Utsoree Das (she/her)

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EDUCATION

University of Geneva Ph.D. in Economics

Geneva, Switzerland

2021-Present

- Advisor: Salvatore Di Falco

Study Centre Gerzensee - Foundation of the Swiss National Bank

Gerzensee, Switzerland

2021 - 2022

Sequences: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Econometrics

Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

Delhi & Kolkata, India

2019-2021

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

Presidency University

Kolkata, India

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

2016-2019

- Thesis: "'Missing Girls': Decline in the Child Sex Ratio in India", Advisor: Zakir Husain

Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics (PhD Qualifiers), GPA: 5.5/6.0

M.A. in Economics (specialisation in Trade and Finance)- First Class, First; GPA: 8.72/9.00

Research Experience

European Commission- Research and Innovation: Horizon Europe Grant

Geneva, Switzerland

Project TRANSPATH: Doctoral Research Assistant at the University of Geneva August 2023- July 2025

Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Kolkata, India April 2020- July 2020

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

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

Kolkata, India

Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industries (BCCI) Research Intern; Supervisor: Subhodip Ghosh, Director General; BCCI

Dec 2019- Jan 2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Geneva

Geneva, Switzerland

Research & Teaching Assistant in Economics at the Institute of Economics and Econometrics (GSEM IEE)

2021-Present

- Autumn: Labour Economics (2022), Introduction to Microeconomics (2022)
- Spring: Introduction to Macroeconomics (2023, 2024), Development Economics (2024)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- U. Das, S. Di Falco, A. Mahajan, "Adaptive Capacity and Subsequent Droughts: Evidence from Ethiopia", Environment and Development Economics, 28(6), 511-537. doi:10.1017/S1355770X23000074 October 2023
- S. Di Falco, A. Kis, M. Viarengo, U. Das, "Leaving Home: Cumulative Climate Shocks and Migration in Sub-Saharan Africa" Environmental and Resource Economics, 87, 321-345. doi:10.1007/s10640-023-00826-x January 2024

Work in Progress

• U. Das, S. Maji, "Development Assistance and Crime-Accused Politicians: Evidence from Indian Elections"

March 2023 -

- U. Das, S. Di Falco, E. Katovich, "Sustainability and Quality-upgrading in Cocoa Supply Chains: Experimental Evidence from Ghana" (funded by TRANSPATH- Horizon Europe Grant No. 101081984) January 2023 -
- U. Das, E. Katovich, J. Rexer, "Local Content Policies and Reorganization in the Global Mining Industry" February 2024 -
- F. Alpízar, U. Das, S. Di Falco, P. Dingkuhn, J. Nel, "Exploring Policy Leverage Points to Trigger Transformative Change in Finance and Trade" (Deliverable D4.1 EU Horizon Europe TRANSPATH Project) May - October 2023

Conferences and Invited Presentations

• Annual Congress 2024, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics - Lucerne, Switzerland (upcoming)

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 January 2023

• Geneva School of Economics and Management: IEE Brownbag Seminar - Geneva, Switzerland

June 2023

• TRANSPATH Annual Meeting - Wageningen University, Wageningen, The Netherlands

• Swiss Joint PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics: 4th Edition - Tänikon, Switzerland

February 2023

Grants and Awards

• Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Scholarship- Arizona State University, USA	2023
• PhD Coursework, Study Centre Gerzensee - Funded by the Swiss National Bank and University of Geneva	2021
• 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

Academic Service

• RViE- Rare Voices in Economics		2021–Present
- President: Member of the Steering Comm	ittee (2023 -)	
- Co-organizer: Rare Voices in Economics Confer	rence (3rd Edition) (2023 - 2024)	
- Communications coordinator: Website and Med	lia Manager (2021 -)	
• Journal Refereeing: Reviewer - European Rev	iew of Agricultural Economics	2023–Present
• IEE PhD Mentoring Program- University of Gene	eva	2023–Present

• Co-organizer (UNIGE partner): Swiss PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics (5th Edition) - Frick, Switzerland

Workshops, Courses, Summer Schools

• UNCTAD 7th BioTrade Congress: Global Governance for Trade and Biodiversity	March 2024
Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland	
• 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 - Prof. Petra Todd	May 2023
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	•
• Workshop on International Trade and Multilateralism	January 2023
Villars-sur-Ollon, Switzerland	Ü
• Local Geneva Trade and Development Workshop	December 2022, May 2022
WTO and Palace of Nations, Geneva, Switzerland	, ,
• Summer School on Theoretical Physics & Quantum Mechanics	May 2015
Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS)- Kolkata, India	· ·

SKILLS LANGUAGES

•	STATA, R Studio, IATEX, Python (Jupyter)	•	English:	Native
•	Geospatial: \mathbf{ArcGIS} , GEODA, Google Earth Engine	•	Bengali:	Native
•	Experimental: NGENE , NLOGIT		Hindi:	Fluent
•	WITS, SMART Simulation, OEC, Trade Map, EORA	٠	minui.	ruem

• Bloomberg Market Concepts, Bloomberg Terminal

• Financial Modeling: MS Excel and VBA

e or Bilingual

• Urdu: Intermediate (oral)

• French: Beginner

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	2019–2021
•	OIKOS- Presidency University Economics Society: Core working member and Public Relations Head Organised 'ARTHATANTRA'- The Economics Summit, 2017, & 2018; PR & Social Media Team Head	2017–2019
•	PUYES- Presidency University Young Entrepreneurs' Society: Member of the Organising Committee Organised 'Presidency University Young Entrepreneurs' Drive'- 2016, 2017, & 2018.	2016-2018

Extracurricular Activities

- Classically trained (Hindustani) vocalist, performed in concerts at Victoria Hall, 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)

2023-2024