

# Suraj Shekhar | Résumé

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Date of Birth – September 22 1986, Gender – Male, Citizenship – Indian

## Positions Held

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Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Ashoka University (August 2019 - )

Post Doctoral Research Fellow, African Institute of Financial Markets and Risk Management (AIFMRM), University of Cape Town (August 2016 - June 2019)

## Education

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Ph.D. in Economics, The Pennsylvania State University, USA, 2016

*Thesis: "Essays in Applied Microeconomics"* PhD Committee - [Kalyan Chatterjee \(Chair\)](#), [Edward Green](#), [Kala Krishna](#), [Sona Golder](#)

M.A. in Economics, Delhi School of Economics, India, 2009

B.A. in Mathematics, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, India, 2007

## Fields of Specialization

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Microeconomics - Theory (models of asymmetric information, spinoffs, impact of regulatory changes on welfare), and Empirical (Development Economics and Social Networks)

## Research

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### Publications

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

Ethnic Conflicts with Informed Agents: A Cheap Talk Game with Multiple Audiences and Private Signals (*with Pathikrit Basu & Souvik Dutta*) (*Economics Letters*, November 2019, Volume 184, 108661)

### 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**]

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

## Professional Activities

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### Teaching Experience

Mathematics for Economics, 2020 (Undergraduate level), Ashoka University

Asymmetric Information Models, 2019 (Masters level), Ashoka University

Economics of Information, 2019 (Undergraduate level), Ashoka University

Econometrics, 2018 (Masters level), University of Cape Town

Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy, 2015 (Undergraduate level), The Pennsylvania State University

### Latest Conference Presentations

Delhi Winter School, Delhi School of Economics, 2019

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

### Visiting Scholar

University of Bielefeld, Germany (June 2009 - November 2009)

## Language Skills

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English (fluent), Hindi (native)

## Computer Skills

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Matlab, Stata

## References

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