

EDUCATION

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

International Labour Organization (ILO) Research Intern, ILO RESEARCH - Work, Income, and Equity Unit	Geneva, Switzerland April 2024 - October 2024
European Commission- Research and Innovation: Horizon Europe Grant Project TRANSPATH : Doctoral Research Assistant at the University of Geneva	Geneva, Switzerland August 2023- July 2025
Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Research Intern, Department of Economic & Policy Research; Supervisor: Dr. Raj Rajesh, Director – 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

- **U. Das**, S. Di Falco, A. Mahajan, “[Adaptive Capacity and Subsequent Droughts: Evidence from Ethiopia](#)”, *Environment and Development Economics*, 28(6), 511-537. doi:10.1017/S1355770X23000074 October 2023
- S. Di Falco, A. Kis, M. Viarengo, **U. Das**, “[Leaving Home: Cumulative Climate Shocks and Migration in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)”, *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 87, 321–345. doi:10.1007/s10640-023-00826-x January 2024

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- U. Das, E. Katovich, J. Rexer, “Is There a ‘Local Advantage’ in the Global Mining Industry?” February 2024 -
- U. Das, S. Maji, “Development Assistance and Crime-Accused Politicians: Evidence from Indian Elections” March 2023 -
- U. Das, S. Di Falco, E. Katovich, “Sustainability and Quality-upgrading in Cocoa Supply Chains: Experimental Evidence from Ghana” (funded by TRANSPATH- Horizon Europe Grant No. 101081984) January 2023 -
- S. Ananian and U. Das, “Employment and Wage Outcomes of Second-Generation Migrants” April 2024 -
- F. Alpízar, U. Das, S. Di Falco, P. Dingkuhn, J. Nel, “Exploring Policy Leverage Points to Trigger Transformative Change in Finance and Trade” (Deliverable D4.1 EU Horizon Europe TRANSPATH Project) May - October 2023

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- [Annual Congress 2024, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics](#) - Lucerne, Switzerland June 2024
- TRANSPATH Annual Consortium - World Trade Centre, The Hague, The Netherlands March 2024
- [PhD Day Workshop: Geneva Graduate Institute and University of Geneva](#) - Geneva, Switzerland February 2024
- [Swiss Joint PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics: 4th Edition](#) - Tänikon, Switzerland January 2023
- [Geneva School of Economics and Management: IEE Brownbag Seminar](#) - Geneva, Switzerland June 2023
- TRANSPATH Annual Meeting - Wageningen University, Wageningen, The Netherlands February 2023

GRANTS AND AWARDS

• SNSF Scientific Exchanges Grant: 10'000 CHF (P.I., RViE) - Swiss National Science Foundation, Switzerland	2024
• I.S.E.O. Scholarship: 1'600 EUR - Institute for Studies on Economics and Employment, Italy	2024
• Conference Grant: 10'000 CHF (P.I., RViE) - GSEM and University of Geneva, Switzerland	2024
• Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) 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

• Advanced Courses in Economics for Doctoral Students and Faculty Members: Machine Learning for Treatment Effects and Structural Equation Models - Prof. Victor Chernozhukov <i>Study Centre Gerzensee- Foundation of the Swiss National Bank , Switzerland</i>	July–August 2024
• I.S.E.O. Summer School in Economics: The World Economy’s Shifting Winds <i>Iseo, Brescia, Italy</i>	June 2024
• 112th ILO International Labour Conference <i>Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland</i>	June 2024
• UNCTAD 7th BioTrade Congress: Global Governance for Trade and Biodiversity <i>Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland</i>	March 2024
• Summer School on Development Economics in the Field- Surveys, Measurements, and Experiments <i>Paris School of Economics, Paris, France</i>	June 2023
• Workshop on Survey Design & Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics <i>AAEA, Arizona State University, Mesa, USA</i>	May 2023
• Advanced Courses in Economics for Doctoral Students and Faculty Members: Ex Ante and Ex Post Policy Evaluation Approaches - Prof. Petra Todd <i>Study Centre Gerzensee- Foundation of the Swiss National Bank , Switzerland</i>	May 2023
• PhD course: Advanced Development Microeconomics: Market Failures <i>The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland</i>	February–May 2023
• PhD course: Advanced Development Macroeconomics: Empirical Research <i>The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland</i>	September–December 2022
• Workshop on International Trade and Multilateralism <i>Villars-sur-Ollon, Switzerland</i>	January 2023
• Local Geneva Trade and Development Workshop <i>WTO and Palace of Nations, Geneva, Switzerland</i>	December 2022, May 2022
• Summer School on Theoretical Physics & Quantum Mechanics <i>Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS)- Kolkata, India</i>	May 2015

ACADEMIC SERVICE

• Rare Voices in Economics (RViE) - President: Member of the Steering Committee (2023 -) - Conference organizer: Rare Voices in Economics Conference (3rd Ed.) (2023 - 2024) (Funded by UNIGE, GSEM, & SNSF) - Communications coordinator: Website and Media Manager (2021 -)	2021–Present
• Journal Refereeing: Reviewer - <i>European Review of Agricultural Economics</i>	2023–Present
• Mentor: IEE PhD Mentoring Program- University of Geneva	2023–Present
• Co-organizer (UNIGE partner): Swiss PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics (5th Edition) - Frick, Switzerland	2023–2024

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Geneva , Geneva School of Economics and Management Research & Teaching Assistant in Economics at the Institute of Economics and Econometrics	Geneva, Switzerland 2021–Present
– Labour Economics (2022)	– Introduction to Macroeconomics (2023, 2024)
– Development Economics (2024)	– Introduction to Microeconomics (2022)

SKILLS

- **STATA, R Studio, L^AT_EX**, Python (Jupyter)
- Geospatial: **ArcGIS**, GEODA, Google Earth Engine
- Experimental: **NGENE**, NLOGIT
- **WITS, SMART Simulation, 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

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

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Classically trained (Hindustani) vocalist, performed in concerts at Victoria Hall, La Perle du Lac, [L’Usine](#), [Fête de la Musique \(Geneva\)](#), [Vandœuvres](#), Switzerland
- Associated with the University of Geneva Choir for 3 consecutive years
- Former playback singer at Innokrea Motion Pictures ([Movie: Dhupkathi](#))
- Former All Bengal Radio Artist at Gyan-Vani F.M. (IGNOU)