

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Positions Held

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

## Education

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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

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Microeconomics - Theory and Empirical

## Research

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### *Publications*

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

### *Papers Under Review*

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

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

### *Work in Progress*

### ***Empirical***

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

Returns to English Speaking Ability in India

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

## ***Theory***

The Impact of Spinoffs on Parent firms

Moral Hazard in Regulations with Loopholes (*with Co-Pierre Georg*)

## **Teaching Experience**

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### *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**

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### *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

10<sup>th</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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**

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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

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English (fluent), Hindi (native)

## Computer Skills

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Matlab, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office Packages

## References

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