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## Academic Position

Associate Professor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O. P. Jindal Global University	2022 – present
Assistant Professor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O. P. Jindal Global University	2018 – 2022
Instructor, Department of Economics, Southern Methodist University, TX, United States	2016
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University	2009 - 2012

## Education

Ph.D., Economics, Southern Methodist University, TX, United States <i>Dissertation: “Empirical Essays in Development Economics”</i>	May, 2018
M.A., Economics, Southern Methodist University, TX, United States	2014
M.A., Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India ( <i>First Class, Distinction</i> )	2009
B.A., Economics, Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University, New Delhi, India ( <i>First Class, Distinction</i> )	2007

## Research Fields

Applied Microeconometrics, Economics of the Household, Economics of Education, Economics of Gender, Labour Economics

## Academic Research

### Publications

- (1) “Fertility targets: Linkages between desire for sons and sterilization in India”, with Mehreen Mookerjee and Sanket Roy, *Applied Economics*, 2022, (*forthcoming*).
- (2) “[Hunger and Health: Reexamining the Impact of Household Food Insecurity on Child and Adolescent Malnutrition in India](#)”, with [Punarjit Roychowdhury](#) and [Gaurav Dhamija](#), *Journal of Development Studies*, 2022, 1-28.
- (3) “[Gender gap in schooling: Is there a role for health insurance?](#)”, *Journal of International Development*, 2021, 1-26.
- (4) “[Who’s your neighbour? Social influences on domestic violence](#)”, with [Mehreen Mookerjee](#) and [Sanket Roy](#), *Journal of Development Studies*, 2021.
- (5) “[Spousal beliefs and intimate partner violence: Are women conditioned to internalize patriarchal norms?](#)”, with [Mehreen Mookerjee](#) and [Sanket Roy](#), *Economics Letters*, 2021, 202, 109811.
- (6) “[Do Online Courses Provide an Equal Educational Value Compared to In-Person Classroom Teaching? Evidence from US Survey Data using Quantile Regression](#)”, with [Mohammad Arshad Rahman](#), *Education Policy Analysis Archives*, 2021, Vol. 29, No. 85, 1-25

### Working Papers

- (1) “Spillover effects of family planning: Impact of contraceptive use on child malnutrition”, with Mehreen Mookerjee and Sanket Roy (*revise & resubmit*)
- (2) “Modeling and Analysis of Discrete Response Data: Applications to Public Opinion on Marijuana Legalization in the United States”, with Mohammad Arshad Rahman, Mohit Batham, and Soudeh Mirghasemi. (*Accepted to appear as a chapter in the book, ‘Selected Topics in Cross Section and Panel Data Econometrics’, edited by Deep Mukherjee.*)

- (3) “Does Increased Credibility of Elections Lead to Higher Political Competition? Evidence from India”, with Somdeep Chatterjee, Mehreen Mookerjee, Sanket Roy (*submitted*)
- (4) “The effect of quality of education on crime: Evidence from Colombia”, with Andres F. Giraldo Palomino (*submitted*)
- (5) “In good times and bad: Voice-call based teaching during a pandemic”, with Kartik Yadav (*submitted*)

### Work in Progress

- (1) “Women’s ownership and access: Effects on intra-household decisions”, with Mehreen Mookerjee
- (2) “Intra-household consumption decisions: Evidence from NREGA”
- (3) “Degrees of Inequality: Why are there fewer women in undergraduate economics”, with Priyanka Chakraborty

## Teaching Experience

2021-2022	<i>Instructor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O. P. Jindal Global University</i> Econometrics – I (Undergraduate core)
2020-2021	<i>Instructor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O. P. Jindal Global University</i> Econometrics – I (Masters core) Statistics (Masters core) Econometrics – II (Undergraduate core) Advanced Econometrics (Undergraduate elective)
2019-2020	<i>Instructor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O. P. Jindal Global University</i> Econometrics – II (Undergraduate core) Advanced Econometrics (Undergraduate elective) Statistics and Probability – II (Undergraduate core) Econometrics – I (Undergraduate core)
2018-19	<i>Instructor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O. P. Jindal Global University</i> Econometrics – I (Undergraduate core) Statistics and Probability -I (Undergraduate core)
2016	<i>Instructor, Department of Economics, Southern Methodist University</i> Price Theory (Undergraduate) New Approached to Managerial Economics (Masters)
2012-2016	<i>Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Southern Methodist University</i> Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics Honors, National Income and Employment (Intermediate Macroeconomics), International Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, Environmental Economics, Experimental and Behavioral Economics, Economics of Human Resources, Economic Analysis II (Macroeconomics), Introduction to Quantitative Economics (Ph.D.), Econometrics I (Ph.D.), Theory of International Trade and Factor Movements (Ph.D.)
2009-2012	<i>Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University, New Delhi</i> Macroeconomics (Undergraduate) Public Economics (Undergraduate) Economic History of India (Undergraduate) Principles of Economics (Undergraduate)

## Conference/Workshop Presentations

- 2021 The Society of Economics of the Household (SEHO), Boston Virtual Meeting, *May 24-25 (presented by co-author)*
- 2020 Population Association of America, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, *April 22-25*
- 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Meetings of the Society of Economics of the Household (SEHO), Lisbon, Portugal, *May 27-28*  
27<sup>th</sup> Eurasia Business and Economics Society (EBES) Conference, Bali, Indonesia, *Jan 9-11*
- 2018 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, The Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE 60), Mumbai, *Dec 19-21*  
Workshop on Education policy and Economics syllabi for secondary and higher secondary stage, NCERT, New Delhi, *Aug 29-31*  
APPAM 2018 D.C. Regional Student Conference, Washington DC, *April 6-7*
- 2017 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, *Dec 18-20*  
Winter School 2017, Centre for Development Economics and the Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi, *Dec 13-15*  
87<sup>th</sup> Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL, *Nov 17-19*  
39<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Research Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM), Chicago, IL, *Nov 2-4*
- 2016 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, *Dec 19-21*  
86<sup>th</sup> Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., *Nov 19-22*  
STATA Texas Empirical Microeconometrics Conference, Graduate Poster Session, Texas A&M, TX, *Oct 21*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Empirical Microeconomics Workshop, University of Calgary, Banff, Alberta Canada, *Aug 20-22*  
Graduate Research Day, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, *Feb 10*
- 2015 STATA Texas Empirical Microeconometrics Conference, Graduate Poster Session, Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas, TX, *Oct 30-31*

## Honors and Academic Distinctions

- 2021 **Excellence in Research and Publication**, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O. P. Jindal Global University
- 2018 & 2019 **Staff Development Grant**, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O. P. Jindal Global University
- 2016 & 2017 **Graduate Student Travel Grant**, Office of Research and Graduate Studies, Southern Methodist University
- 2016 & 2017 **Graduate Student Assembly Grant**, Southern Methodist University
- 2015 **Best Third Year Paper**, Department of Economics, Southern Methodist University, TX, United States
- 2014 **Honorable Mention Award**, SAS Data Mining Shootout (SAS and Institute for Health and Business Insight)
- 2013 **Omicron Delta Epsilon**, International Honor Society for Economics, United States
- 2012-2016 **Full Tuition Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship**, Department of Economics, Southern Methodist University, TX, United States
- 2008 **Junior Research Fellowship and National Eligibility Test (NET)** for college and university lectureship, University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, India
- 2007-2009 **Ford Foundation Scholarship for academic excellence**, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

## Research Positions

2021	<b>Independent evaluator</b> , Impact assessment for home based learning programme, ThinkZone, Odisha
2014	<b>Visiting Research Associate</b> , Institute for Human Development, New Delhi, India
2011	<b>Research Associate</b> - South Asia Regional Autumn School on 'Global Finance and Human Security in South Asia: A Gender Perspective'
2010-2011	<b>Research Assistant</b> to Dr. Rashmi Banga, UNCTAD-DFID-Ministry of Commerce, Government of India project on 'Strategies and preparedness for Trade and Globalization', chapter on sectoral impacts of trade on gender, wages and employment
2008	<b>Research Assistant</b> to Dr. Rashmi Banga - UNCTAD India, Project on "Implications of Trade on Gender Equality in India"

## Other Professional Experience

2020 – current	<b>Co-Editor, Jindal Journal of Public Policy</b> , Jindal School of Government and Public Policy (JSGP), O. P. Jindal Global University (JGU)
2019 – current	<b>Member</b> , Doctoral Committee, International Institute of Higher Education Research (IIHed), O. P. Jindal Global University (JGU)
2018– 2019	<b>Member</b> , B.A. (Hons) Economics Committee, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy (JSGP), O. P. Jindal Global University (JGU)
2014 – 2018	<b>Vice-President</b> , Graduate Economics Club, Southern Methodist University
2011	<b>Core Organizer</b> - South Asia Regional Autumn School, Lady Shri Ram College and Heinrich Böll Stiftung, New Delhi, India
2008	<b>Organizer</b> , UNCTAD India Conference, New Delhi, India, International conference on 'How are the Poor Affected by Trade'

## Computer Skills

Stata, Python, GIS, SAS Enterprise Miner, LyX, LaTeX, Microsoft Office

## Language

English (fluent), Hindi (native fluent), French (basic)

## References

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