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Department of Economics ◊ The University of Texas at Austin, TX 78751

EDUCATION

The University of Texas, Austin

PhD. in Economics

GPA: 3.95/4.00

2024 (*expected*)

Cornell University, Ithaca

M.S. in Applied Economics & Management

GPA: 3.90/4.00

2018

Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering

GPA: 7.66/10.00

2014

RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, Economic Demography

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

- Refugees, Shocks and Cash Transfers: Multidimensional Impacts of a Large One-Time Transfer to Refugees in Uganda, *World Development*, forthcoming. *with* Daniel Stein, Emmanuel Nshakira-Rukundo, Rico Bergmann and 8 others
- Emergency Cash Transfers for Informal Workers: Impact Evidence from Mexico, *Journal of Public Economics*, 219, 104820, 2023. *with* Ana Canedo and Raissa Fabregas.
- Minimum Support Prices in India: Distilling the Facts, *Review of Agrarian Studies*, vol. 11, no. 1, 2021. *with* Reetika Khera and Sudha Narayanan
Available at: <http://ras.org.in/a41ffbc3f42b07f18cd99ef097261c24>
- Casting the Net: India's Public Distribution System after the Food Security Act, *Economic and Political Weekly* (special articles section) 2019. *with* Jean Drèze, Reetika Khera and Isabel Pimenta

Commentaries and Policy Reports

- MSP — the factoids versus the facts. *The Hindu* 2021. *with* Reetika Khera and Sudha Narayanan
- Food Security Act: How are India's poorest states faring? *Ideas for India* 2016. *with* Jean Drèze, Reetika Khera and Isabel Pimenta
- Estimating kerosene leakages from the Public Distribution System *Ideas for India* 2014.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Working Papers

- The Effect of Realized Fertility on Desired Fertility: Evidence from Demographic Health Surveys from 84 developing countries (*Job Market Paper*)
- Large and unequal life expectancy declines associated with the COVID-19 pandemic in India in 2020 *with* Aashish Gupta, Payal Hathi, Sangita Vyas and 6 others. Working Paper available here: <https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/8juds>

- Can Social Marketing be a Tool Towards Improved Nutrition? Lessons from a Field Experiment in India (*Masters' Thesis*)

Other Work

- Minimum Support Prices and Crop Diversity in India
- Son Preference and Effect of Siblings Children Sex-Mix on Fertility
- Improving Sex-ratios through Police Action on Ultrasound Centers in India

FIELD & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Associate, Prof. Raissa Fabregas, The University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2020
- PI, Field Survey of 450 households in the state of Gujarat, India to assess demand for a micronutrient fortificant, 2017
- Research Associate, Prof. Prabhu Pingali, Cornell University, 2016-2018
- Co-PI, Census of 12 villages in 6 Indian states to evaluate implementation of National Food Security Act (NFSA), Summer 2016
- Research Associate, Prof. Reetika Khera, IIT Delhi, 2015-2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant (The University of Texas, Austin)

- Development & Population, Spring 2022
- Migration Economics & Policy, Spring 2021
- Behavioral Economics, Spring 2020
- Microeconomic Theory (weekly recitation), Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Spring 2023
- Political Economy, Summer 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2022 (Head TA)
- Introduction to Economics, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Teaching Awards

- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Intern, Research, Evaluation and Data team, ID Insight Inc. Summer, 2022

- Worked directly with Chief Economist, Daniel Stein, on the evaluation of a Give Directly cash transfer to refugee households in Uganda
- Helped design and conduct surveys for Delhi government's performance tracking metrics

Associate Consultant, Indus Insights 2014-2015

- Recommended data driven changes in insurance portfolio targeting for a UK based leading insurance company
- Improved customer targeting using Google Adwords optimization for a leading online furniture store
- Designed metrics to evaluate risk factor for automobile insurance seekers based on telematics data
- Improved online client acquisition channel of credit cards and personal loans for a top multinational bank

Research Intern, Futures First Info Services Pvt. Ltd. Summer, 2013

- Compiled a consolidated crude oil handbook for in-house research and traders' training programs
- Designed a price prediction model for Crude Futures based on the Black Scholes model with a 70% success rate
- Structured and populated critical databases –US refineries, crude grades— improving news absorption time

OTHER SKILLS

Computing Platforms Languages

Stata, MATLAB, Python, R, SQL, GIS, JavaScript, Google Appscript, Google Appsheet
English (fluent), Hindi (native), Spanish (beginner)