

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", PhD adviser - [Kalyan Chatterjee](#)
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 (models of asymmetric information, spinoffs, impact of regulatory changes on welfare), and Empirical (Development Economics and Networks)

Research

Publications

Signaling, Reputation and Spinoffs (*Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, May 2018, Volume 149, 88-105)

Working Papers

The Impact of a Spinoff on the Parent Firm: A Model of Double Adverse Selection with Correlated Types [**Theory paper**]

Moral Hazard in Regulations with Loopholes (*with Co-Pierre Georg*) [**Theory paper**]

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

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

Informal Contacts in Hiring: The Economics Job Market (*with Michael Rose*) [**Empirical paper**]

Work in Progress

Returns to English Speaking Ability in India [**Empirical paper**]

Social Insurance in Self Help Groups: A Generalized Propensity Score Approach (*with Abhirup Sarkar & Souvik Dutta*) [**Empirical paper**]

Unsolicited Credit Ratings (*with Priyanka Sharma*) [**Theory paper**]

Teaching Experience

Instructor

Econometrics, 2018 (Masters level). Instructor for one-third of the course at the University of Cape Town

Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy, 2015 (Undergraduate level) Instructor with full responsibility at The Pennsylvania State University

Teaching Assistant at The Pennsylvania State University

Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy, 2014 (Undergraduate level)

Growth and Development, 2013 (Undergraduate level)

Professional Activities

Conference Presentations

71st European Meeting of the Econometric Society, University of Cologne, 2018

XXXIII Jornadas de Economía Industrial, University of Barcelona, 2018

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)

Language Skills

English (fluent), Hindi (native)

Computer Skills

Matlab, Stata, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office Packages

References

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