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EDUCATION

University of Geneva

Ph.D Economics

Geneva, Switzerland 2021–Present

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

- Thesis: "Essays in Development and Environmental 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

International Trade Centre (ITC)

Geneva, Switzerland

Consultant Economist, Decarbonisation Framework of ITC

October 2024 - January 2025

International Labour Organization (ILO)

Geneva, Switzerland

Research Intern, ILO RESEARCH - Work, Income, and Equity Unit

April 2024 - October 2024

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

European Commission- Research and Innovation: Horizon Europe Grant (101081984)

Geneva, Switzerland

Project TRANSPATH: Doctoral Research Assistant at the University of Geneva

August 2023- July 2025

- UNCTAD 7th BioTrade Congress (March 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

- "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

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

Works in Progress

- "Is There a 'Local Advantage' in the Global Mining Industry?" (with Erik Katovich and Jonah Rexer)
- "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

PoNACEE Geneva Workshop - Geneva, Switzerland (upcoming)	November 2024	
• 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	
• IEE Brownbag Seminar: Geneva School of Economics and Management - Geneva, Switzerland	June 2023; October 2024	
• TRANSPATH 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

• 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 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	July–August 2024
	Study Centre Gerzensee- Foundation of the Swiss National Bank , Switzerland	
•	I.S.E.O. Summer School in Economics: The World Economy's Shifting Winds	June 2024

I.S.E.O. Summer School in Economics: The World Economy's Shifting Winds *Iseo, Brescia, Italy*

June 2023

• Summer School on Development Economics in the Field- Surveys, Measurements, and Experiments Paris School of Economics, Paris, France

May 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 - Prof. Petra Todd
 Study Centre Gerzensee- Foundation of the Swiss National Bank , Switzerland

 PhD course: Advanced Development Microeconomics: Market Failures

February-May 2023

The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland
• PhD course: Advanced Development Macroeconomics: Empirical Research

September–December 2022

The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland
PhD presentations: Reading Group in Economics and Econometrics

September 2022-May 2023

GSEM- University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland
 Summer School on Theoretical Physics & Quantum Mechanics

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 -)
- Conference organizer: Rare Voices in Economics Conference (3rd Ed.) (2023 2024) (Funded by UNIGE, GSEM, & SNSF)
- Communications coordinator: Website and Media Manager (2021 -)

• Journal Refereeing: Reviewer - European Review of Agricultural Economics

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

- Labour Economics (2022)

- Introduction to Macroeconomics (2023, 2024, 2025)

- Development Economics (2024)

- 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: 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

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)

Organised 'Presidency University Young Entrepreneurs' Drive' - 2016, 2017, & 2018.

• Former All Bengal Radio Artist at Gyan-Vani F.M. (IGNOU)