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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Sewanee: The University of the South, July 2020 onward

Lecturer, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland, College Park, January 2019 - May 2020

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst, May 2020

M.Sc. in Development Studies (Merit), London School of Economics and Political Science (London, United Kingdom), November 2011

B.A. (Honors) in Economics (First Division), University of Delhi (New Delhi, India), July 2009

DISSERTATION

Title: “Three Essays on the Role of Institutions in Indian Agriculture”

Committee: Deepankar Basu (Chair), James Boyce, Michael Ash, and Lynnette Sievert

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Development Economics, Applied Econometrics and Political Economy

PUBLICATIONS

“Does Historical Land Inequality Attenuate the Positive Impact of India’s Employment Guarantee Program?,” *World Development* 124 (2019): 104662. [[link](#)]

“Farmer Suicides in India: Levels and Trends Across Major States, 1995-2011” (with Deepankar Basu and Debaarshi Das), *Economic & Political Weekly* 51.21 (2016): 61. [[link](#)]

“BJP’s Youth Vote Dividend” (with Deepankar Basu), *Economic & Political Weekly* 50.3 (2015): 69. [[link](#)]

“No Employment without Participation: An Evaluation of India’s Employment Program in Eastern Uttar Pradesh,” University of Massachusetts Amherst Economics Working Papers (2019), (*Under review*). [[link](#)]

“Accumulation by Dispossession and Electoral Democracies: An Analysis of Land Acquisition for Special Economic Zones in India” (2019). University of Massachusetts Amherst Economics Working Papers. 274. [\[link\]](#)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Land Acquisition and Rural Labor Markets: Evidence from Special Economic Zones in India”

“Impact of Pollution on Informal Labor Markets in India” (with Uttara Balakrishnan)

“Partition, Trust and Communal Polarization: Historical Determinants of Growth Disparities between Indian States” (with Uttara Balakrishnan)

“The Role of Land Based Social Networks in Agrarian productivity: The Case of Kenya” (with Mwangi wa Githinji), University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.

“Re-conceptualizing the Conflict of Kashmir: A Case of Competitive Militarization” (with Danish Khan), University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sewanee: The University of the South (Fall 2020 onward)

Introduction to Microeconomics. Fall 2020

Development Economics. Spring 2021

University of Maryland, College Park (Spring 2019 - Spring 2020)

World Hunger, Population, and Food Supplies. University of Maryland, College Park. Spring 2019 - Spring 2020

Applied Intermediate Microeconomics. University of Maryland, College Park. Spring 2020

University of Massachusetts Amherst (Fall 2013 - Fall 2018)

Course Development Development: History, Theory and Policy. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Fall 2015

Empirical Methods in Labor Economics (Graduate Course). University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Spring 2018

Intermediate Macroeconomics. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Spring 2015

Political Economy of Environment. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Fall 2015

Introduction to Macroeconomics. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Fall 2014, Spring 2016

Introduction to Microeconomics. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Fall 2013, Spring 2016

The Great Recession 2008 - ?. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Spring 2015 (*online course*)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant. Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER). New Delhi, India. Conducted research for the project 'Climate Change and the Economic Competitiveness of Cities: Making the Business Case for Adaptation' funded by the Rockefeller Foundation. Also conducted field research for the project 'Preparing India for the Urban Challenges of the 21st Century', funded by the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India, June 2012 - July 2013

Research Assistant. Centre for Civil Society New Delhi, India. Conducted research and analysis of the RTE State Rules across all states of India and prepared an online portal of state-level rules and guidelines for low cost private schools, December 2011 - May 2012

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Dissertation Research: Mirzapur, India. Conducted 950 primary household surveys to assess the impact of rural institutions on the functioning of employment guarantee programs. Formed, trained and led a team of 7 surveyors, September 2016 - March 2017

Centre for Civil Society, New Delhi, India - Conducted primary research to assess the cost incurred by low-cost private Schools in implementing the Right to Education (RTE) Act, March 2012

Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL), New Delhi, India - Coordinated 350 surveys of the Resident Welfare Associations (RWA) across Delhi for a research study headed by Drs. Abhijit Banerji and Rohini Pande. Supervised fifteen surveyors, organized monitoring, data scrutiny and other back check activities, June 2010

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Dissertation Fellowship, Political Economy Research Institute (PERI), University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2017-2018

Soloman Barkins Award, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2017

Dissertation Research Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS), 2016-2017

Course Development Grant, College of Social and Behavioral Science Online Fellows Program, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2015

Teaching Assistant Recognition, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2015

Chair's Research Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2015

Graduate Support Scheme Scholarship, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK, 2010

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The Farmers Left Behind: Evidence from Special Economic Zones in India"

- Midwest International Economic Development Conference in West Lafayette, Indiana, April 2020

- The New School – University of Massachusetts Economics Graduate Student Workshop, New York, November 2019
- International Conference on Public Policy, Montreal, June 2019
- Young Scholars Initiative, North America Convening, Los Angeles, February 2019

“Is India’s Employment Guarantee Program Successfully Challenging Her Historical Inequalities?”

- Population Association of America, Denver, CO, April 2018
- Indian Statistical Institute Conference, New Delhi, India, December 2017
- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Econometrics Group, Texas A&M, October 2017
- The New School – University of Massachusetts Economics Graduate Student Workshop, New York, October 2017
- American Institute of India Studies, Junior Fellows Annual Conference, University of Chicago Center, New Delhi, India, January 2017
- Delhi School of Economics Winter Conference, New Delhi, India, December 2016
- Eastern Economic Conference, Washington DC, USA, February 2016
- Azim Premji University Bangalore, India 2015

“The Role of Land Based Social Networks in Agrarian Productivity: The Case of Kenya”

- Eastern Economic Association New York, USA, February 2015
- Critical Agrarian Studies Group, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2014

“Re-Conceptualizing the Conflict of Kashmir: A Case of Competitive Militarization”

- South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2015

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Is India’s Employment Guarantee Program Successfully Challenging Her Historical Inequalities?,” History and Development Workshop, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, November 2017

“Heterogeneous Wage Impact of MGNREGS in India: Are Winners Historically Determined?,” Department of Ambedkar Studies, Baba Sahab Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, June 2017

POPULAR WRITING

“[Limited Liability. . . But only for limited few](#)”, London School of Economics International Development Blog, March 18, 2016

“[An Ethical Theory in the Time of Loan-Waivers](#)”, January 2019

“[A Day of Political Protests in Pakistan: Lessons for the Opposition in India](#)”, August 2019

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Statistical Software: Stata, R, Matlab, ArcGIS

Languages: English (fluent), Hindi (fluent)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for World Development

REFERENCES

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