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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Development Economics, Inequality, Public Economics, Political Economy, Applied Microeconomics	
EDUCATION	THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	
	Ph.D. in Economics	
	Advisors: Siwan Anderson, Patrick Francois, Matt Lowe	2020–2026
	THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	
	M.A. in Economics	2019–2020
	UNIVERSITY OF DELHI	
	B.A. Economics, Honors	2013–2016
JOB MARKET PAPER	“Land for Opportunity? Deprivation and Intergenerational Mobility in Rural India” (with Pulak Ghosh) We study how inequality in land wealth inhibits educational mobility in rural India. Using full-count rural census microdata, mobility exhibits a clear step-function across the land distribution—rising sharply from the landless to marginal holders, then flattening. Leveraging historical variation in British-era land-tenure regimes, we show that greater landlessness causally lowers mobility. A model—combining subsistence constraints, dynamic complementarities in schooling, child labour trade-offs over the life cycle, and concavity in returns to land—endogenously generates the step and explains cross-state heterogeneity. The study provides the first census-based causal evidence on the inequality-mobility relationship, with clear mechanisms in a developing setting.	
WORKING PAPERS	“Redistribution and Human Capital; A Structural Approach”	
	“Elite Control and the Political Economy of Development” (with Aditi Singh and Pulak Ghosh).	
	“Protests, Prosociality and Public Goods- Evidence from India’s Farmers Protest”	
WORK IN PROGRESS	“Credit Expansion and Firm Dynamics” (with Anubhav Jha).	
	“The Land-Mobility Atlas”	
AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS	UBC Stone Center on Wealth and Income Inequality, PhD Fellow	2025–2026
	UBC Graduate Fellowship	2020–2025
	Vancouver School of Economics — First-Year Ph.D. Fellowship	2020–2021
	UBC Presidents Academic Excellence Award	2020–2026
	UBC International Student Tuition Award	2020–2026

PAST EMPLOY- MENT	THE ECONOMIST GROUP Business Analyst, Economics Intelligence Unit	May 2018- June 2019
	McKINSEY & COMPANY Research Analyst, McKinsey Global Institute	June 2016-May 2018
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	Conferences & Seminars 2025 IPEA-Brasilia, University of Chicago Stone Center, LSE Inequalities Institute, Conference on Socio-economic Inequality	
	Referee Service <i>Journal of Development Economics.</i>	
TEACHING	University of British Columbia	
	Teaching Assistant: Intermediate Microeconomics, Macroeconomics (Honours); In- termediate Econometrics, Resource Economics	2020-2025
PERSONAL	Languages: English (Native), Hindi (Native) Citizenship: India	
SKILLS	R, Stata, Python, Julia, ArcGIS	