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EDUCATION

University of Oxford   2022-25
PhD candidate in Public Policy
Clarendon Scholar, St. John's College

Harvard Kennedy School of Government   2018-20
Master in Public Administration in International Development (MPA/ID)
Courses: PhD level microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics, development economics
Thesis Committee: Rema Hanna and Jie Bai
Awards: Best Thesis Prize, Derek Bok award for distinction in teaching economics, and special mention for
Raymond Vernon award for commitment to international development

Harvard Law School   2013-14
Master of Laws (LL.M.)- Public and constitutional law
Thesis: Fixed Stars in the Constellation: A Case for Substantive Limits on Amending Power of Article V
Committee: Mark Tushnet and Laurence Tribe

University of Delhi   2009-12
Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), First Division (Top 1%)

University of Delhi   2006-09
Bachelor of Arts (Hons.), Economics, First Division

WORK EXPERIENCE

Boston Consulting Group   2020-22
Management Consultant
- Assisted US state governments with their COVID-19 vaccine strategy, using insights from behavioural economics to design policy nudges to persuade hesitant populations to get vaccinated. Awarded **gold medal in BCG Olympics**
- Advised energy companies with their sustainable energy & ESG strategy and protection of core strategic assets against extreme weather events
- Advised private equity clients on M&A deals, conducting due diligences of potential targets, including financial, revenue, costs, and synergies assessment and modelling

Development Research Group, World Bank   2019
Consultant to Sam Asher and Bilal Siddiqui
- Data analysis to study impact of regulatory/ legal frictions on firm outcomes in developing world
- Research assistance in setting up a novel dataset of all pending legal cases in commercial and civil courts in India, which involved extensive scraping, cleaning, and analysis of large volumes of publicly available Indian courts data
- Research assistance with paper titled *'Crime and Punishment: Do politicians in power receive special treatment in courts? Evidence from India' by Poblete-Cazenave*

Ministry of Economy, Government of Ecuador   2019
Summer Economist
- Research, data analysis, and implementation of policies related to IMF guided indirect tax reforms

Office of Chief Economic Adviser of India, Ministry of Finance 2017-18
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 presentations of results *(including to Finance Minister and senior bureaucrats)*

Supreme Court of India 2014-18
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 claims, including a historic case on the fundamental right to privacy in the Indian Constitution, which became the basis of decimalization of homosexuality in India- a personal and professional victory
  - *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 2012-13
Law Clerk
- 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

Harvard University, Department of Economics 2019-20
Research Assistant to Andrei Shleifer and 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* (working paper available here)
- Provided research assistance for an empirical and theoretical paper examining a new data set of laws and practices governing public procurement and procurement outcomes in 187 countries

Harvard University, Department of Economics 2019-20
Teaching Fellow to David Laibson and Jason Furman, Principles of Economics
- Taught weekly sections in micro and macro economics

Harvard Law School 2013-14
Research Assistant to Laurence Tribe
- Assisted Laurence Tribe on book project *Uncertain Justice: The Roberts Court and the Constitution* for chapters on free speech and due process in the American Constitution

Centre for Policy Research 2012-13
Research Assistant to Nicholas Robinson
- Quantitative Analysis of the Indian Supreme Court's caseload by geographic region of appeal, subject matter category, petition type, and other classifications.
- This paper analyzes the Indian Supreme Court's docket in detail from 1993 to 2011 to analyse the Supreme Court's caseload by geographic region of appeal, subject matter category, petition type, and other classifications. Among other findings, this analysis shows that the Court is disproportionately accessed by those close to Delhi and with more resources and that the Supreme Court's multiplicity of benches and cases may be undercutting precedent following in the Indian judicial system.

Law Commission of India, Ministry of Law and Justice   2012-13
Consultant
- Researched and formulated model of appointment of justices (🌡) for trial courts to tackle pendency and delay. Recommendation of hiking judge capacity implemented by the Government of India in 2014

WORKING PROJECTS

- Aggregate Impacts of Command-and-Control Environmental Policy: Evidence from Court-Ordered Mining Bans in India
    - with Ananya Kotia (LSE) and Henry Zhang (MIT)
    - Funding: PEDL ($33,000), STICERD ($13,000)

- Labor Market Frictions, the Organization of Labor, and Structural Change
    - with Ananya Kotia (LSE) and Chinmay Lohani (UPenn)
    - Funding: PEDL ($50,000), STEG ($18,000)

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

The Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL) Exploratory Research Grant   2022
"Aggregate Impacts of Command-and-Control En- vironmental Policy: Evidence from Court-Ordered
Mining Bans in India": $33,000 (with Ananya Kotia, LSE and Henry Zhang, MIT)
John M. Olin Fellowship in Empirical Law and Finance ($10,000)   2018
Narottam Sekhsaria Foundation Scholarship ($25,000)   2018
R. D. Sethna Foundation Scholarship ($11,000)   2018
Godrej Foundation Scholarship ($7,500)   2018
Inlaks Shivdasani Scholarship ($40,000)   2013
Harvard Law School Graduate Fellowship ($30,000)   2013

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Languages: English (native), Hindi (native), Spanish (intermediate), Urdu (intermediate)
- Software & programming proficiency: MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, Stata, R
- Interests: Running- completed 6 full marathons (including Boston) and 20+ half marathons; Piano- certification from the Associated Board of Royal School of Music; debating- won several international & national debate competitions

REFERENCES *(available on request)*

- Andrei Shleifer, John L. Loeb Professor of Economic, Harvard University

- Jie Bai, Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

- Adnan Khan, Chief Economist and Director of Economics, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)