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ACADEMIC POSITION

Assistant Professor of Economics, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) 2025-present
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Warwick 2024-2025

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Brown University 2018- 2024
• *Dissertation: "The Impact of Intra-Household Information Asymmetry on Labor Productivity and Other Essays on Development Economics"*
M.A. in Economics, Brown University 2017-2018
M.Sc. in Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science 2015-2017
B.A in International Relations, University of Southern California 2009-2013

RESEARCH FIELD

Primary field: Development Economics.
Secondary fields: Labor Economics, Gender, Behavioral/Experimental Economics

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK-IN-PROGRESS

The Impact of Intra-household Information Asymmetry on Labor Productivity: An Experimental Study in Cambodia (with Ruchi Mahadeshwar)
Outside Options and the Supply of Sex Work (with Ruchi Mahadeshwar)
Dissecting Piece-rate: Evidence from a natural field study in a Cambodian Garment Factory (with Ruchi Mahadeshwar)
How Does Education Shape Wellbeing? (with Sonia Bhalotra, Damian Clarke and Yuchen Lin)
Chinese Aid and Local Government Popularity

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Industrial Organization, undergraduate level, Brown University Spring, 2023
Teaching Assistant for Professor Manuel Lanchastre
Applied Research Methods for Economists, undergraduate level, Brown University Spring, 2021
Teaching Assistant for Professor Jesse Bruhn
Applied Research Methods for Economists, undergraduate level, Brown University Fall, 2020
Teaching Assistant for Professor Neil Thakral

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Brown University, Research Assistant for Professor Bryce Steinberg 2019-2020
London School of Economics and Political Science, Research Assistant for Professor Alwyn Young Summer, 2016
Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, Intern Analyst Summer, 2013

FELLOWSHIPS

Brown Univ. Watson Center Graduate Program in Development Fellowship 2019-2020
Brown Univ. Taubman Center Graduate Research Fellowship 2022

GRANTS

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Awards 2023
Brown Univ. PDBF Research Fund Award 2022
Brown Univ. Bravo Center Research Grant 2021
Brown Univ. Center for Contemporary South Asia Awards 2021
Brown Univ. Population Studies and Training Center Award 2021
Intl. Fdn. for Research in Experimental Economics Small Grant 2021
Brown Univ. Watson Center Summer Research Grant 2021