

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Positions Held

Post Doctoral Research Fellow, AIFMRM, University of Cape Town (August 2016 -)

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, The Pennsylvania State University, USA, 2016

Thesis: "Essays in Applied Microeconomics"

M.A. in Economics, Delhi School of Economics, India, 2009

B.A. in Mathematics, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, India, 2007

Fields

Microeconomics (theory and empirical), Industrial Organization, Development Economics

Research

Papers Under Review

What's in a Name? Reputation and Monitoring in the Audit Market (*with Somdutta Basu*)

Signalling, Reputation and Spinoffs (*Revise and Resubmit requested by the Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*)

Ethnic Conflicts with Informed Agents: A Cheap Talk Game with Multiple Audiences and Private Signals (*with Pathikrit Basu & Souvik Dutta*)

Work in Progress

Empirical

Returns to English Speaking Ability in India

Self Help Groups: Evidence from India (*with Abhirup Sarkar & Souvik Dutta*)

Informal Contacts in Hiring: The Case of the Economics Job Market (*with Michael Rose*)

Theory

The Impact of Spinoffs on Parent firms

Regulations (*with Co-Pierre Georg*)

Unsolicited Credit Ratings (*with Priyanka Sharma*)

Teaching Experience

Instructor at The Pennsylvania State University

Econ 104 - Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy, 2015

Teaching Assistant at The Pennsylvania State University

Econ 102 - Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy, 2014

Econ 471 - Growth and Development, 2013

Professional Activities

Conference Presentations

32nd Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, University of Lisbon, 2017

44th Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics, Maastricht University, 2017

Midwest Economic Theory Meetings, Purdue University, Krannert School of Management, 2016

10th Economics Graduate Student Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, 2015

Midwest Economic Theory Meetings, The Pennsylvania State University, 2015

Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, University of Minnesota, 2014

1st Prospects in Economic Research Conference, The Pennsylvania State University, 2012

Visiting Scholar

University of Bielefeld, Germany (June 2009 - November 2009)

Internship

ICICI Bank, Mumbai, India (Summer 2008)

Scholarships & Awards

Research Assistant at The Pennsylvania State University (2010 - 2016)

Smt. Shanti Sharma Memorial Scholarship. Awarded by the Delhi School of Economics in the year 2007 and 2008

Department of Mathematics prize. Awarded by St. Stephen's College, Delhi University (2007)

Suresh Lal Bhandari Memorial prize for good record in studies and sports. Awarded by St. Stephen's College, Delhi University (2007)

Language Skills

English (fluent), Hindi (native)

Computer Skills

Matlab, Stata, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office Packages

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