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EDUCATION

University of Geneva Ph.D Economics <ul style="list-style-type: none">Field: Applied Microeconomics - Environment, Resource, Development, Political Econ, Experiments, MigrationThesis: "Essays in Environmental & Resource and Development Economics", 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 (Fully funded by the Swiss National Bank and University of Geneva) <ul style="list-style-type: none">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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Thesis: "'Missing Girls': Decline in the Child Sex Ratio in India", Advisor: Zakir Husain	Kolkata, India 2016–2019

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TRANSPATH (Horizon Europe Grant: 101081984) Doctoral Researcher, University of Geneva - European Union Research & Innovation Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">UNCTAD 7th BioTrade Congress; Palais des Nations, Geneva (March 2024)Randomised Control Trial for Traceability in the Cocoa Supply Chain of Ghana<ul style="list-style-type: none">Field experience: Kumasi, Juaben, Apemso, Agona, Nkawie (January 2025)Field visit - Pilot study (November 2025) (<i>upcoming</i>)	Geneva, Switzerland August 2023 - Present
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">112th ILO International Labour Conference (June 2024); Palais des Nations, Geneva	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 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 Erik Katovich and Jonah Rexer); *CEPR STEG Working Paper*, *INFER Working Paper*, 2025

WORKS IN PROGRESS

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

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

• 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

• 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 <i>Hoffmann Centre for Global Sustainability, The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland</i>	October 2025
• Twenty-Fourth Summer School in International and Development Economics Geo-economics, Natural Resources, and Development - Mathieu Couttenier, Mathias Thoenig <i>Castello di Gargonza, Tuscany, Italy</i>	September 2025
• Advanced Courses in Economics for Doctoral Students and Faculty Members: The New and Wondrous Econometrics of Causal Inference - Alberto Abadie <i>Study Centre Gerzensee- Foundation of the Swiss National Bank , Switzerland</i>	February 2025
• Advanced Courses in Economics for Doctoral Students and Faculty Members: Machine Learning for Treatment Effects and Structural Equation Models - 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 Joshua Angrist, Robert Engle, Michael Spence, Beata Javorcik <i>Iseo, Brescia, Italy</i>	June 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 - 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
• PhDs & Faculty: Reading Group in Economics & Econometrics + Experimental Econ mini-course <i>GSEM- University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland</i>	September 2022–May 2023
• Workshop on International Trade and Multilateralism <i>Villars-sur-Ollon, Switzerland</i>	January 2023
• Local Geneva Trade and Development Workshop <i>WTO and Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland</i>	2022 - 2024
• Summer School on Theoretical Physics & Quantum Mechanics <i>Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS)- Kolkata, India</i>	May 2015

OUTREACH AND SERVICE

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

2021–2025

2023–Present

2023–Present

2024–2025

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

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

- 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.

2019–2021

2017–2019

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 3 consecutive years
- Former playback singer at Innokrea Motion Pictures ([Movie: Dhupkathi](#))
- Former All Bengal Radio Artist at Gyan-Vani F.M. (IGNOU)