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## EDUCATION

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PhD Public Policy at <b>School of Public Policy, Oregon State University</b>	June 2026 (expected)
MS Economics at <b>Portland State University</b>	2015
MSc Economics at <b>University of Calcutta</b>	2013
BSc Economics at <b>Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira</b>	2011

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Development economics, Education, Labor, Migration, Program Evaluation

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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**To Not Move Forward is to Fall Behind: Evidence of Policy Failure from India**

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Private Credit and Property Prices: New Insights into this Nexus** *with Cesar Rodriguez*  
(Under Review at the *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*)  
**Do compulsory schooling laws matter? Evidence from Peru**

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

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**Improving school management in a low-income country: Experimental evidence from India** *with Todd Pugatch, Ketki Sheth, Emmanuel Rukundo*  
**School quality and child labor: Evidence from Brazil**  
**Learning or Earning: How Mandatory Education Shapes Child Labor in India**

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Breznau, Nate et al. (2025). "The reliability of replications: A study in computational reproductions". In: *Royal Society Open Science* 12.3, p. 241038. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1098/rsos.241038>.
- Tian, Jiarui, Tom Coupé, **Khatua, Sayak**, W Robert Reed, and Benjamin DK Wood (2025). "Power to the researchers: Calculating power after estimation". In: *Review of Development Economics* 29.1, pp. 324–358. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1111/rode.13130>.
- Grant, Sean and **Khatua, Sayak** (2024). "Research transparency and reproducibility policies and programmes at the international initiative for impact evaluation". In: *Journal of Development Effectiveness* 16.3, pp. 363–373. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1080/19439342.2024.2388102>.
- Rathinam, Francis, **Khatua, Sayak**, Zeba Siddiqui, Manya Malik, Pallavi Duggal, Samantha Watson, and Xavier Vollenweider (2021). "Using big data for evaluating development outcomes: A systematic map". In: *Campbell Systematic Reviews* 17.3, e1149. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1002/cl2.1149>.

**Khatua, Sayak** and Vengadeshvaran Sarma (2019). “Short-term versus long-term effects of forced displacement”. In: *Land Acquisition in Asia: Towards a Sustainable Policy Framework*, pp. 25–38. URL: [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-981-13-6455-6\\_3](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-981-13-6455-6_3).

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Assistant to Professor Cesar Rodriguez, Portland State University (PSU)	2025, 2023, 2021
Assistant to Professor John Gallup, PSU	2014 - 2015
Assistant to Professor Jamein Cunningham, PSU	2014 - 2015
Assistant to Professor Saumik Paul, University of Nottingham Malaysia	2013
Summer Researcher, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI)	2012

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Instructor/Graduate Teaching Assistant, Oregon State University	2022 - present
Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois at Chicago	2015 - 2017
Teaching Assistant, Portland State University	2013 -2015

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Consultant, <a href="#">International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</a>	2025
Consultant, Vaccine Hesitancy, <a href="#">International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)</a>	2022
Evaluation Specialist - Transparency, Reproducibility & Ethical Evidence (TREE), 3ie	2021 - 2022
Senior Research Associate, 3ie	2020
Research Associate, 3ie	2018 - 2019
Research Associate, <a href="#">Outline India</a>	2017 - 2018

## CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS

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Northwest Development Workshop, Reed College, Portland	2025
National Planning Department, Government of Colombia (Remote)	2021
National Conference on Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning, Niti Aayog (Remote)	2021
Transparency, Reproducibility & Credibility: Research Symposium, World Bank, Washington D.C.	2019
Research Transparency, ICAR short course series at ICAR-IIHR, Bangalore	2018
Evalfest, Evaluation Community of India, New Delhi	2018

## REFeree SERVICES

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Journal of Development Effectiveness

## MEMBERSHIPS

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American Economic Association (AEA); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

## TRAININGS

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CITI Training (Record ID 51829646)	Expires Nov 2025
Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training (RT2), BITSS	2019
Project Management for Development Professionals (PMD Pro) Level 1	2018

## TOOLS

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Statistical   STATA, R

Others         $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Epi Info, ArcGIS, GeoDa, SurveyCTO, Python, GitHub




## LANGUAGES

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English, Bengali, Hindi

## REFERENCES

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