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CURRENT POSITIONS

- Jan 2021- Professor & Head, Economics and Planning Unit,
Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Delhi
- Sep 2022- Head, Digital Platforms and Women's Economic Empowerment
(DPWEE)
LEAD at Krea University
- Jan 2025- Visiting Professor
National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER)

EDUCATION

- 2006 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 1999 M.A. in Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
- 1997 B.A. in Economics (with Honors), Lady Sri Ram College for Women,
University of Delhi

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- 2016-20 Associate Professor, Economics and Planning Unit
Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Delhi
- 2011-16 Assistant Professor, Economics and Planning Unit
Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Delhi
- 2010-11 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
- 2006-09 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Maxwell School of
Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University (NY)
- 2004-05 Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Michigan
- 2000-02 Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Michigan
- 1999-00 Research Assistant, National Council of Applied Economic Research

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

2025	<i>Her Research, Our Future</i> award conferred by Springer Nature in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)
2022	National Mahalanobis Memorial Medal conferred by the Indian Econometric Society for outstanding contributions by an economist below 45 years of age
2007-08	Appleby-Mosher Faculty Research Grant, Syracuse University
2007	Faculty Research Grant, Moynihan Institute, Syracuse University,
2005	Marshall Weinberg International Research Fellowship, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan
2005	Rackham Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan
2003-04	Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Population Council
2002-03	Hewlett Foundation Fellowship, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan
2002	Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Michigan
1999	Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, India

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

2022-	Associate Editor, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics
2021-	Associate Editor, Oxford Open Economics
2021-26	Member, Editorial Board, The Indian Journal of Labour Economics
2019-24	Member, Editorial Board 'Sarvekshana' - the official journal of the National Sample Survey Organization of India, Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation
2018-21	Academic Editor, PLoS One
2015-	Member, Editorial Board, Ideas for India (IGC-India Central blog)

ACADEMIC VISITS

2023 – 24	Visiting Professor, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto
April 2024	Kuznets Visitor, Economic Growth Center, Yale University
2021- 23	Visiting Senior Fellow, National University of Singapore, Department of Economics
Sept 2017	University of Texas-Dallas, Department of Economics
June 2017	University of New South Wales, Department of Economics
2014-15	Fellow, Centre for Finance and Development, The Graduate Institute, Geneva
2009-10	Visiting Faculty, Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

2026-	Research Advisory Board, Energy Insights and Innovation Lab (EIIIL)
2022-	Non-resident Fellow, Centre for Development Economics and Sustainability, Monash University
2021-23	Member, Steering Group, International Growth Centre, LSE-Oxford
2020-22	Lead Academic, International Growth Centre (India program)
2019-	Research Fellow, Environment for Development (EfD), University of Gothenburg
2019-21	Member, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population's (IUSSP) Panel on Population, Poverty and Inequality (PopPovIn)
2012-	Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labour (IZA), Bonn

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- (1) Social Networks, Gender Norms and Labor Supply: Experimental Evidence Using a Job Search Platform (with Amrita Dhillon, Sanchari Roy and Nikita Sangwan), conditionally accepted, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*

- (2) Women's Work, Social Norms and the Marriage Market (with Abhishek Arora, Diva Dhar and Kanika Mahajan), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 74(1): 141-179, October 2025.
- (3) Pathways to Jobs: Rethinking Employment Strategies in India (with Arjita Chandana, Janani Rangan and Jayanta Talukder), *India Policy Forum*, July 2025.
- (4) Electoral Competition, Electoral Uncertainty and Corruption: Theory and Evidence from India (with Sourav Bhattacharya, Amrita Dhillon and Eilon Solan), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Vol 227, November 2024.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2024.06.018>
- (5) What Determines Women's Labor Supply? The Role of Home Productivity and Social Norms (with Monisankar Bishnu and Kanika Mahajan), *Journal of Demographic Economics*, 90 (1): 55 – 87, February 2024.
- (6) The Ties that Bind Us: Social Networks and Productivity in the Factory (with Amrita Dhillon and Swati Sharma), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 218 (2024): 470 – 85, February 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2023.12.026>
- (7) Time for Clean Energy? Cleaner Fuels and Women's Time in Home Production (with Sisir Debnath, Taryn Dinkelman and Komal Sareen), *World Bank Economic Review*, 37(2): 283-304, May 2023.
- (8) The Gendered Crisis: Livelihoods and Well-being in India During Covid-19 (with Amrita Dhillon and Sanchari Roy), *Feminist Economics*, 29 (3): 40 – 74, July 2023.
- (9) Gender and Mechanization: Evidence from Indian Agriculture (with Monisankar Bishnu and Kanika Mahajan), *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 105 (1): 52-75, January 2023.
(Recipient of the Gender Research Award, EfD 2025)
- (10) Measuring Performance: Ranking State Success over Two Decades in India (with Amrita Dhillon, Arka Roy Chaudhuri and Saattvic), *Journal of Asian Economics*, Vol 83, December 2022.
- (11) The Gendered Effects of Droughts: Production Shocks and Labor Response in Agriculture (with Kanika Mahajan and Nikita Sangwan), *Labour Economics*, Vol 78, October 2022.
- (12) Employment Guaranteed? Social Protection During a Pandemic (with Kanika Mahajan and Nikita Sangwan), *Oxford Open Economics*, 1: 1-15, February 2022.
- (13) A Breath of Fresh Air: Raising Awareness for Clean Fuel Adoption (with Sisir Debnath and E. Somanathan), *Journal of Development Economics*, 151, June 2021.

- (14) Improving Learning Outcomes through Information Provision: Experimental Evidence from Indian Villages (with Bidisha Barooah and Rohini Somanathan), *Journal of Development Economics*, 146, September 2020.
- (15) Using Social Connections and Financial Incentives to Solve Coordination Failure: A Quasi-field Experiment in India's Manufacturing Sector (with Amrita Dhillon, Sherry Xin Li and Swati Sharma) *Journal of Development Economics*, 144, May 2020.
- (16) Designing Effective Transfers: Lessons from India's School Meal Program (with Bidisha Barooah and Rohini Somanathan), *Review of Development Economics*, 24(1): 45-61, February 2020.
- (17) Why Are Fewer Married Women Joining the Workforce in Rural India? A Decomposition Analysis over Two Decades (with Taryn Dinkelman and Kanika Mahajan), *Journal of Population Economics*, 31(3): 783-818, July 2018.
- (18) Women Political Leaders, Corruption and Learning: Evidence from a Large Public Program in India (with Vegard Iversen and M.R. Sharan), *Economic Development and Cultural Change* (lead article), 66 (1): 1-30, October 2017.
- (19) Female Labour Force Participation and Child Education in India: Evidence from the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. (with Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay and Soham Sahoo), *IZA Journal of Labor and Development*, April 2016.
- (20) Social Identity and Inequality: The Impact of China's Hukou System (with Sherry Xin Li and Yufei Ren) , *Journal of Public Economics*, 123: 17-29, March 2015.
- (21) Social Networks and Labour Productivity: A Survey of Recent Theory and Evidence (with Amrita Dhillon and Swati Sharma), *Indian Economic Review*, 2015, Vol L (1).
- (22) Social Audits and MGNREGA Delivery: Lessons from Andhra Pradesh (with Vegard Iversen) *India Policy Forum*, 2014.
- (23) The Impact of School Meals on School Participation in Rural India. *Journal of Development Studies* (Special Section on Impact Evaluations), 47(11): 1636-1656, November 2011.
- (24) Child Welfare Programs and Child Nutrition: Evidence from a Mandated School Meal Program. *Journal of Development Economics*, 92(2):152-165, July 2010. (Reprinted in Jha and Gaiha eds. 'The Economics of Food Security', The International Library of Critical Writings in Economics series Vol II, November 2016, Edward Elgar Publishing)
- (25) Women's Empowerment and the Goal of Parity Between the Sexes in Schooling in India. *Population Studies*, 64(2): 131-145, July 2010.

- (26) Can Community Monitoring Improve the Accountability of Public Officials?" *Economic and Political Weekly*, Mumbai, Vol. 43 (42), 2008.
- (27) Mid-day Meals in Two States: Comparing the Financial and Institutional Organization of the Program, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Mumbai, Vol. XL (15), 2005.

BOOK CHAPTERS, SPECIAL ISSUES AND REPORTS

- (1) Pathways to Jobs: A Review of India's Labour Reforms (with Chandna, Smruti, Talukder, & Thakur). IZA Working Paper 18824 and Working Paper, NCAER. May 2026
- (2) India's Employment Prospects: Pathways to Jobs, NCAER Report, December 2025.
- (3) The Landscape of Self-employment in India – Trends, Constraints and Policy Prescriptions, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics* (keynote at the Indian Society for Labor Economics Annual Conference), 2025, Vol 68(1): 23 – 44.
- (4) The Transition to Clean Energy – Liquidity, Information and Gender, *Revue d'Économie du Développement* (Keynote at ICDE - Papers & Proceedings), 2024 (32): 9 - 24.
- (5) Efficacy of Centralised and Decentralised Monitoring of Corruption in Developing Countries (with Amrita Dhillon, Arka Roy Chaudhuri and Dashleen Kaur) in Jean-Paul Fuguet and Sarmistha Pal (eds.) *Decentralised Governance: Crafting Effective Democracies Around the World*, LSE Press, 2023.
<https://doi.org/10.31389/lsepress.dlg>
- (6) Social Networks and the Labor Market (with Amrita Dhillon) in K. F. Zimmermann (ed.) *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*, Springer-Nature, 2022. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-57365-6_224-1
- (7) India Emerging from the Long Shadow of COVID-19 (with Sonalde Desai, Gautam Menon, Lant Pritchett and Renana Jhabvala) *India Policy Forum*, Vol 18(1): 181-189, 2022.
- (8) Governance and Public Service Delivery in India. IGC Synthesis Paper & IZA Discussion Paper 10856, 2017.
- (9) Educational Attainment and Learning in India, 2004-12 (with Bidisha Barooah) in Batabyal and Nijkamp ed. *Regional Growth and Sustainable Development in Asia*, Springer, January 2017.

- (10) Who Benefits from Public Sector Health Spending? Results of a Benefit Incidence Analysis for India, (with Ajay Mahal, Janmejay Singh, Vikram Lamba, V. Selvaraju and Anil Gumber) National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi & World Bank, Washington D.C. Report, 2002.

WORKING PAPERS

- (1) Informing the Job Search: A Field Experiment in an Urban Labor Market (with Nikita Sangwan and Soubhagya Sahoo) IZA Discussion Paper 18821, *under review*
- (2) Smart Skilling: Experimental Evidence on Vocational Training Design (with Tanu Gupta, Rachel Heath and Kanika Mahajan) IZA Discussion Paper 18272, *under review*
- (3) Timing the Transfer: Liquidity Constraints and the Transition to Clean Fuels (with Chris Ahlin, Prabhat Barnwal and Shreya Sarkar), (*older version* IZA Discussion Paper 17104), *under review*
- (4) Can Crises Affect Citizen Activism? Evidence from a Pandemic (with Ahana Basistha, Amrita Dhillon and Danila Serra), CAGE Working Paper 693, *Revise and Resubmit*
- (5) Activating Change: The Role of Information and Beliefs in Social Activism (with Ahana Basistha, Amrita Dhillon and Danila Serra), IZA Discussion Paper 16358, *under review*

Permanent Working Paper

- (1) Hunger and Performance in the Classroom (with Bidisha Barooah and Rohini Somanathan), IZA Discussion Paper 12627.

SELECT WORK-IN-PROGRESS

- (1) The Long-term Impact of Public Transfer Design on Consumption (with Prabhat Barnwal and Chrisma D'souza) *draft in-progress*
- (2) Fuelling Women's Work? A Field Experiment in Rural India (with Prabhat Barnwal and Taryn Dinkelman) *draft in-progress*
- (3) Labor Market Impacts of Automation and Augmentation in India (with Sugat Chaturvedi and Arjita Chandna) *in-progress*
- (4) From Jobs to Careers: Lifting Constraints to Women's Career Advancement in South Asia (with Vrinda V Chandra, Raymond Robertson, Danila Serra) *in the field*

- (5) The Cost of Staying Home: Intra-Household (Mis-)Beliefs and Women's Work Decisions in Pakistan (with Hamna Ahmed, Raymond Robertson, Danila Serra) *in the field*
- (6) The Household Dynamics of Digital Finance and Female Empowerment (with Siwan Anderson and Asad Islam) *in the field*

RECENT POLICY WRITING, PODCASTS & OTHER MEDIA

- 2026 Reforming India's vocational skilling ecosystem, [Ideas for India](#), 1 July
Symposium of India's New Labour Reforms, [Ideas for India](#), 1 May
In the workers' protests, a test of labour reforms, [Op-ed Indian Express](#), 16 April

Self-employment in India: Promoting entrepreneurship for quality job creation, [Ideas for India](#), 21 January
- 2025 New labour codes target job growth, but skill gap may limit impact, [Op-ed Economic Times](#), 31st December
India's small enterprises hold key to job growth, [Op-ed Indian Express](#), 10th December
Markets, marriage and norms: Understanding female labour force participation in India [VoxDev](#), 18th September
The skills check (with Arjita Chandna), [Op-ed, Indian Express](#), 22nd August
Raising the value of women's time for transition to clean fuels, [Ideas for India](#), 4th June
Ripples in the classroom, [Op-ed, Indian Express](#), 15th May
Labour at the center [Op-ed, Indian Express](#), 1st April
Mapping her work [Op-ed, Indian Express](#), 4th March
- 2024 How to make self-employment count [Op-ed, Indian Express](#), 11 December
What ghettoization has cost Indian Muslims [Op-ed, Indian Express](#), 14 July
Managing India's demographic transformation: In conversation with Sonalde Desai [Ideas for India](#), 3 July
Economic Growth Centre at Yale University podcast (with Kanika Mahajan) [Voices in Development Podcast](#), 18 May
India can unlock growth by boosting 'nari shakti', [Op-ed, Indian Express](#), 9 May
How LPG subsidy can be redesigned to privilege low-income households (with Prabhat Barnwal) [Op-ed, Indian Express](#), 24 February
- 2023 Claudia Goldin's Nobel Prize winning research [Ideas for India](#), 8 December

- The gendered effects of climate change: Evidence from droughts in India (with Kanika Mahajan and Nikita Sangwan) [VoxDev](#), 1 December
- Why women in India are less likely to find jobs (with Nikita Sangwan) [IndiaSpend](#), 8 November; Reprinted in [Scroll.in](#)
- DP-WEE Panel Discussion: Status and rights of platform and gig workers, [Ideas for India](#), 27 October
- Explainer: Nobel Prize winner Claudia Goldin [3 Things Podcast](#), Indian Express, 24 October
- Can reservations for women help their economic prospects? [Op-ed, Indian Express](#), 29 September
- Unravelling the complexities of women's workforce participation in India [Azim Premji Graduate Workshop Talks](#), 30 August
- Misogyny in the matrimonial market (with Abhishek Arora, Diva Dhar and Kanika Mahajan) [Op-ed, Indian Express](#), 1 April
- Bringing skilling and productive jobs closer to women, [Ideas for India](#), 8 March
- Gendered social networks are in the way of women's career paths, [MINT](#), 1 March
- The promise of technology for women's employment, [Ideas for India](#), 19 January; Reprinted in [The Wire](#)
- 2022 A breath of fresh air: Raising awareness for clean fuel adoption (with Sisir Debnath and E. Somanathan) [VoxDev](#), 9 September
- In conversation with Central Square Foundation CEO Shaveta Sharma-Kukreja [EDge Talks](#), 2 September
- Harnessing digital labour markets: I4I Conversations, with NITI Aayog [Ideas for India](#), 28 June
- [Multifaceted benefits make school meals cost-effective but more evidence is needed on long-term gain](#): Comment in the Centre for Global Development Report "Schooling for All: Feasible Strategies to Achieve Universal Education" eds. Justin Sandefur, [Centre for Global Development Blog](#), 21 April
- 2021 Can the COVID pandemic change citizens' willingness to act against corruption? (with Ahana Basistha, Amrita Dhillon and Danila Serra) [The Wire](#), 5 December
- Editor, e-symposium on "Mental health and Covid-19" [Ideas for India](#), 20 September
- Gendering technological change: Evidence from agricultural mechanisation (with Monisankar Bishnu and Kanika Mahajan) [Ideas for India](#), 14 July
- How has Covid-19 crisis affected the urban poor? (with Amrita Dhillon and Sanchari Roy) [Ideas for India - Part III](#), 2 July 2021; Reprinted in [The Wire](#)

Did MNREGA cushion job losses during the pandemic? (with Kanika Mahajan and Nikita Sangwan) *Ideas for India*, 11 February; Reprinted in *The Wire*

2020 The elusive promise of work (with Amrita Dhillon and Arka Roy Chaudhuri)
Op-ed, Indian Express, 7 October

DUET: Weighing the costs and benefits *Ideas for India*, 21 September

What does India need to do to clean up its air? *India in Transition, CASI at UPenn, Podcast* 3 August

Using social connections to solve coordination failure: Evidence from assembly lines in India (with Amrita Dhillon, Sherry Xin Li and Swati Sharma), *VoxDev*, 16 July

MNREGA cannot be the only response to the migrant crisis due to the pandemic, [*HuffPost*](#), 27 May

How has Covid-19 crisis affected the urban poor? (with Amrita Dhillon and Sanchari Roy) *Ideas for India - Part I*, 11 March; *Ideas for India - Part II*, 23 April; Reprinted in *The Wire*

RESEARCH GRANTS (*PI)

2026-27 Accelerating Household Rooftop Solar Adoption in Odisha (with Prabhat Barnwal and Maitri Punjabi)
International Growth Centre

2025-27 *Estimating Sustainable Clean Fuel Adoption Policies in India (with Prabhat Barnwal and Chrisma D'souza)
India Sustainable Growth Hub (ISGH)

2024-27 The Household Dynamic of Digital Finance and Female Empowerment (with Siwan Anderson (PI) and Asad Islam)
WEE-DiFine

2023-26 From Jobs to Careers: Lifting Constraints to Women's Career Advancement in South Asia (with Raymond Robertson (PI), Danila Serra and Hamna Ahmed)
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2022-25 *Digital Platforms and WEE: What Matters and What Works
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

2022 Designing Subsidies to Reach the Poor (with Prabhat Barnwal (PI) and Nicholas Ryan)
The Weiss Fund

- 2021 The Gendered Crisis: Livelihoods and Mental Well-being in India During Covid-19 (with Amrita Dhillon and Sanchari Roy)
UNU-WIDER Research Grant
- 2020 *Networks, Livelihoods and Well-being During a Pandemic: A Panel Study Using Matched Husband-Wife-Friends Data in Urban India (with Amrita Dhillon and Sanchari Roy)
IGC Covid-19 Research Grant
- 2019-21 Centralised vs. Decentralised Monitoring to Reduce Corruption (with Amrita Dhillon (PI) and Eilon Solan)
DFID-Anti Corruption Evidence Grant
- 2018-21 *Identifying and Alleviating Constraints to Women's Economic Empowerment
IWWAGE-IFMR sub-award - A Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Initiative
- 2015-16 Identity, Social Networks and Labor Productivity (with Amrita Dhillon and Sherry Xin Li)
**Planning Commission, PPRU Grant, ISI, Delhi*
CAGE, Warwick University
- 2014-15 *A Field Experiment on Labour Productivity in an Indian Garment Factory (with Amrita Dhillon and Vegard Iversen)
Planning Commission, PPRU Grant, ISI, Delhi
- 2013-16 *Women and Work in Rural India (with Taryn Dinkelman, Kanika Mahajan and Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay)
2014-16 *International Growth Centre (IGC)*
2013-15 *Planning Commission, PPRU Grant, ISI, Delhi*
- 2012-14 *Political Economy of Implementation of Public Programs in India
European Commission (NOPOOR) Grant
- 2010-12 *Does Female Leadership Impact on Governance? Evidence from a Public Poverty Alleviation Programme in Andhra Pradesh, India (with Vegard Iversen)
2011-12 *International Growth Centre (IGC)*
2010-12 *Planning Commission, PPRU Grant, ISI, Delhi*
- 2009-12 Health and Cognitive Effects of Supplementary School Feeding Programs (with Bidisha Barooah and Rohini Somanathan)
2011-12 *International Growth Centre (IGC)*
2009-10 *Department of Education, Government of Delhi*

2008 Centre for Policy Research, Grant for Summer Research Assistance,
Syracuse University (with Perry Singleton)

TEACHING

MUNK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC POLICY (University of Toronto): Microeconomics for Engineers (undergraduate level)

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE:
Topics in Applied Economics: Population and Development (undergraduate level)

THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE, GENEVA:
Population and Development (M.A.)

ISI, DELHI:
Intermediate Microeconomics (Bachelor level)
Econometric Methods (M.A./Ph.D. level)
Econometric Applications: Household Behaviour (M.A./Ph.D. level)
Labour Economics (M.A./Ph.D. level)

DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS:
Population and Development (M.A./Ph.D. level)
Structural Modelling for Policy Analysis (M.A./Ph.D. level)

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK:
Topics in Development Economics (Ph.D. level)
Development Economics (undergraduate level)
Microeconomic Theory (intermediate level)

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR:
Introductory Microeconomics (undergraduate level)

Ph.D. SUPERVISION (initial placement)

2016 Bidisha Barooah, Delhi School of Economics (*co-supervisor*)
(Evaluation Specialist, 3ie)

2021 Swati Sharma, ISI Delhi
(Post-doc, Institute of Economic Growth (IEG))

2023 Ahana Basistha, ISI Delhi
(Post-doc, University of Lausanne)

2023 Nikita Sangwan, ISI Delhi

(Post-doc, CECFEE (ISI, Delhi))

2023- Vrinda V. Chandra

KEYNOTES / INVITED LECTURES (*scheduled)

- 2026 Keynote, Annual Conference of The Indian Econometrics Society
Plenary, IIM Kolkata Annual Economics Conference
Keynote, First Graduate Workshop, Jindal School of Public Policy
- 2025 Keynote, 65th Annual Indian Society for Labor Economics Conference
Lecture, Ashoka University, Annual Economics Festival
Keynote, IEG Summer School on Causal Methods
Keynote, Essen Health Economics Conference (University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany)
Special Lecture, National Consultation on Digital Platforms (IWWAGE)
Annual Lecture, University of Kashmir
Keynote, LEAPS Workshop, World Bank (Delhi)
Inaugural Lecture, Arthshastra Journal of Miranda House (University of Delhi)
- 2024 Keynote, Asian Development Bank Institute Conference on Agricultural Mechanization (virtual)
Keynote, International Conference on Development Economics (Aix-en-Provence, France)
- 2023 Keynote, Thurgau Experimental Economics Meeting (University of Konstanz)
Lectures, Advanced Graduate Workshop (Azim Premji University & INET)
Keynote, Economic and Financial Barriers and Opportunities to the Green
Keynote, Transition in Emerging Economies Workshop (CAFRAL & University of Warwick)
- 2022 Lectures, Miranda House (Annual Economics Festival)
Keynote, Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (Ashoka University Hub Event)
Lecture, ICSSR Agriculture Workshop Lecture (Centre for Development Studies)
Keynote, 4th Applied Dev Econ Conference (Lahore University of Management Studies)
Keynote, Inspiring Change Conference (Great Lakes University, Chennai)
- 2020 Lecture, Prof. K. Vasanthi Devi Endowment Lecture (Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai)
Keynote, Environment for Development (EfD) Annual Conference
- 2019 Lecture, Jadavpur University (Annual Conference)
Lecture, St. Stephen's College, Department of Economics
- 2018 Miranda House, Department of Economics (Annual Lecture)

- 2017 Lecture, Delhi School of Economics
- 2016 Janaki Devi Memorial College (Annual Lecture)

INVITED POLICY PANELS (*scheduled)

- 2026 NCAER-MoSPI, ISLE Conference, Women-in-Leadership, State of Working India Report, UNU-WIDER Conference (Delhi), *IGC-WB Urbanization Conference, Annual Macro Conference (NIPFP), India Policy Forum
- 2025 Indian Society for Labor Economics Conference (IWWAGE Panel), IDinsight Report on Digital Platforms, India Policy Forum, Statistics Day (RBI), SERI Annual Conference, IGIDR Research Scholars' Workshop
- 2024 Pre-budget consultation on gender led growth (ICRIER), Gender inclusive skilling for an equitable workforce (IWWAGE & DPWEE), Workshop on 'Reimagining India's social protection program' by Tata-Cornell Institute, *World Bank-CSEP Conference on women's labor force participation (Washington DC)
- 2023 India Energy Week (Panel on Clean Cooking); IWWAGE at Five; Webinar on Growth and Employment Trends in India (CUTS); Good Business Lab (Bridge to Action)
- 2022 Georgetown University (Panel on Social Protection); Yale Inclusion Economics (Panel Discussion on Covid-19 and Women); Neemrana Conference; State of the Economy Discussion (IIC)
- 2021 Accelerating gender equality in India post Covid (LSE Festival); Women's labor force participation: Research and policy priorities (IWWAGE-ISI workshop); Azim Premji University ('State of Working India' Report panel); IGC-India (Covid-19 Impact and Pathways to Recovery); ISB Impact Forum (Webinar: Reflections on Development Economics); India Policy Forum (Emerging from the Long Shadow of Covid-19 panel); Clean Cooking in India: How can we make LPG affordable? CEEW Panel; Research to Policy (IHOPE conference); The Milken Institute (Annual Global Conference)
- 2020 Pre-budget meeting of economists with the Prime Minister of India; NCAER-CSF panel on "Private schooling in India"; IGC Panel on "Covid-19 and informal employment in India"
- 2019 IWWAGE-IFMR, IGC at 10 (Delhi); United Nations General Assembly (UN-Women-ILO, New York); 3ie (Delhi Evidence Week); IGC-Bihar (Patna)
- 2018 Dyal Singh College (Econclave); Summer School for Women in Mathematics and Statistics (TIFR, Bangalore); IIPS workshop (Mumbai)

- 2017 Lady Sri Ram College Annual Economics Symposium Panel; IEG, IGC-EPoD Regional Dialogue on Women's Empowerment (Kathmandu); Australian Development Economics Workshop (UNSW, Sydney)
- 2016 Institute for Economic Growth, IFPRI (Delhi),
- 2015 IFPRI (Delhi)
- 2014 3ie (Delhi), Lady Sri Ram College – Academic Congress on Gender

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES (*scheduled)

- 2026 Workshop in honor of Deepak Nayyar (ISLE-IHD), NYU Abu Dhabi workshop, World Bank (SAR-GIL), *IGC Urbanization and Development Conference (Washington DC), Field Days Conference (ESMT-Berlin), ACES Summer School (Kathmandu)
- 2025 Ashoka University, Higher School of Economics (Moscow), Plaksha University (LEO conference), Delhi School of Economics, Development Economics Network Berlin (DENeB)
- 2024 IIT (Delhi), M-Dev (Ann Arbor), Brookings Institution (Washington DC), Georgetown University, Cornell University (South Asia Center), *Syracuse University, *University of Western Ontario
- 2023 NUS Applied Economics Brown Bag, Symposium in honor of David Lam (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor), India Policy Forum (discussant), World Bank Development Research Group (Washington DC), International Labor Affairs Bureau (U.S. Dept of Labor)
- 2022 Yale Gender Brown Bag, 100 Years of Economic Development (Cornell University), STEG-CEPR Theme Workshop, IZA Workshop (Matching Workers and Jobs Online), NEUDC (Yale University), IFPRI Applied Micro Economics and Development Seminar (Washington DC)
- 2021 STEG-CEPR Annual Conference, IIM-Lucknow (econ), Annual Economics Conference (Ahmedabad University), SMU-NUS Development Economics workshop, HKUST (econ), Monash University (econ), AASLE Conference (Peking University), IGC Community of Practice – Adaptive Social Protection (virtual)
- 2020 Centre for the Advanced Study of India (CASI) at UPenn, UT-Austin (econ), EfD annual conference, NUS (econ)
- 2019 South Asia workshop (Monash-IIPS, Colombo), Women in the Economy workshop (ISI), Workshop on Community Networks and Institutions (Ashoka

- University), Sustainable Development Conference (Prato, Monash University), IUSSP Conference (Ann Arbor), Delhi School of Economics, Conference on Network Economics (IIM Ahmedabad)
- 2018 IIM Kolkata, ICAS workshop on political economy (Kolkata), Shiv Nadar University, IIM Bangalore, ABCDE Conference (Washington DC), Human Capital workshop (ISB), Workshop on Empirical and Computational Social Sciences (TCPD, Ashoka University)
- 2017 DSE-ISI- Gothenburg conference (Delhi), Australian Development Economics Workshop (UNSW, Sydney), RISE conference (Washington D.C.), IGC conference (Delhi), Human Capital Workshop (ISB), CASI conference on Early Childhood Development (University of Pennsylvania), UT-Dallas, Mumbai School of Economics, Australia-India workshop (Delhi)
- 2016 CSSS (Kolkata), NOPOOR conference (Delhi), SERI, JNU (CITD), Ashoka University, IGC-ISI-Jadavpur conference
- 2014 ISI-Warwick workshop (Delhi), IGC-South Asia conference (Lahore), Cornell-IFPRI-IGIDR conference on NREGA (Mumbai), ISI (Delhi), The Graduate Institute, Geneva
- 2013 Young Lives Conference (Oxford University), NCAER-Brookings India Policy Forum (Delhi), Indian Econometric Society's Golden Jubilee Conference (DSE), NEUDC (Harvard University)
- 2012 CSSS (Kolkata), Asian Development Bank, Manila (Economic Research Unit), International Growth Centre-ISI Conference, IIM-Bangalore (Centre for Public Policy), Indian School of Business (ISB), International Growth Week (LSE), IZA-World Bank Conference (Delhi), World Bank seminar (Delhi), ISI (Delhi), Journal of Public Economic Theory workshop on governance and political economy (Mysore)
- 2011 University of New South Wales (Development Economics Workshop), International Growth Centre-ISI Conference
- 2010 Delhi School of Economics, International Growth Centre-ISI Conference
- 2009 Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Delhi
- 2008 Syracuse University (Moynihan Institute), International Economic Development Conference (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- 2007 Syracuse University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Mid-West Economics Association Annual Meeting, Minnesota International Economic Development Conference, Delhi School of Economics, NEUDC (Harvard)

- 2006 Far-Eastern Econometrics Conference (Tsinghua University, Beijing), Michigan State University, Syracuse University, University of California-Riverside
- 2005 University of Michigan Economic Development and Transition Seminar, University of Michigan Public Finance Seminar, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Mid-West Economics Association Annual Meeting
- 2004 University of Michigan Public Finance Seminar

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

ISI DELHI:

- 2025- Chair, Internal Complaints Committee of ISI Delhi
- 2024- Head of Department, Economics and Planning Unit, ISI Delhi
- 2019- Member, Research Fellows' Advisory Committee
- 2020-21 Chair, Sexual Harassment Committee, ISI Delhi
- 2020 Convener, Admission Committee for MSQE Program
- 2017-21 Member, Policy Committee, Center for Climate, Food, Energy and Environment (CECFEE)
- 2016-20 Convener, Policy and Planning Research Unit
- 2016 Convener, Admission Committee for Doctoral Program in Economics
- 2012-16 Coordinator, EPU Department Seminar
- 2012-14 Chair, Research Fellows' Advisory Committee
- 2011-12 Member, Computer Committee; Member, Library Committee

DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS:

- 2010-11 Coordinator, Placement Cell

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY:

- 2006-08 Member, Junior Faculty Recruiting Committee
- 2007 Member, Senior Faculty Search Committee
- 2006-08 Co-organizer, International Trade and Development Seminar
- 2006-08 Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Economics Club

WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- 2026 Scientific Committee, Women in Leadership Conference (LSE) organized by the World Bank and The Gates Foundation
- 2026 Scientific Committee, Essen Health Conference, University of Duisburg-Essen

2025	Co-organizer, Inclusion Economics-SERI Workshop
2025, 26	Co-organizer, SERI – Doctoral Conference
2024	Selection Committee, BREAD Conference (NUS, Singapore)
2024	Co-organizer, 4 th Women in the Economy Workshop
2023	Organizer, Digital Platforms and WEE Launch Event
2021-	Program Committee, ACGDE (ISI Annual Conference)
2020	Executive Committee, Annual SERI Conference
2019-21	Organizer, Annual ‘Women in the Economy’ Workshops
2019-21	Organizing Committee, IUSSP PopPovIn Conference
2019	Co-organizer EPoD-ISI-IWWAGE Summer School
2018	Selection Committee, Annual SERI Conference
2016-	Program Committee, ACGDE (ISI Annual Conference)

POLICY ADVISING

2025-26	Member, Expert committee on <i>Comprehensive Index and Rating Framework to Assess Digital Connectivity and Services of Villages in India</i> , Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
2023-24	Member, Sub-committee on Fisheries Census of India (2023-24), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
2014-16	Member, Advisory Board, Educational Survey Division, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad-hoc referee for: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Review*, *Asian Population Studies*, *Climatic Change*, *Demography*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economica*, *Economic Journal*, *Economics and Politics*, *Economic and Political Studies*, *Economics of Transition*, *Education Economics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economics of Education Review*, *European Economic Review*, *Experimental Economics*, *Feminist Economics*, *Food Policy*, *Indian Economic Review*, *Indian Growth and Development Review*, *Indian Journal of Labor Economics*, *IZA Journal of Development and Migration*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Economic Studies*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Letters in Spatial and Resource Sciences*, *Management Science*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *Population and Development Review*, *Population Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Social Science Research*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *World Development*

External Reviewer for: *European Commission, National Science Foundation of the U.S.A; International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie); GLM-LIC program, IZA; Weiss Asset Management*