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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate University of Barcelona	<i>2020 - Present</i>
Models and Methods of Quantitative Economics (QEM) Universite Paris I Pantheon Sorbonne (Year 1) IDEA Graduate Program, UAB (Year 2) Thesis: "Ethnic Voting and Criminal Politicians: Theory and Evidence from India"	<i>2018 - 2020</i>
Masters in International Economics and Finance (Advanced) University of Queensland Thesis: "Export-Led Growth Theory: A Bounds Testing Approach"	<i>2013 - 2015</i>
Bachelors of Arts in Economics Michigan State University	<i>2007 - 2011</i>

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Country Economist <i>India-Bihar Program, International Growth Center (IGC)</i> <i>London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)</i>	<i>2016-2018</i>
Research Associate <i>Digital Greens Project</i> <i>Principal Investigators: Dean Karlan, Kentaro Toyama, Katya Vasilaky and Tushi Baul</i> <i>Abdul Latif Jamil Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Volunteer, Bihar Public Schools	2016-2018
Teaching Assistant, University of Queensland	2014-2015
Teaching Fellow, Teach for India	2012-2013
Research Analyst, Mutual Profitable Asset (MPA Ltd.)	2011-2012

PUBLISHED AND WORKING PAPERS

“Export-Led Growth in India: A Bounds Testing Approach” (with Temesgen Kifle and Bryan Morgan). *The Journal of Developing Areas*, Volume 52, Number 1, Winter 2018.

“Food Security and Child Nutrition in Bihar” (with IGC). Working Paper September 2018.

“Low Literacy amongst the Muslim Youth in Bihar” (with ADRI). Working Paper IGC and ADRI , January 2018.

”Improving Smallholder Agriculture via Video-Based Group Extension” (with Dean Karlan, Kentaro Toyama, Kathryn Vasilaky, Tushi Baul and Mohak Mangal). JPAL Working Paper, 2014.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

FI Doctoral Scholarship (2021-2024), Agència de Gestió d’Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (AGAUR)
Consortium Scholarship (2018-2020), QEM program, Universite Paris I Pantheon Sorbonne
Best Postgraduate Thesis Award (2015): Business and Economics Department, University of Queensland.

Best Undergraduate Thesis Award (2011), Economics Department, Michigan State University.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

IV PhD Workshop on Empirical Political Science, Barcelona Spain, July 2021

IDEA Graduate Program Workshop, Barcelona Spain, January 2020

Dissemination Workshop: Is Bihar the New Poster Boy for PDS Reforms, Bihar India, January 2018

IGC-Gates Foundation India Programme Launch, Bihar India, December 2018

Workshop on The Political Effects of Programmatic Development Policy: Can Bihar Break the Clientist Trap? Bihar India, August 2018

Workshop on the Impact of Community Mobilisation on Land Rights Governance, Bihar India, July, 2018

6th West Bengal Growth Conference, Kolkata India, December 2016

SKILLS

Technical Skills

Stata, Matlab, Python, R, Eviews, LaTeX

Languages

English(Native), Hindi(Native), Bengali(Native)