 2012 – May 2016
St. Gallen, CH

- Bachelor's Thesis: The effect of health financing schemes on equity of access to health services in Cambodia (in cooperation with the German Development Bank).

Harvard University

Visiting Undergraduate Student Program

Sep 2015 – Dec 2015
Cambridge, US

- Completed PhD Courses: Health, Inequality and Development; Economic Development

EXPERIENCE

Evidence for Policy Design, Harvard Kennedy School

Research Fellow – Professor Rohini Pande

Feb 2016 – May 2017
Cambridge, US

- Analyzed data from 27 Demographic and Health Surveys for the revise and resubmit of a paper on role of birth order and eldest son preference in the India-Africa height gap for the *American Economic Review*.
- Supported data analysis and implementation of randomized controlled trial on financial inclusion and women empowerment (incl. four-month field visit in Madhya Pradesh, India).
- Assisted in training of 86 senior policy makers on evidence-based decision making in India and Nepal.

Institute of Insurance Economics, University of St. Gallen

Student Assistant – Professor Martin Eling

Oct 2014 – Jun 2015
St. Gallen, CH

- Worked on laboratory experiment on impact of group incentives on moral hazard in microinsurance.
- Prepared teaching materials on microinsurance for executive education programs.

German Development Bank (KfW)

External Consultant – Health Sector in Asia

Apr 2015 – Jun 2015
Frankfurt, DE

- Wrote report based on comparative analysis of health financing schemes in seven developing countries (incl. India, the Philippines and Thailand) to inform policy makers in Cambodia.

Grameen Bank

Intern – Microfinance Department

Jul 2013 – Jul 2013
Dhaka, BD

- Interviewed borrowers during two field visits to assess impact of microcredits on women empowerment.
- Attended four-week training program on microfinance with experts of the Grameen Bank.

GAP YEAR

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Volunteer

Sep 2011 – Aug 2012
Kericho, KE

- Designed and led microfinance project with 50 local farmers for promotion of coffee cultivation.
- Implemented water purification project in rural primary school for 700 students.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation

Dec 2012 – present

- Awarded to top 0.5% of German students.