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## Education

### University of Oxford

DPhil in Public Policy

- Clarendon Scholar at St. John's College

Oxford, UK

Sept 2022 - Current

### 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 commitment to international development
- Thesis committee: Rema Hanna, Jie Bai
- Courses: Microeconomics, macroeconomics, statistics and econometrics, and development economics

Cambridge, USA

Aug 2018 - May 2020

### Harvard Law School

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

- Thesis committee: Mark Tushnet and Laurence Tribe
- Courses: Constitutional law, intellectual property law, law and economics, jurisprudence

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 2006 - Jun 2009

### Hans Raj College, University of Delhi

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

- President, Debating Society; Secretary, Economics Society

New Delhi, India

Jul 2009 - Jun 2012

## Work Experience

### World Bank

Economist

- Research on environmental policy and firms in developing countries

Washington DC, USA

Sept 2022 - Current

### Boston Consulting Group

Management consultant

- 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

Washington DC, USA

Sept 2020 - Sep 2022

### Office of Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance

Consultant

- 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)

New Delhi, India

Aug 2017 - May 2018

### Supreme Court of India

Attorney

- 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

New Delhi, India

Jul 2014 - Aug 2018

## Supreme Court of India

New Delhi, India

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

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

## Academic Positions

### Economics Department, Harvard University

Cambridge, USA

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

Feb 2019 - Apr 2020

- 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

### Economics Department, Harvard University

Cambridge, USA

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

Nov 2021 - Dec 2021

- Taught weekly sections in micro and macro economics

### Harvard Law School

Cambridge, USA

Research Assistant to Prof. Laurence Tribe

Oct 2013- May 2014

- Assisted Laurence Tribe on book project Uncertain Justice: The Roberts Court and the Constitution for chapters on free speech and criminal due process in the American Constitution

### Centre for Policy Research

New Delhi, India

Research Assistant to Nicholas Robinson

Jan 2012- May 2013

- Assisted with quantitative analysis and literature review to study the Indian Supreme Court's caseload by geographic region of appeal, subject matter category, petition type, and other classifications

## Grants, Honours, and Awards

2022	MIT Schultz Fund [with Kotia (LSE) and Zhang (MIT)] \$7,550
2022	Clarendon Award, University of Oxford \$75,000
2022	PEDL Exploratory Research Grant [with Kotia (LSE) and Zhang (MIT)] \$33,000
2019	John M Olin Fellowship in Empirical Law and Finance \$10,000
2018	Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation Scholarship \$25,000
2018	R. D. Sethna Foundation Scholarship \$15,000
2018	Godrej Foundation Scholarship \$7,500
2013	Inlaks Shivdasani Scholarship \$50,000
2013	Harvard Law School Graduate Fellowship \$30,000
2013	K. C. Mahindra Scholarship \$5,000

## Research Interests

Development economics, environmental economics, law and economics

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<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 6 full marathons (including Boston) and 20+ half marathons
<b>Music</b>	Piano- certification from the Associated Board of Royal School of Music

References available upon request.