

RESUF AHMED

Last updated on December 16, 2025

Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford King Center on Global Development, Stanford University
[Personal Webpage](#) | resuf@stanford.edu |  

CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Fellow Stanford University	<i>January 2026 -</i>
---	-----------------------

EDUCATION

PhD Economics HEC Lausanne, University of Lausanne Advisors: Dominic Rohner and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya	<i>2020 - 2025</i>
MA Economics Paris School of Economics	<i>2018 - 2020</i>
BA Economics University of Delhi	<i>2014 - 2017</i>

RESEARCH

Field: Development Economics, Political Economics, Cultural Economics

Working Papers

From Reservation to Transformation: The Socioeconomic Impact of Political Quotas

Ancient Epics in the Television Age: Mass Media, Identity, and the Rise of Hindu Nationalism in India (with Paul Brimble, Alessandro Saia, Akhila Kovvuri and Dean Yang) (*NBER WP 33417*)

The Promise and Limits of Leader-Driven Grassroots Campaigns (with Feyaad Allie)

When Justice Speeds Up: Task Optimization and System-Wide Effects of Digital Justice in Indonesia (with Sultan Mehmood)

Work in Progress

Power-sharing, Segregation and Conflict (with Ekaterina Zhuravskaya, Saumitra Jha, Dominic Rohner, and Alessandro Saia)

Dubunking Myths: Ancestral Narratives and Intergroup Cooperation in India (with Riccardo Ghidoni, Mariapia Mendola, Stefano Piasenti and Alessandro Saia)

Press

Decoding Bharat Jodo Yatra's impact on Karnataka Elections, May 2023, *Hindustan Times*

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

* (*Presentation by co-author*)

20th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, ISI-Delhi	December 2025
* BSE Summer Forum - Political Economy, BSE (Spain)	July 2025
Eleventh ECINEQ Conference, World Bank Group and George Washington University	July 2025
Tokyo Conference on Institutions, Law, and Development, GRIPS, Japan)	June 2025
European Meeting on the Political Economy of South Asia, Naples	June 2025
* BREAD Conference on Development, Princeton University	May 2025

19th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, ISI-Delhi	December 2024
Lewis Lab Graduate Student Workshop, University of Manchester	November 2024
Paris School of Economics	November 2024
ASREC Europe 2024	September 2024
ACES Summer School, Hong Kong	August 2024
IRES Graduate Workshop, LA (USA)	June 2024
Paris School of Economics	May 2024
ASREC 2024, Chapman University	March 2024
Delhi School of Economics	December 2023
18th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, ISI-Delhi	December 2023
ASREC 2023 Workshop, Harvard University	March 2023
Graduate Student Seminar, Brown University	March 2023
17th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, ISI-Delhi	December 2022
DSE Winter School 2022, Delhi School of Economics	December 2022
Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series (Z-PESS), ETH Zurich	November 2022
ISI Seminar, Indian Statistical Institute - Delhi	August 2022
Society for Economics Research in India Workshop, ISB Hyderabad	July 2022
Applied Economics Lunch Seminar, Paris School of Economics	April 2022
ASREC 2022 workshop (Online), Chapman University	April 2022
Public Economics and Policy Seminar, University of Lausanne	March 2022
ECON GSW Seminar, University of Zurich	October 2021

TEACHING

Development Economics	Fall 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022
MSc Economics, University of Lausanne	
Economic Analysis and Communication	Fall 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
MSc Economics, University of Lausanne	
Statistics and Econometrics I	Fall 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
BSc Economics, University of Lausanne	

AWARDS & HONOURS

- Postdoc Mobility Scholarship** by Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) - 136,000 CHF
- Virginia Gray Graduate Student Research Award 2024** by the American Political Science Association
- Doctoral Mobility Fellowship** by the University of Lausanne - 30,000 USD
- PhD Scholarship** by the University of Lausanne for the year 2020 - 2025
- PPD Grant 2019** by the Paris School of Economics
- Charpak BCS Scholarship** (Bourse de Couverture Sociale) by the Government of France. 2018-2020
- Young India Fellowship 2017** by the Ashoka University - 700,000 INR (Declined)

SKILLS

Python, QGIS, STATA and R

Field Visits

- Karnataka, India (January 2024)
- Uttar Pradesh, India (March-May, 2025)