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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: PhD level 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

Environmental 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

Economic 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, 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

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

New Delhi, India

May 2012 - Jul 2013

## Academic Positions

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### Economics Department, Harvard University

Research Assistant to Andrei Shleifer and Edward Glaeser

Cambridge, USA

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

Teaching Fellow to David Laibson and Jason Furman

Leeds, UK

Nov 2021 - Dec 2021

- Taught weekly sections in micro and macro economics

### Harvard Law School

Research Assistant to Laurence Tribe

Cambridge, USA

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

Research Assistant to Nicholas Robinson

New Delhi, India

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

## Working projects

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- 2022 GE consequences of court-ordered mining bans in India [with Kotia (LSE) and Zhang (MIT)], funded by PEDL, STICERD, and MIT Schultz Fund
- 2022 Labour laws and structural change [with Kotia (LSE) and Lohani (UPenn)], funded by PEDL and STEG
- 2022 Labour market frictions, organization of labour, and structural change [with Kotia (LSE)], funded by PEDL
- 2023 Management and courts, funding from BSG
- 2023 Judicial state capacity and development outcomes [with Kotia (LSE)], funding from BSG

## Fellowships, Honours, and Awards

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- 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

## Interests

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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.