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#### **EDUCATION**

University of Geneva

**Ph.D Economics** 

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

M.A. Economics (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)

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

Geneva, Switzerland August 2023 - Present

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

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

- 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)

Kolkata, India Dec 2019 - Jan 2020

Research Intern; Supervisor: Subhodip Ghosh, Director General; BCCI

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- "Adaptive Capacity and Subsequent Droughts: Evidence from Ethiopia" (with Salvatore Di Falco and Avichal Mahajan); Environment and Development Economics, 2023
- "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

#### 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)
- "Employment and Wage Outcomes of Second-Generation Migrants" (with Sevane Ananian and Giulia Dellaferrera)

## Conferences and Invited Presentations

CONFERENCES AND INVITED I RESENTATIONS	
Annual Congress 2025, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics - ETH Zurich, Switzerland (upcoming)     TRANSPATH Consentium Appeal Meeting, Society Release	
<ul> <li>TRANSPATH Consortium Annual Meeting - Sofia, Bulgaria</li> <li>Swiss Joint PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics: 6th Edition - Geneva, Switzerland</li> </ul>	March 2025 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 - University of Geneva, Switzerland	2025
• SNSF Scientific Exchanges Grant: 10'000 CHF (P.I., RViE) - Swiss National Science Foundation, Switze	rland 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
$\bullet \ \ Gold\ Medal:\ First\ Class,\ First\ Position\ in\ M.A.\ Economics\ (2019-2021)\ -\ Indian\ Institute\ of\ Foreign\ Translation (2019-2021)\ -\ Indian\ Institute\ Only Institute\ Only$	de 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:	
The New and Wondrous Econometrics of Causal Inference - Alberto Abadie	February 2025
Study Centre Gerzensee- Foundation of the Swiss National Bank , Switzerland	
<ul> <li>Advanced Courses in Economics for Doctoral Students and Faculty Members:</li> <li>Machine Learning for Treatment Effects and Structural Equation Models - Victor Chernozhukov</li> <li>Study Centre Gerzensee- Foundation of the Swiss National Bank, Switzerland</li> </ul>	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	June 2024
Iseo, Brescia, Italy	
• Summer School on Development Economics in the Field- Surveys, Measurements, and Experiments Paris School of Economics, Paris, France	June 2023
<ul> <li>Workshop on Survey Design &amp; Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics AAEA, Arizona State University, Mesa, USA</li> </ul>	May 2023
Advanced Courses in Economics for Doctoral Students and Faculty Members:	1.6
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	February–May 2023
The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland	
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
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	
• Rare Voices in Economics (RViE)	2021–Present
- President: Member of the Steering Committee (2023 - )	2021-1 1656111
- Communications coordinator: Website and Media Manager (2021 - )	
Journal Refereeing - Reviewer	2023–Present
- European Review of Agricultural Economics	
- Environment and Development Economics	2022 P
Mentor: IEE PhD Mentoring Program- University of Geneva  On the Company of t	2023–Present

• Conference organizer: 3rd Rare Voices in Economics Conference (Funded by UNIGE - GSEM, & SNSF)

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

2023-2024

2024-2025

## 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

- Labour Economics (2022)

- Development Economics (2024)

- Introduction to Macroeconomics (2023, 2024, 2025)

- Introduction to Microeconomics (2022)

#### **SKILLS**

• STATA, R Studio, LATEX, 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
 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
 Organised 'ARTHATANTRA'- The Economics Summit, 2017, & 2018; PR & Social Media Team Head

 PUYES- Presidency University Young Entrepreneurs' Society: Member of the Organising Committee
 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)