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Development economics, marriage market, internal migration, political economy

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FELLOWSHIPS

[Dvara Research Fellowship](#), 2019

JOB MARKET PAPER

- [Marrying Young: Surprising effect of Education](#)
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In a traditional marriage market, family's preferences and beliefs over bride types play a significant role in matching. In this paper, we study how an exogenous increase in female education, a preferred attribute in the marriage market, affects her age at marriage. The District Primary Education Program (DPEP) launched in India in 1994, provides a regression discontinuity set-up to estimate the causal impact of education. Using Demographic Health Survey (DHS) 2015-16 data, we find that the program lead to an increase in the women's education by 1.5 years. Next, to see the impact of education on age at marriage, we use the program cut-off as an instrument for education. In contrast to the literature, we find a decrease in the age at marriage by 0.44 years due to increase in education. Using a simple transferable utility model, we provide a framework for a negative relationship between education and the age at marriage. As educated and young brides are more desirable in the marriage market, educated women are cleared from the marriage market before less educated women. Further, we find that an increase in education leads to a stable match. Finally, we check if the effect of education on age at marriage varies by the availability of an outside option in the labor market. Our results indicate that educated women in high wage districts on an average marry later than the low wage

districts. A 100 rupee increase in women's wages (25 percent of weekly income) leads to a delay in the age at marriage for educated women by 0.1 years.

WORKING PAPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Network Size and Temporary Migration</i> In this paper, I study the impact of network size on temporary migration. I find that there is a decrease in temporary migration in highly-endowed upper caste networks and an increase in temporary migration for the low-endowed lower caste networks. Further, I investigate the economic mechanisms using exogenous variation in network income due to negative rainfall shock. I show that an increase in the network size reduces the credit constraints of the low-endowment lower caste households via the income of the network. • <i>Micro-credit to women and temporary migration</i> This paper measures the impact of reducing credit market imperfections at the place of origin by providing loans to female members of the migrant household. I use a unique dataset provided by Shram Sarathi, a credit organisation in Rajasthan, India. Using an instrumental variable approach this paper finds a positive impact of loans to female members of a migrant household on the household well being indicators such as consumption, livestock holding, asset holding, and savings. There exist heterogeneous effects depending on the household asset holding and migrant duration type.
WORK IN PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Criminally accused politician and crime against women: Evidence from India (with Souparna Maji)</i> • <i>Candidate selection and political representation: Impact of large scale education program (with Souparna Maji)</i>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Macroeconomics (2017, 2021) • Introduction to Macroeconomics (2017, 2021) • Mathematics I (2020) • Microeconomics I (2018, 2021) • Introduction to Microeconomics (2018)
CONFERENCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual meeting of Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (SSES), Geneva, June 13-14 2019. (Presented) • Eleventh Summer School in Development Economics (SSDEV), Prof. Martina Bjorkman, Prof. Erwin Bulte, Prof. Dilip Mookherjee, Prof. Andrew F. Newman, Prof. Alessandro Cigno, Dr. Rajesh Ramachandran, June 18-20 2019, Prato, Italy. (Presented)
WORKSHOPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Topics in Structural Methods</i>, Prof. Aureo De Paulo (University College London), at University of Geneva, Switzerland, 2017. • <i>Treatment Effects</i>, Prof. Jeffrey Wooldridge (University of California, San Diego), at University of Geneva, November 14-16, 2018. • <i>Big Data Econometrics</i>, Prof. Matthew Harding (University of California Irvine), at University of Geneva, May 20-22, 2019.

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