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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2022–

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2022
Dissertation: “Essays on Trade, Environment, and Regulation”
Committee: Dan Bernhardt, George Deltas (chair), Tatyana Deryugina, Greg Howard
M.S. Quantitative Economics (MSQE), Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, 2015
B.A. (Hons) Economics, St. Stephen’s College, Delhi University, 2012

FIELDS

International Trade, Environmental Economics, Applied Econometrics

WORKING PAPERS

“Welfare Effects of International Trade in Waste”
“Trade Networks and Diffusion of Regulatory Standards”, with Sergio Rocha
“Trade Clubs and International Environmental Agreements: The Basel Convention”, with George Deltas

SELECT WORK IN PROGRESS

“Matching Regulations Within and Across Commodities: Evidence from Technical Barriers to Trade”, with Sergio Rocha

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

Robert E. Demarest Memorial Teaching Award, Dept. of Economics, UIUC	2021
Robert Willis Harbeson Memorial Dissertation Fellowship, Dept. of Economics, UIUC	2020
North Central Regional Center for Rural Development Student Travel Grant	2019
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society	2019
Summer Research Fellowship, Dept. of Economics, UIUC	2018-19
Cleo Fitzsimmons Award, Dept. of Economics, UIUC, for performance in PhD Core	2017
Graduate Fellowship, Dept. of Economics, UIUC	2015-16
<i>Vigyan Chhatra Samman</i> , Uttar Pradesh Govt., for perfect score in ISC Mathematics	2009

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, SEMINARS, & WORKSHOPS ([†]by co-author, [§]scheduled)

CSWEP CeMENT Workshop, Australasian Trade Workshop [†] , Western Economic Association International Conference [†] , Conference on Auctions, Competition, Regulation, and Public Policy [†] , Conference on Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics (CRETE) [†] , Canadian Resource and Environmental Economics Association Annual Conference [§] , International Economic Association World Congress [§] , Western Illinois University (invited seminar) [§]	2023
American Economic Association (Poster), Midwest International Trade Conference, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists @ the Southern Economic Association Annual Conference [†] , CU Environmental & Resource Economics Workshop, University at Albany – State University of New York (invited seminar)	2022
Southern Economic Association Graduate Student Sessions, Western Economic Association Annual Conference, Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, Western Economics Association International Conference	2021
North American Regional Science Council Annual Meeting [†]	2020
Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop at Illinois, Mid-Continent Regional Science Association Annual Conference	2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor—Undergraduate, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute:

Globalization & the Environment	Instructor Rating	Course Rating	Response Rate
Fall 2022	5/5	5/5	67%
Spring 2023	5/5	5/5	33%
Econometrics	Instructor Rating	Course Rating	Response Rate
Spring 2023	N/A	N/A	N/A

Teaching Assistant – Graduate, University of Illinois:

[†]Ranked as Excellent by Students, ^{**}University-wide Top 10%, ^{*}Not Evaluated

Economic Statistics	Fall 2017 [*] , 2018 [*] , 2019 [*] , 2020 ^{**} , 2021 ^{**}
Econometrics	Spring 2018 [*] , 2019 ^{**} , 2020 [*] , 2021 [*] , 2022 [*] , Summer 2021 ^{**}

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee Services: *Canadian Journal of Economics* (x5), *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists* (x1), *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance* (x1)

Services: Undergraduate Program Committee, Dept. of Economics, RPI

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Tatyana Deryugina, Department of Finance, University of Illinois	AY 2016-17
Intern, Center for Science and Environment, Delhi	Summer 2012

SKILLS

- **Programming:** R, Stata, MATLAB, GAUSS, Python, ArcGIS, LaTeX
- **Languages:** English (native), Hindi (native), Sindhi (limited working)