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## EDUCATION

<b>University of Geneva</b> <b>Ph.D Economics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Field: Applied Microeconomics - Environment and Resource, Development, Political Economy, Experiments, Migration</li><li>Thesis: "Essays in Environmental &amp; Resource and Development Economics", Advisor: Salvatore Di Falco</li></ul>	Geneva, Switzerland 2021–Present
<b>Study Centre Gerzensee - Foundation of the Swiss National Bank</b> <b>Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics</b> (PhD Qualifiers), GPA: 5.5/6.0 (Fully funded by the Swiss National Bank and University of Geneva) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sequences: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Econometrics</li></ul>	Gerzensee, Switzerland 2021–2022
<b>Indian Institute of Foreign Trade</b> <b>M.A. Economics</b> (specialisation in Trade & Finance)- First Class, First - Gold Medal; GPA: 8.72/9.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thesis: "Cash Transfers, Labour Supply, Poverty, and Entrepreneurial Incentive", Advisor: Sugata Marjit</li></ul>	Delhi & Kolkata, India 2019–2021
<b>Presidency University</b> <b>B.Sc. Economics</b> - First Class, First - Gold Medal; GPA: 9.15/10.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thesis: "'Missing Girls': Decline in the Child Sex Ratio in India", Advisor: Zakir Husain</li></ul>	Kolkata, India 2016–2019

## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<b>TRANSPATH (Horizon Europe Grant: 101081984)</b> <b>Doctoral Researcher, University of Geneva</b> - European Union Research & Innovation Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UNCTAD 7th BioTrade Congress; Palais des Nations, Geneva (March 2024)</li><li>Randomised Control Trial for Traceability in the Cocoa Supply Chain of Ghana<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Field experience: Kumasi, Juaben, Apemso, Agona, Nkawie</b> (January 2025)</li><li>Field visit - <b>Pilot study</b> (October 2025) (<i>upcoming</i>)</li></ul></li></ul>	Geneva, Switzerland August 2023 - Present
<b>International Trade Centre (ITC)</b> Consultant Economist, Decarbonisation Framework of ITC	Geneva, Switzerland October 2024 - March 2025
<b>International Labour Organization (ILO)</b> Research Intern, ILO RESEARCH - Work, Income, and Equity Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>112th ILO International Labour Conference (June 2024); Palais des Nations, Geneva</li></ul>	Geneva, Switzerland April 2024 - March 2025
<b>Reserve Bank of India (RBI)</b> Research Intern, Department of Economic & Policy Research; Supervisor: Dr. Raj Rajesh, Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Project: "Bank Funding to Self Help Groups in India: A Panel Data Analysis"</li></ul>	Kolkata, India April 2020 - July 2020
<b>Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industries (BCCI)</b> 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
• <a href="#">Annual Congress 2025, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics</a> - ETH Zurich, Switzerland	June 2025
• TRANSPATH Consortium Annual Meeting - Sofia, Bulgaria	March 2025
• <a href="#">Swiss Joint PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics: 6th Edition</a> - Geneva, Switzerland	January 2025
• <a href="#">PoNACEE Geneva Workshop</a> - Geneva, Switzerland	November 2024
• <a href="#">Annual Congress 2024, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics</a> - Lucerne, Switzerland	June 2024
• TRANSPATH Consortium Annual Meeting - World Trade Centre, The Hague, The Netherlands	March 2024
• <a href="#">PhD Day Workshop: Geneva Graduate Institute and University of Geneva</a> - Geneva, Switzerland	February 2024
• IEE - GSEM Brownbag Seminar: University of Geneva - Geneva, Switzerland	<a href="#">June 2023</a> ; <a href="#">October 2024</a>
• TRANSPATH Consortium Annual Meeting - Wageningen University, Wageningen, The Netherlands	February 2023
• <a href="#">Swiss Joint PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics: 4th Edition</a> - Tänikon, Switzerland	January 2023

GRANTS AND AWARDS

• <a href="#">INFER Best PhD Paper Award: 1'000 EUR</a> - International Network for Economic Research (INFER), Rome	2025
• <a href="#">Subside Tremplin Award: 27'800 CHF</a> - Equality and Diversity Service, University of Geneva, Switzerland	2025
• <a href="#">SNSF Scientific Exchanges Grant: 10'000 CHF (P.I., RViE)</a> - 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 Association (AAEA) Scholarship: 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
• <a href="#">Debasish Chandra Memorial Prize- Presidency University, First position in B.Sc. Economics</a>	2019
• <a href="#">UN Ghoshal Prize- Presidency University, First position in B.Sc. Economics</a>	2019
• Gold Medal- IMO Mathematics Olympiad, Science Olympiad foundation (SOF)	2013

WORKSHOPS, COURSES, SUMMER SCHOOLS

• cemmap Masterclass on Microeconometrics and Policy Analysis - Richard Blundell ( <i>upcoming</i> ) <i>CESifo, ifo Institute for Economic Research, Munich, Italy</i>	November 2025
• Tech Clinic: Programming in Julia - Marko Mlikota ( <i>upcoming</i> ) <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)** 2021–2025
    - *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** 2023–Present
    - *European Review of Agricultural Economics*
    - *Environment and Development Economics*
  - **Mentor:** IEE PhD Mentoring Program- University of Geneva 2023–Present
  - **Conference organizer:** [Swiss PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics \(6th Edition\)](#) - Geneva, Switzerland 2024–2025

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>University of Geneva</b> , Geneva School of Economics and Management	Geneva, Switzerland
Research & Teaching Assistant in Economics at the Institute of Economics and Econometrics	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Labour Economics (2022)</li><li>– Development Economics (2024)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Introduction to Macroeconomics (2023, 2024, 2025)</li><li>– Introduction to Microeconomics (2022)</li></ul>

SKILLS

- **STATA, R Studio, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X**, 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 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, 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)