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Applied economist, music enthusiast.

EDUCATION

University of Geneva Ph.D Economics	Geneva, Switzerland 2021–Present
– Field: Applied Microeconomics - Environment, Resource, Development, Political Econ, Experiments, Migration	
– Thesis: "Essays in Environmental & Resource and Development Economics", Advisor: Salvatore Di Falco	
Study Centre Gerzensee - Foundation of the Swiss National Bank Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics (PhD Qualifiers), GPA: 5.5/6.0 (Fully funded by the Swiss National Bank and University of Geneva)	Gerzensee, Switzerland 2021–2022
– Sequences: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Econometrics	
Indian Institute of Foreign Trade M.A. Economics (specialisation in Trade & Finance)- First Class, First - Gold Medal; GPA: 8.72/9.00	Delhi & Kolkata, India 2019–2021
– Thesis: "Cash Transfers, Labour Supply, Poverty, and Entrepreneurial Incentive", Advisor: Sugata Marjit	
Presidency University B.Sc. Economics - First Class, First - Gold Medal; GPA: 9.15/10.00	Kolkata, India 2016–2019
– Thesis: "'Missing Girls': Decline in the Child Sex Ratio in India", Advisor: Zakir Husain	

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TRANSPATH (Horizon Europe Grant: 101081984) Doctoral Researcher, University of Geneva - European Union Research & Innovation Project	Geneva, Switzerland August 2023 - Present
– Randomised Control Trial for Digitalisation, Traceability, and Deforestation Compliance - Cocoa Supply Chain of Ghana <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Field visits: Kumasi, Juaben, Apemso, Agona, Nkawie - Ashanti Region, Ghana (Jan 2025)* Conducted a Pilot study: 5 selected villages, Nkawie district - Ashanti Region, Ghana (Nov 2025) News article, Post* Field visits: Sankofa Agroforestry cocoa farms, Bibiani - Western North Region, Ghana (Nov 2025)	
International Trade Centre (ITC) Consultant Economist, Decarbonisation Framework of ITC	Geneva, Switzerland October 2024 - March 2025
International Labour Organization (ILO) Research Intern, ILO RESEARCH - Work, Income, and Equity Unit	Geneva, Switzerland April 2024 - March 2025
Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Research Intern, Department of Economic & Policy Research; Supervisor: Dr. Raj Rajesh, Director <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Project: "Bank Funding to Self Help Groups in India: A Panel Data Analysis"	Kolkata, India April 2020 - July 2020
Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industries (BCCI) Research Intern; Supervisor: Subhodip Ghosh, Director General; BCCI	Kolkata, India Dec 2019 - Jan 2020

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- ["A study of the employment and earnings outcomes of second-generation migrants"](#) (with Sevane Ananian and Giulia Dellaerrera); *ILO Working Papers*, 2025
- ["Leaving Home: Cumulative Climate Shocks and Migration in Sub-Saharan Africa"](#) (with Salvatore Di Falco, Anna B. Kis, and Martina Viarengo); *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 2024
- ["Adaptive Capacity and Subsequent Droughts: Evidence from Ethiopia"](#) (with Salvatore Di Falco and Avichal Mahajan); *Environment and Development Economics*, 2023

POLICY REPORTS

- ["Exploring Policy Leverage Points to Trigger Transformative Change in Finance and Trade"](#) (with Francisco Alpízar, Salvatore Di Falco, Paul Dingkuhn, and Jeanne Nel); *Deliverable D4.1- Horizon Europe TRANSPATH Project*, 2023

WORKING PAPERS

- ["Comparative Local and Multinational Advantages in the Global Mining Industry"](#) (with Erik Katovich and Jonah Rexer); *CEPR STEG Working Paper , INFER Working Paper*, 2025
- ["Development Assistance and Crime-Accused Politicians: Evidence from Indian Elections"](#) (with Souparna Maji) - *under review*; *SSRN 5797011*, 2025

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- "Traceability, Sustainability, and Deforestation Compliance in Cocoa Supply Chains: Experimental Evidence from Ghana" - funded by Project TRANSPATH (with Salvatore Di Falco and Erik Katovich)

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- IEA World Congress - Belgrade, Serbia (*upcoming*) June 2026
- TRANSPATH Consortium Annual Meeting - Prague, Czech Republic (*upcoming*) February 2026
- [Alumni Research Dissemination Workshop](#), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, India January 2026
- [27th INFER Annual Conference](#), Sapienza University of Rome, Italy September 2025
- [Annual Congress 2025, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics](#) - ETH Zurich, Switzerland June 2025
- TRANSPATH Consortium Annual Meeting - Sofia, Bulgaria March 2025
- [Swiss Joint PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics: 6th Edition](#) - Geneva, Switzerland January 2025
- [PoNACEE Geneva Workshop](#) - Geneva, Switzerland November 2024
- [Annual Congress 2024, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics](#) - Lucerne, Switzerland June 2024
- TRANSPATH Consortium Annual Meeting - World Trade Centre, The Hague, The Netherlands March 2024
- [PhD Day Workshop: Geneva Graduate Institute and University of Geneva](#) - Geneva, Switzerland February 2024
- IEE - GSEM Brownbag Seminar: University of Geneva - Geneva, Switzerland June 2023; October 2024
- TRANSPATH Consortium Annual Meeting - Wageningen University, Wageningen, The Netherlands February 2023
- [Swiss Joint PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics: 4th Edition](#) - Tänikon, Switzerland January 2023

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- [IEE Best Teaching Assistant Award](#) - GSEM, University of Geneva, Switzerland 2025
- [INFER Best PhD Paper Award: 1'000 EUR - International Network for Economic Research \(INFER\)](#), Rome 2025
- [Subside Tremplin Award: 27'800 CHF - Equality and Diversity Service, University of Geneva](#), Switzerland 2025
- [SNSF Scientific Exchanges Grant: 10'000 CHF \(P.I., RViE\)](#) - Swiss National Science Foundation, Switzerland 2024
- Conference Grant: 10'000 CHF (P.I., RViE) - [GSEM](#) and [University of Geneva](#), Switzerland 2024
- I.S.E.O. Scholarship: 1'600 EUR - Institute for Studies on Economics and Employment, Italy 2024
- Agricultural and Applied Economics Assoc. (AAEA) Trust Scholarship: 500 USD - Arizona State University, USA 2023
- [Gold Medal: First Class, First Position](#) in M.A. Economics (2019-2021) - Indian Institute of Foreign Trade 2021
- [Gold Medal: First Class, First Position](#) in B.Sc. Economics (2016-2019) - Presidency University 2019
- [Debasish Chandra Memorial Prize- Presidency University, First position in B.Sc. Economics](#) 2019
- [UN Ghoshal Prize- Presidency University, First position in B.Sc. Economics](#) 2019
- Gold Medal- IMO Mathematics Olympiad, Science Olympiad foundation (SOF) 2013

WORKSHOPS, COURSES, SUMMER SCHOOLS

- [Tech Clinic: Programming in Julia](#) - Marko Mlikota
Hoffmann Centre for Global Sustainability, The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland October 2025
- [Twenty-Fourth Summer School in International and Development Economics](#)
Geo-economics, Natural Resources, and Development - Mathieu Couttenier, Mathias Thoenig
Castello di Gargonza, Tuscany, Italy September 2025
- Advanced Courses in Economics for Doctoral Students and Faculty Members:
[The New and Wondrous Econometrics of Causal Inference - Alberto Abadie](#)
Study Centre Gerzensee- Foundation of the Swiss National Bank , Switzerland February 2025
- Advanced Courses in Economics for Doctoral Students and Faculty Members:
[Machine Learning for Treatment Effects and Structural Equation Models - Victor Chernozhukov](#)
Study Centre Gerzensee- Foundation of the Swiss National Bank , Switzerland July–August 2024
- [I.S.E.O. Summer School in Economics: The World Economy's Shifting Winds](#)
Joshua Angrist, Robert Engle, Michael Spence, Beata Javorcik
Iseo, Brescia, Italy June 2024
- [Summer School on Development Economics in the Field- Surveys, Measurements, and Experiments](#)
Paris School of Economics, Paris, France June 2023
- [Workshop on Survey Design & Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics](#)
AAEA, Arizona State University, Mesa, USA May 2023
- Advanced Courses in Economics for Doctoral Students and Faculty Members:
[Ex Ante and Ex Post Policy Evaluation Approaches - Petra Todd](#)
Study Centre Gerzensee- Foundation of the Swiss National Bank , Switzerland May 2023
- PhD course: Advanced Development Microeconomics: Market Failures
The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland February–May 2023
- PhD course: Advanced Development Macroeconomics: Empirical Research
The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland September–December 2022
- PhDs & Faculty: Reading Group in Economics & Econometrics + Experimental Econ mini-course
GSEM- University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland September 2022–May 2023
- 112th ILO International Labour Conference
Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland June 2024
- UNCTAD 7th BioTrade Congress
Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland March 2024
- Workshop on International Trade and Multilateralism
Villars-sur-Ollon, Switzerland January 2023
- Local Geneva Trade and Development Workshop
WTO and Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland 2022 - 2024
- Summer School on Theoretical Physics & Quantum Mechanics
Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS)- Kolkata, India May 2015

OUTREACH AND SERVICE

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| • Rare Voices in Economics (RViE) | 2021–2025 |
| - <i>President: Member of the Steering Committee</i> (2023 - 2025) | |
| - <i>Communications coordinator: Website and Media Manager</i> (2021 - 2025) | |
| - <i>Co-organizer: 3rd Rare Voices in Economics Conference</i> (20'000 CHF budget- funded by UNIGE - GSEM, & <i>SNSF</i>) (2023 - 2024) | |
| - <i>Co-moderator of the Roundtable- "Challenges of Rare Voices: From Households to Institutions"</i> (2024) | |
| • Journal Refereeing - Reviewer | 2023–Present |
| - <i>European Review of Agricultural Economics</i> | |
| - <i>Environment and Development Economics</i> | |
| - <i>Migration and Development</i> | |
| • Mentor: IEE PhD Mentoring Program- University of Geneva | 2023–2025 |
| • Conference organizer: <i>Swiss PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics (6th Edition)</i> - Geneva, Switzerland | 2024–2025 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| University of Geneva , Geneva School of Economics and Management | Geneva, Switzerland |
| Research & Teaching Assistant in Economics at the Institute of Economics and Econometrics | |
| – Labour Economics (2022) | |
| – Development Economics (2024) | |
| – Introduction to Macroeconomics (2023, 2024, 2025) | |
| – Introduction to Microeconomics (2022) | |

SKILLS

- **STATA, R Studio, L^AT_EX**, Python (Jupyter), Datawrapper
- Geospatial: **ArcGIS, GEODA, Google Earth Engine**
- Experiments: **NGENE, NLOGIT**
- Trade: **WITS, SMART Sim, OEC, Trade Map, EORA**
- **Bloomberg Market Concepts**, Bloomberg Terminal
- Financial Modeling: MS Excel and VBA

LANGUAGES

- **English:** Native or Bilingual
- **Bengali:** Native
- **Hindi:** Fluent
- **Urdu:** Intermediate (oral)
- **French:** Basic (A1)

PRE-PHD POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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| • IES- IIFT Economics Society- Core working member
<i>Editor (ECOlibrium magazine) and Organising Committee (Academic Seminars). Published articles:</i>
-“ <i>Impact of US Protectionism and Right-Wing Populism on Deglobalisation</i> ” - ECOlibrium 3rd Edition
-“ <i>India's Economic Slump and the Breakdown of the Industrial Sector</i> ” - ECOlibrium 2nd Edition | 2019–2021 |
| • OIKOS- Presidency University Economics Society: Core working member and Public Relations Head
<i>Organised 'ARTHATANTRA'- The Economics Summit, 2017, & 2018; PR & Social Media Team Head</i> | 2017–2019 |
| • PUYES- Presidency University Young Entrepreneurs' Society: Member of the Organising Committee
<i>Organised 'Presidency University Young Entrepreneurs' Drive'- 2016, 2017, & 2018.</i> | 2016–2018 |

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Classically trained (Hindustani) vocalist, performed in concerts at Victoria Hall, La Perle du Lac, Le Relais de Chuit (Genève Montagne), **L'Usine, Fête de la Musique (Geneva), Vandœuvres**, Switzerland
- Associated with the University of Geneva Choir for 4 consecutive years
- Former playback singer at Innokrea Motion Pictures (**Movie: Dhupkathi**)
- Former All Bengal Radio Artist at Gyan-Vani F.M. (IGNOU)