

# Vijayshree Jayaraman

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## Education

M.A. Economics (Development and Policy), Azim Premji University 8.5/10 2022 – 2024.  
B.A. (Hons) Economics, Minor in Education, Azim Premji University 8.7/10 2019 – 2022.

## Employment

Center for Advanced Financial Research and Learning June 2024 – Present.  
Research Associate. Supervisor: Dr. Vidhya Soundararajan.  
Working on research projects in labor economics, development economics, and financial inclusion.

Frontline Impact Jan 2023 – Dec 2023.  
Research Associate Consultant. Supervisor: Dr. Kabira Namit Kapoor, University of Oxford.  
Supported impact evaluations of teaching programs across Sub-Saharan Africa; conducted data cleaning, analysis, and visualization.

Azim Premji Foundation Aug 2022 – Nov 2022.  
Student Research Assistant.  
Assisted in survey design and data analysis for *Tracking Recovery of Learning Loss Across States*.

## Publications and Writing

### WORKING PAPERS

1. Jayaraman, V. (2023). [The Unhappy Marriage of Women's Work and Spousal Violence in India](#). *Center for Sustainable Employment*.  
Presented at OP Jindal Undergraduate Research Conference (2022).
2. Is Gender Parity Costly? Evidence from Rural Local Body Elections.  
Examines the causal effect of electing female Gram Panchayat presidents on public employment provision in Tamil Nadu, India  
Presentation at Indian Society of Labour Economics (forthcoming).

### OTHER WRITING

1. Jayaraman, V. and D'Costa, C. (2024). Looking for Love in Gary Becker. Presented at International Conference on History of Economic Thought.

2. Jayaraman, V. (2023). [The Nobel in economics as a need to course correct.](#) *The Hindu*. November 16.
3. Jayaraman, V. and Moharir, A. (2024). [Funding freeze brings MGNREGS to a standstill in West Bengal.](#) *The Hindu*. October 31.
4. Soundararajan, V. and Jayaraman, V. (2025). [It's time for a holistic strategy to foster women's entrepreneurship.](#) *Mint*. July 22.

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. Teaching an Economic Model of Segregation: Evidence, Best Responses, an In-Class Activity, and a Critical Reflection, with *Simon Halliday* (Johns Hopkins University) and *Priyanshi Tripathi*.
2. Does Caste Network Precede Migration for Indentured Labour? Evidence from South Africa, with *Tamoghna Halder* (Azim Premji University).
3. Do Women Leaders Improve Credit Access in Rural India? with *Vidhya Soundararajan* (CAFRAL).

## Skills

Stata, R, Python, LaTeX

KoboToolbox, SurveyCTO, Tableau, Google Looker

English, Tamil (native), Hindi

Manage Successful Field Research (DIME, World Bank, 2023)

Data Analysis & Typesetting

Survey & Visualization

Languages

Certifications