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RESEARCH FIELDS

Health Economics, Labor Economics, Development Economics.

WORK EXPERIENCE/ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

Assistant Professor, Economics, Ashoka University (August 2015-present)
Fellow, Global Labor Organization (2018-)
Evaluation Specialist, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) March-July 2015
Fred H. Bixby Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Council, July 2013- Feb 2015
Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, Riverside, 2013

PUBLICATIONS

- ["Class or caste? A study on the role of caste and wealth status in school choice decision"](#) (with Sukanta Bhattacharya, Kumarjit Mandal and Anirban Mukherjee), *Review of Development Economics*, 2020
- [Systematic Measurement Error in Self-Reported Health: Is Anchoring Vignettes the way?](#) *IZA Journal of Development and Migration*, June 2018.
- [Can the Major Public Works Program in India Serve as Buffer against Negative Shocks? Evidence from Andhra Pradesh, India](#), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 2017, Volume 65, Number 4.
- [Service utilization and cost of implementing a comprehensive HIV prevention and care program among people who inject drugs in Delhi, India](#), *Harm Reduction Journal*, 2017 (with Mary Philip Sebastian, Lopamudra Ray Saraswati, Asha Singh, Vartika Sharma, Ira Madan, Waimar Tun, Julie Pulerwitz, Ibou Thior, and Avina Sarna)
- [Understanding the Intergenerational Transmission of Human Capital: Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment in China](#) (with Dong Zhou), *Review of Development Economics*, 2016.

SELECT WORKING PAPERS

- The Short and Long-Term Effects of Early Life Exposure to Cow Slaughter Bans (with Farhan Majid and Wafa Orman Hakim)
- Disease environment, infant mortality and fertility response: Evidence from malaria eradication in India (with Shampa Bhattacharjee)
- Preferences or expectations: Understanding the gender gap in major choice (with Anisha Sharma)
- Identity and Learning: a study on the effect of student teacher gender interaction on student's learning (with Sukanta Bhattacharya, Kumarjit Mandal and Anirban Mukherjee)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Azim Premji University Grant: Declining Female Labour Force Participation in India (2018)
- Azim Premji University Grant: Crop Residue Burning(CRB) and child health (2018)
- CMGGA, Ashoka University on Examining Teacher transfer drive in Haryana on Pupil Teacher Ratio and Learning Outcomes (2018)
- The Centre for Social and Behaviour Change Research Grant (CSBC) on Understanding declining child sex-ratio and the role of communication programs in India(2017)
- Privatisation in Education Research Initiative, University of Oxford research grant on School Quality, School Choice and Educational Outcome, External consultant May 2014-March 2015

POPULAR PRESS/ POLICY WRITING

- [INDIA: Surmounting the economic challenges of COVID-19](#). Counterpoint, Arthur D. Little's Report (with Ashwini Deshpande and Anisha Sharma), May 2020.
- [The Coronavirus Pandemic: Are we ready for the long haul?](#) Ashoka University Policy Brief No. 1. Also published in [Ideas for India](#), [The Wire](#) and [Scroll](#). (With Abhinash Borah, Sabyasachi Das, Ashwini Deshpande, Kanika Mahajan, Bharat Ramaswami, Anuradha Saha and Anisha Sharma), April 2020.
- [Child health, fertility, and sex ratio: India vs. Bangladesh](#), Ideas for India, 2018
- [So that Mothers Can Work](#), The Indian Express, September 2, 2016
- [Self-reported health data: Issues and solutions](#) ,Ideas for India, 2016
- [Nutrition for kids:Why Early Investment Matters](#),[The Indian Express](#), 2015
- [Can MNREGA Buffer Negative Shocks in Early Childhood?](#) Ideas for India, 2014

TEACHING

MA Health Economics(Monsoon 2020, 2018), UG Health Economics (Monsoon Semester 2020,2018, 2017), MA Development Economics (Spring 2019, 2018), MA Dissertation supervision (2019); Introduction to Economics (Spring 2019); UG Dissertation supervision [Spring 2017 (Supervised 14 students.); Spring 2018 (8 supervisees)] ,Statistics for Economics (Monsoon Semester 2015, 2016),UG Development Economics (Monsoon 2016) ,Foundations of Economic Reasoning (Spring 2016, 2017, Monsoon 2017) ,Mathematics Bridge Course for Economics (Monsoon 2015) ,Microeconomics for PPE (Spring 2016).

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS

- Research seminar at Indian Institute of Management Kolkata ,27 September 2019
- Research seminar at Institute of Economic Growth, 16 August 2019
- Research Seminar at Centre For Development Economics and Sustainability, Monash University, 11 June 2018
- Research Seminar at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, May 2018
- [International Economic Association, World Congress](#), Mexico, June 19-23 2017
- [Annual International Conference of the Research Group on Development Economics, University of Göttingen](#), June1-2,2017
- Building Capacity to use Research Evidence (BCURE), Harvard Kennedy School, Feb 2016
 - [Transparency and Reproducibility Methods for Social Science Research](#), UC Berkeley, 2015
 - [9th IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development](#), June 25-26, Peru

- 2014
- [18th International Economic Association World Congress, Jordan, June 6-10,2014](#)
 - [Inequalities in Children's Outcomes in Developing Countries, University of Oxford, 2013](#)
 - [Pacific Conference for Development Economics \(PacDev\),SFSU, March 9, 2013](#)
 - [Health Economics in Developing Countries: CSWEP, AEA Meetings, San Diego, Jan 5, 2013](#)

REFeree ACTIVITY

American Journal of Agricultural Economics; Chronic Poverty Research Centre; Environment and Development Economics; European Journal of Social Sciences; Health Systems Research Initiative Grant; Indian Growth and Development Review; Review of Income and Wealth, Social Science and Medicine; Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare; South African Journal of Economics; World Development.

LANGUAGES

English(fluent), Bengali (native),Hindi(proficient)