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RESEARCH FIELDS

Development Economics, Health Economics, Labor Economics.

WORK EXPERIENCE/ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

Assistant Professor, Economics, Ashoka University (August 2016-present)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Economics, Ashoka University (August 2015-July 2016)

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 (ECONOMICS)

- [The nutritional cost of beef bans in India](#) (with Farhan Majid and Wafa Hakim Orman), *Journal of Development Economics*, 2023
- [Disease Eradication, Infant Mortality, and Fertility Response: Evidence from Malaria Eradication in India](#) (with Shampa Bhattacharjee), *The Journal of Development Studies*, 2022
- [Unintended consequences of Indian groundwater preservation law on crop residue burning](#) (with Meghna Agarwala and Shampa Bhattacharjee), *Economics Letters*, 2022
- [Preferences or expectations: Understanding the gender gap in major choice](#) (with Anisha Sharma), *Oxford Economic Papers*, 2022
- [Identity and learning: A study on the effect of student-teacher gender matching on learning outcomes](#) (with Sukanta Bhattacharya, Kumarjit Mandal and Anirban Mukherjee), *Research in Economics*, 2021
- [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*, 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
- [Understanding the Intergenerational Transmission of Human Capital: Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment in China](#) (with Dong Zhou), *Review of Development Economics*, 2016

PUBLICATIONS (REVIEW ARTICLES/ BOOK CHAPTERS)

- [Gender-Based Discrimination in Health: Evidence From Cross-Country](#), *Handbook of Economics of Discrimination and Affirmative Action*, Springer, 2022
- [Missing women: A review of underlying causes and policy responses](#) (with Anisha Sharma), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance*, Oxford University Press, 2022

PUBLICATIONS (HEALTH POLICY)

- [Infections Averted by a Comprehensive HIV Prevention Intervention and its Cost-effectiveness: A Prospective Cohort Study of Persons Who Inject Drugs in Delhi, India](#) (with Lopamudra Ray Saraswati, Indrani Gupta, Julie Pulerwitz, Avina Sarna), *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, 2023
- [Service utilization and cost of implementing a comprehensive HIV prevention and care program among people who inject drugs in Delhi, India](#) (with Mary Philip Sebastian, Lopamudra Ray Saraswati, Asha Singh, Vartika Sharma, Ira Madan, Waimar Tun, Julie Pulerwitz, Ibou Thior, and Avina Sarna), *Harm Reduction Journal*, 2017

SELECT WORKING PAPERS

- How does a ban on sex-selective abortions affect child health? (with Anisha Sharma) [Revise and Resubmit, *Health Economics*]
- Shifting gendered social norms: Impact of a mass media campaign on child health in India (with Anisha Sharma) [Revise and Resubmit, *The Journal of Development Studies*]
- Religious Institutions and Gendered Time Use: Evidence from Ramadan Festivities in India (with Ashokankur Datta) [Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Population Economics*]
- Road Access, Fertility and Child Health in Rural India (with Anahita Karandikar and Devvrat Raghav) [Revise and Resubmit, *Population and Development Review*]
- Gender-Gap in Learning Outcomes under Rainfall Shocks: The Role of Gender Norms (with Anahita Karandikar)
- Are Gender Norms Systematic to Caste Institutions? Examining Preferences around Female Work Participation in North Indian Villages (with Ashokankur Datta) [under review]
- Electoral Cycles in Crop Residue Burning: Evidence from India (with Meghna Agarwala and Shampa Bhattacharjee)
- Effect of Teacher Transfers on Student Learning: Evidence from Haryana (with Akanksha Aggarwal and Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Department of Economics Grant, Ashoka University, “Labour saving agricultural mechanisation and its impact of the ‘non-labour’ time allocation of Indian women” (2021)
- 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

TEACHING

- Health Economics (Monsoon 2022, 2021, 2020, 2018, 2017)
- Advanced Topics in Health Economics (Monsoon 2021,2020,2018)
- Economy, Politics and Society [Foundation Course] (Spring 2022)
- Introduction to Economics (Spring 2019, 2020,2021, 2023)
- MA Development Economics (Spring 2022, 2019, 2018)
- Statistics for Economics (Monsoon Semester 2015, 2016)
- Undergraduate Development Economics (Monsoon 2016)
- Foundations of Economic Reasoning (Spring 2016, 2017, Monsoon 2017)
- Microeconomics for PPE (Spring 2016)
- Mathematics Bridge Course for Economics (Monsoon 2015)

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

MA Dissertation supervision (2022, 2021,2019)

Ashoka Scholars Programme (ASP) Thesis supervision (2022,2021,2020)

UG Dissertation supervision (Spring 2018, Spring 2017)

POPULAR PRESS/ POLICY WRITING

- [The perils of tackling skewed sex ratios through a crackdown on sex-selective abortions](#) - CEDA Data Narrative, Centre for Economic Data and Policy Jan 2021 (with Anisha Sharma)
- [Preferences or expectations? Understanding the gender gap in choice of college majors](#), with Anisha Sharma, Ideas for India, October 2020
- [INDIA: Surmounting the economic challenges of COVID-19](#). Counterpoint, Arthur D. Little’s Report (with Ashwini Deshpande and Anisha Sharma), May 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

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS

- 17th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, 20-22nd Dec 2022
- IEA WB UNDP Conference on Gender and Climate Nexus, 15 Nov 2022
- 16th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, 2021
- Women in the Economy Workshop, IWWAGE and ISI Delhi, 11-13th March 2021
- Essen Health Conference, 3rd October 2020
- 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, 2013
- Health Economics in Developing Countries: CSWEP, AEA Meetings, San Diego, Jan 5, 2013

REFEREE ACTIVITY

American Journal of Agricultural Economics; Arthaniti- Journal of Economic Theory and Practice; BMC Public Health; Chronic Poverty Research Centre; Climate Change; Economic Modelling; Economics of Education Review; Environment and Development Economics; European Journal of Social Sciences; Health Economics; Health Systems Research Initiative Grant; Indian Growth and Development Review; Indian Journal of Human Development; Journal of Applied Economics; Journal of Asian Economics; Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics; Journal of Comparative Economics; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Population Economics; Journal of Public Economics; PLOS One; Research Policy; Review of Development Economics; Review of Income and Wealth; Sage Open; Scientific Reports; Social Science and Medicine; Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare; South African Journal of Economics; World Development.