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EDUCATION

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| <b>University of California San Diego</b>           |                               |
| PhD in Economics                                    | <i>2018 - 2023 (expected)</i> |
| <b>University of Oxford, UK</b>                     |                               |
| MSc in Economics for Development - Distinction      | <i>2013</i>                   |
| BA (Hons) in Economics and Management - First Class | <i>2012</i>                   |

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FIELDS OF INTEREST

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Public Finance, Environment, Development, Macroeconomics

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REFERENCES

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|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Samuel Bazzi       | UC San Diego | <a href="mailto:sbazzi@ucsd.edu">sbazzi@ucsd.edu</a>           |                |
| Tom Vogl           | UC San Diego | <a href="mailto:tvogl@ucsd.edu">tvogl@ucsd.edu</a>             | (858)-534-7060 |
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RESEARCH GRANTS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Regents Fellowship, UCSD                                                               | <i>2018 - 2023</i>          |
| UCSD Best Graduate Seminar award                                                       | <i>2020 and 2021</i>        |
| UCSD Research Grants                                                                   | <i>2019, 2020, and 2021</i> |
| Harvard Weiss Grant for Development Economics                                          | <i>2020</i>                 |
| Webb-Medley Prize for Best Overall Performance proxime accessit (University of Oxford) | <i>2013</i>                 |
| Jesus College Open Scholarship (University of Oxford)                                  | <i>2010 - 2013</i>          |

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JOB MARKET PAPER

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**Does Distance Matter: Building State Capacity by Reducing Remoteness**

Abstract: Improving state capacity is a major challenge facing most developing countries. One important factor that constrains the state's ability to provide public goods is citizens' physical remoteness from their administrators. Using a natural experiment in India that quadrupled the number of sub-districts (the lowest level of administrative jurisdiction), this project studies the mediating impact played by distance in a major state capacity improvement endeavor. Using high-resolution data for over 10000 villages spanning

over 55 years, we show that reducing the distance to local government headquarters helps bridge the gap in the provision of basic public amenities and there is some evidence of long-term state capacity improvements.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- Evidence for Surplus Labor in the Traditional Sector
- Green Mobility: Environmental Impacts of Roads vs Railways in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Role of Public Policies in Mitigating Environmental Damages (with Sam Asher, Paul Novosad, and Teevrat Garg)
- Quantifying the Importance of Tax Collection Capacity for Development (with Anders Jensen and David Lagakos)
- Accountability, State Capacity, and Public Goods (with Samuel Bazzi, Filipe Campante, Quoc-Anh Do, Matthew Gudgeon, and Karthik Muralidharan)
- Quantifying the Effects of Relaxing Credit Constraints on Urban-Rural Gaps (with Justin Abraham and Minki Kim)

## SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED WORK

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- The Road to Recovery: The Role of Poverty in the Exposure, Vulnerability and Resilience to Floods in Accra, *Economics of Disasters and Climate Change*, Springer, vol. 4(1), pages 171-193, April. (with Erman et al)
- Social protection for all ages? Impacts of Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Program on child nutrition, *Social Science Medicine*. 2016 Jun. (with Catherine Porter)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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| <b>The World Bank, Washington DC</b><br><i>Disaster Risk Management Consultant, Climate Change Research and Advisory Unit</i> | 2017 - 2022 |
| <b>Center for Effective Global Action, University of California Berkeley, CA</b><br><i>Data Analyst</i>                       | 2019 - 2021 |
| <b>Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, MA</b><br><i>Research Fellow/Research Assistant</i>                            | 2020 - 2021 |
| <b>The Foreign Policy Group, Washington DC</b><br><i>Head of Data and Analytics, Foreign Policy Analytics</i>                 | 2017        |
| <b>Department of Economics, University of Chicago</b><br><i>Research Scientist, Energy Policy Institute of Chicago</i>        | 2016        |
| <b>The Brookings Institution, Washington DC</b><br><i>Research Analyst, Global Economy and Development</i>                    | 2015 - 2016 |
| <b>The World Bank, Washington DC</b><br><i>Consultant, Global Poverty Practice</i>                                            | 2013        |
| <b>International Growth Centre (IGC), UK and Rwanda</b><br><i>Economist</i>                                                   | 2013 - 2015 |

**Other relevant internships/part-time work experience:**

- Research Assistant to Professors Paul Niehaus and Tom Vogl *2021 - 2023*
- Research Assistant to Professor Karthik Muralidharan *2018 - 2019*
- Research Assistant to Professors David Bevan and Christopher Adam *2015*
- Oxford Policy Management, Oxford, UK *2013*
- PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, India *2011*
- Research Assistant to Professor Richard Whittington and Dr Basak Yakis-Douglas *2010 - 2011*
- J. P. Morgan Chase, London, UK *2010*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Organizer: Economics Graduate Research Seminar Series UCSD (2020-2022)  
Founding member: ECONnected mentoring for minority students (2021-present)  
Referee Services: Journal of Development Economics, Journal of African Economies

OTHER INFORMATION

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Citizenship: Indian  
Languages: English (fluent), Hindi and Punjabi (native), French (research proficiency)  
Computer Languages: Python, R, QGIS, Stata, MATLAB, GAMS