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## Education

### University of Oxford

PhD in Public Policy

- Supervisors: Julien Labonne, Karthik Ramanna, Andrei Shleifer

Oxford, UK

Sept 2022 - Current

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Visiting PhD student, Department of Economics

- Supervisor: Daron Acemoglu, Esther Duflo

Cambridge, USA

2023 - 24

### Harvard Kennedy School

Master in Public Administration in International Development (MPA/ID)

- Best thesis prize, Derek Bok award for distinction in teaching economics, and special mention for Raymond Vernon award for intl. devt.
- Thesis committee: Rema Hanna, Jie Bai

Cambridge, USA

Aug 2018 - May 2020

### Harvard Law School

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

- Thesis committee: Mark Tushnet and Laurence Tribe

Cambridge, USA

Aug 2013 - May 2014

### Faculty of Law, University of Delhi

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), First Division (Top 1%)

- President, Debating Society; Member, Moot Court Society

New Delhi, India

Jul 2009 - Jun 2012

### Hans Raj College, University of Delhi

Bachelor of Arts (Hons.)- Economics, First Division

- President, Debating Society; Secretary, Economics Society

New Delhi, India

Jul 2006 - Jun 2009

## Academic Positions

### Economics Department, Harvard University

Research Assistant to Prof. Andrei Shleifer and Prof. Edward Glaeser

- Assisted with research, data analysis, and literature review for paper titled Public Procurement in Law and Practice, by Bosio, Djankov, Glaeser, and Shleifer published in the American Economic Review

Cambridge, USA

Feb 2019 - Apr 2020

### Economics Department, Harvard University

Teaching Fellow to Prof. David Laibson and Prof. Jason Furman

- Taught micro and macro economics to Harvard College students

Cambridge, USA

Nov 2021 - Dec 2021

### Harvard Law School

Research Assistant to Prof. Laurence Tribe

- Book project Uncertain Justice: The Roberts Court and the Constitution for chapters on free speech and criminal due process

Cambridge, USA

Oct 2013- May 2014

### Centre for Policy Research

Research Assistant to Nicholas Robinson

- Empirical analysis of the Indian Supreme Court's caseload by region of appeal, subject matter category, petition type, and other classifications

New Delhi, India

Jan 2012- May 2013

## Research Interests

Development economics, law and economics, public law

## Refereeing

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics

# Grants, Honours, and Awards

2023	IZA/FCDO G <sup>2</sup> LM LIC Programme [with Kotia (LSE)]	\$27,500
2023	Global Excellence in Modelling Climate and Energy Policies, EU Horizon 2020 Research Grant	\$8,500
2023	MIT Schultz Fund [with Kotia (LSE) and Zhang (MIT)]	\$7,550
2022	PEDL Research Grant [with Kotia (LSE)]	\$50,000
2022	STICERD PhD Research Grant [with Kotia (LSE) and Zhang (MIT)]	\$13,000
2022	Clarendon Award, University of Oxford	\$160,000
2022	Ioan and Rosemary James Scholarship, St. John's College, University of Oxford	\$30,000
2022	PEDL Exploratory Research Grant [with Kotia (LSE) and Zhang (MIT)]	\$33,000
2022	STEG PhD Research Grant [with Kotia (LSE) and Lohani (Penn)]	\$19,000
2019	John M Olin Fellowship in Empirical Law and Finance	\$10,000
2018	Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation Scholarship	\$25,000
2013	Inlaks Shivdasani Scholarship	\$50,000
2013	Harvard Law School Graduate Fellowship	\$30,000
2013	K. C. Mahindra Scholarship	\$5,000

# Work Experience

## World Bank

Economist

Washington DC, USA

Sept 2022 - Current

- Research on environmental policy and firms in developing countries

## Boston Consulting Group

Management consultant

Washington DC, USA

Sept 2020 - Sep 2022

- Assisted US state governments with COVID-19 response and vaccine strategy; awarded Gold Medal in BCG Olympics
- Advised energy companies with their sustainable energy, ESG, and diversification strategy against extreme weather events
- Advised private equity clients on buy-side and sell-side deals, conducting diligences of potential targets, including financial assessments and modelling

## Office of Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance

Consultant

New Delhi, India

Aug 2017 - May 2018

- Researched and implemented a model of tax litigation to shed high volume- low value tax claims, reducing tax litigation at the Court by 54% and releasing over \$1 billion of disputed claims in the economy
- Led team of 5 associates and 10 interns for collection, coordination and analysis of novel data set on regulations and courts, and presentation of results (including to Finance Minister, senior bureaucrats, and in the Economic Survey of India)

## Supreme Court of India

Attorney

New Delhi, India

Jul 2014 - Aug 2018

- Led a team of 4 attorneys and served 20+ civil rights organizations, private and public sector clients. Select engagements include:
  - *Pro bono*: Argued petition on behalf of a three-year-old rape victim that resulted in a landmark judgment on modification of rules for examination of child witnesses, setting national precedent for future cases
  - *Civil Rights*: Appeared for death-row convicts, juvenile undertrials, and civil rights organizations, including in *Justice Puttuswamy v. Union of India*, a landmark case on the fundamental right to privacy in the Indian Constitution
  - *Pharmaceuticals*: Successfully represented brand-name pharmaceutical in claim for damages in a fraudulent acquisition, culminating in a \$550 million arbitration award
  - *Telecommunications and coal*: Appeared in court, conducted due diligence, and drafted petitions on criminal, contractual, and regulatory aspects of a \$40 billion spectrum and \$27 billion coal allocation

## Supreme Court of India

Law Clerk to Hon'ble Justice D. K. Jain

New Delhi, India

May 2012 - Jul 2013

- Assisted second most senior Justice on constitutional and taxation cases, including court intervention for narcotics trials that reduced hearing lengths of cases, for which I became one of the first law clerks to be credited in the text of a Supreme Court judgment

# Interests

<b>Languages</b>	Hindi (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), Urdu (intermediate), Mandarin (elementary)
<b>Software and programming</b>	MS Office, Stata, R, $\text{\LaTeX}$
<b>Triathlons</b>	Completed 8 full marathons (including Boston) and 20+ half marathons
<b>Music</b>	Piano– certification from the Associated Board of Royal School of Music