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EDUCATION

Ph.D Economics

University of Geneva

Geneva, Switzerland 2021–Present

- Field: Applied Microeconomics - Environment and Resource, Development, Political Economy, Experiments, Migration

- Thesis: "Essays in Environmental and Development Economics", Advisor: Salvatore Di Falco

Study Centre Gerzensee - Foundation of the Swiss National Bank

Gerzensee, Switzerland

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)

2021-2022

- Sequences: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Econometrics

Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

Delhi & Kolkata, India

 $\pmb{\text{M.A. Economics}} \text{ (specialisation in Trade \& Finance)- First Class, First-Gold Medal; GPA: } 8.72/9.00$

2019–2021

- Thesis: "Cash Transfers, Labour Supply, Poverty, and Entrepreneurial Incentive", Advisor: Sugata Marjit

Presidency University

Kolkata, India

B.Sc. Economics- First Class, First - Gold Medal; GPA: 9.15/10.00

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)

Geneva, Switzerland August 2023 - Present

Doctoral Researcher, University of Geneva - European Union Research & Innovation Project

 Randomised Control Trial for Traceability in the Cocoa Supply Chain of Ghana Field experience: Kumasi, Juaben, Apemso, Agona, Nkawie (January 2025)

- UNCTAD 7th BioTrade Congress; Palais des Nations, Geneva (March 2024)

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

112th ILO International Labour Conference (June 2024); Palais des Nations, Geneva

Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Kolkata, India

Research Intern, Department of Economic & Policy Research; Supervisor: Dr. Raj Rajesh, Director

April 2020 - July 2020

Project: "Bank Funding to Self Help Groups in India: A Panel Data Analysis"

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 Dellaferrera); 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 Jonah Rexer and Erik Katovich);
 CEPR STEG Working Paper, 2025

Works in Progress

- "Development Assistance and Crime-Accused Politicians: Evidence from Indian Elections" (with Souparna Maji)
- "Sustainability and Quality-upgrading in Cocoa Supply Chains: Experimental Evidence from Ghana" funded by Project TRANSPATH (with Salvatore Di Falco and Erik Katovich)

Conferences and Invited Presentations

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS	
• 27th INFER Annual Conference, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy (upcoming)	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	
• Subside Tremplin Award - Equality and Diversity Service, University of Geneva, Switzerland	2025
• SNSF Scientific Exchanges Grant: 10'000 CHF (P.I., RViE) - Swiss National Science Foundation, Switzerl	and 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 Association (AAEA) Scholarship: Arizona State University, USA	2023
• Gold Medal: First Class, First Position in M.A. Economics (2019-2021) - Indian Institute of Foreign Trad	e 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	
• Twenty-Fourth Summer School in International and Development Economics (<i>upcoming</i>) 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
	eptember–December 2022
	September 2022–May 2023
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	May 2015
Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS)- Kolkata, India	ay 2 010

OUTREACH AND SERVICE

• Rare Voices in Economics (RViE)	2021-Present
- President: Member of the Steering Committee (2023 -) - Communications coordinator: Website and Media Manager (2021 -)	
• Journal Refereeing - Reviewer - European Review of Agricultural Economics - Environment and Development Economics	2023–Present
Mentor: IEE PhD Mentoring Program- University of Geneva	2023-Present
• Conference organizer: 3rd Rare Voices in Economics Conference (Funded by UNIGE - GSEM, & SNSF)	2023-2024

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Geneva, Geneva School of Economics and Management

Geneva, Switzerland

2024-2025

 $Research \ \& \ Teaching \ Assistant \ in \ Economics \ at \ the \ Institute \ of \ Economics \ and \ Econometrics$

• Conference organizer: Swiss PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics (6th Edition) - Geneva, Switzerland

Labour Economics (2022)Development Economics (2024)

- Introduction to Macroeconomics (2023, 2024, 2025)

- Introduction to Microeconomics (2022)

SKILLS

- STATA, R Studio, IATEX, 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: NativeHindi: 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 E -"India's Economic Slump and the Breakdown of the Industrial Sector" - ECOlibrium 2nd Edition	dition
•	ead 2017–2019
 OIKOS- Presidency University Economics Society: Core working member and Public Relations He Organised 'ARTHATANTRA'- The Economics Summit, 2017, & 2018; PR & Social Media Team Head 	2017–2019
• PUYES- Presidency University Young Entrepreneurs' Society: Member of the Organising Commit Organised 'Presidency University Young Entrepreneurs' Drive' - 2016, 2017, & 2018.	tee 2016–2018

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)