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# PRANANDITA BISWAS

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#### **EDUCATION**

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in

Vienna, Austria and Paris, France

**Economic Policies for the Global Transition (EPOG+)** 

July 2024

Joint degree awarded by

Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU Vienna),

Sorbonne Université, Université Paris Cité, and Université de Technologie de Compiegnè

- Honors: summa cum laude
- Fully funded by the *Erasmus Mundus Scholarship* awarded by the European Commission
- *Thesis title*: Econometric analysis of competing theories of inflation in Sri Lanka—Money supply or exchange rate?

Supervisors: Jonathan Marie (Université Sorbonné Paris Nord), Jonas Bunte (WU Vienna)

#### **Indian Institute of Science**

Bengaluru, India

Master of Science, Physics

2019

Bachelor of Science, Physics with minor in Biology

2018

• Funded by the *Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana Fellowship* awarded by the Government of India (2014–2019)

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

EPOG+ Paris, France

Master researcher

February-June 2024

Thesis title: Econometric analysis of competing theories of inflation in Sri Lanka—Money supply or exchange rate?

- Proposed empirical models of inflation during the Sri Lankan financial crisis of 2022 using quantitative analysis of macroeconomic and financial data
- Conducted *time-series econometric analysis* (autoregressive distributed lag models) to determine the roles of monetary expansion and exchange rates in causing high inflation
- Analyzed inflation within structural political economy context of Sri Lanka

#### **National Centre for Biological Sciences**

Bengaluru, India

Visiting researcher, Archives

June-August 2022

- Studied land conflicts between communities and governments over wildlife conservation through political ecology perspective
- Conducted qualitative research in political ecology
- Methods: archival research, interviews, and secondary research

## Centre for Nano Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Science

Bengaluru, India

Student researcher (Bachelor and Master theses)

July 2017-May 2019

• Conducted experimental research on 2D nanomaterials for applications in photovoltaics **Publication:** https://doi.org/10.1109/DRC.2018.8442171

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#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **CACTUS Communications**

Remote

Scientific reviewer

October 2020–May 2022

- Helped researchers publish articles in top-ranked scientific journals (including *Elsevier*, *Science*, and *Nature* publications) by simulating the peer-review process
- Inspected work of editors on 15–20 articles per week to ensure publication-worthy quality
- Critiqued journal manuscripts, pedagogical texts, and policy briefs related to physics, computer science and machine learning, and quantitative social sciences

## **Eklavya Foundation**

Bhopal and Nagpur, India

Science education intern

September-December 2019

### Education

Worked with 6 rural government schools in central India to improve science education using low-cost science kits and increase inclusion of first-generation students from indigenous communities.

- Planned and conducted middle-school classes
- Wrote a field-based report analyzing attendance and class participation of teachers
- Assisted in conducting teacher-training workshop

## Publishing

- o Wrote science articles for Hindi-language magazines for schoolteachers
- o Edited articles on science pedagogy

### **AWARDS**

### **Erasmus Mundus Master Scholarship**

2022-2024

Awarded by the European Commission

## Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) Fellowship

2014-2019

Awarded by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India for pursuing undergraduate and master degrees in basic sciences

#### **SKILLS**

#### • Quantitative methods

- o Econometrics—Panel data, Time-series analysis
- Agent-based modeling
- Programming languages: R, Python, NetLogo (for agent-based modeling), MATLAB
- Qualitative methods: Archival research, Interviewing, Secondary research
- Other skills: Science communication, Editing, Academic reviewing, LaTeX
- Languages: Native proficiency—English, Hindi, Bengali; Elementary proficiency—French (A2)

## WRITING SAMPLES

- 1. 'Econometric analysis of competing theories of inflation in Sri Lanka—Money supply or exchange rate?' (2024) *EPOG+ master thesis*.
- 2. 'The impact of political stability on FDI? A panel analysis of ASEAN countries.' (2024) Co-authored with Risolat Tashmatova.
- 3. 'Financialization of NFCs: Case study of Infosys Limited.' (2024) Co-authored with Sofiya Makohin.
- 4. 'Multilateralism in decline? The Appellate Body crisis in the WTO.' (2023)
- 5. 'Towards an empirically informed agent-based model for collective groundwater management.'
- 6. Science, politics, and wildlife policy: Exclusionary conservation in Karera, India. (2023)