

Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests in Development Economics - Applied Micro (Education, Health, Gender-Demography)

Education

- Ph.D. in Economics, University of Missouri-Columbia, USA
- M.A. in Economics, University of Missouri-Columbia, USA
- M.A. in Economics, University of Kalyani-India
- B.Sc. in Economics, University of Calcutta

Professional Experience

- Professor, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, India (2024-present).
- Associate Professor, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, India (2019-23).
- Associate Professor, SRM University, AP, India (2018-19).
- Assistant Professor, Shiv Nadar University, India (2013-18).
- Assistant Professor, Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad (2011-12).
- Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi (2008-11).
- Lead Economist, at Comat Technologies, Bangalore (2006-08).
- Assistant Professor, Jain Group Institution, Bangalore (2005-06)
- Consultant, Mega Ace Consultancy, Mumbai (2004).

Publications

1. Money Matters: Evidence from a Conditional Cash Transfer Scheme on Child and Maternal Health (with Anshika Mathur), 2025, *Journal of Human Capital*, July 22, doi.org/10.1086/734859
2. Private Investment in Education: Household Response to a Policy Change in English as a Second Language (with Bharti Nandwani), 2025, *The Journal of Development Studies*, 1–18. April, doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2025.2487667
3. Persistent Effects of a Conditional Cash Transfer: A Case of Empowering Women through Kanyashree in India (with Subarna Banerjee), 2024, *Journal of Population Economics*, 37(66). doi.org/10.1007/s00148-024-01045-4
4. Keeping Girls in Schools Longer: the Kanyashree Approach in India (with Dhanushka Thamarapani), 2023, *Feminist Economics*, 29(4): 36-64. doi.org/10.1080/13545701.2023.2263542
5. To What Extent Does the Fertility Rate Explain the Education Gap? (with Mitul Surana, Rakesh Basant), 2023, *Population Research and Policy Review*, 42(35), doi.org/10.1007/s11113-023-09783-1
6. Impact of Early Life Shock on Educational Pursuits – Does a Fade out Co-exist with Persistence? (with Gaurav Dhamija). 2022. *Plos One*, October, doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0275871
7. Lasting Impact on Health through the Lenses of Severity in Earthquake. (with Gaurav Dhamija), 2022. *Environment and Development Economics*, September, 1-24. doi:10.1017/S1355770X2200016X
8. Lasting Impact of Early Life Interventions: Evidence from India's Integrated Child Development Services (with Gaurav Dhamija), 2022, *The Journal of Development Studies*, 57(1):106-138, doi: 10.1080/00220388.2020.1762861

9. Quota-based Affirmative Action in Higher Education: Impact on Other Backward Classes in India (with Rakesh Basant). 2019, *The Journal of Development Studies*, doi: 10.1080/00220388.2019.1573987
10. How Much Does Having a Bank Account Help the Poor? with Sankar De), 2017, *The Journal of Development Studies*, Sep. Doi: 10.1080/00220388.2017.1355455
11. Access to Higher Education in India: An Exploration of its Antecedents (with Rakesh Basant), 2017, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 49(51), December 20.
12. Parental Education as a Criterion for Affirmative Action in Higher Education (with Rakesh Basant), 2014, *World Development*, December. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2014.07.007>
13. Affirmative Action in Higher Education: Insights from Recent Empirical Research (with Rakesh Basant), 2012, *ORF Issue Brief* No. 49, New Delhi.
14. Who Participates in Higher Education in India? Rethinking the Role of Affirmative Action (with Rakesh Basant), 2010, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 45(39), Sep.
15. Trade and FDI Related Reforms in the States, 2010. *Academic Foundation*, Delhi, May, ISBN: 9788171888252.

Ongoing Work

1. Can Media Reported Sexual Violence Deter Women's Educational Participation?, (with Subarna Banerjee), 2025, <http://hdl.handle.net/10603/647393>, Essays in Economics of Education and Gender, Social Barriers, Norms and Psychological Costs, Ch-3, PhD thesis submitted by Subarna Banerjee, Department of Economics, Shiv Nadar University.
2. Under Pressure: High Stakes Exams and Media Reported Student Suicides in India, (with Subarna Banerjee), 2025, <http://hdl.handle.net/10603/647393>, Essays in Economics of Education and Gender, Social Barriers, Norms and Psychological Costs, Ch-4, PhD thesis submitted by Subarna Banerjee, Department of Economics, Shiv Nadar University.
3. Language and STEM Choice (with Bharti Nandwani).
4. The Granny Penalty: Navigating the Challenges of Informal Childcare (with Anshika Mathur)
5. Revolutionizing Child Health Through Vaccination (with Anushree Khatri).
6. Affirmative Action and higher education (with Mitul Surana)
7. Interventions in school education and learning (with Rashmi Barua and Khushi Mehta)

Recent Conference Presentations

- 2025: German Development Economics Conference, Frankfurt (June); Invited Discussant in IMRDC at IIM-Bangalore (Jan)
- 2024:AMSE-ICDE, France (July), 5th ACEF conference at BITS Pilani-Hyderabad (Feb), Asia Meeting of The Econometric Society at IIT-Delhi (Jan).
- 2023:Invited talk at Conference in University of Kalyani (Nov), Conference at IIT-Kanpur (Aug), Invited seminar at the Delhi School of Economics (May). Invited talk at the workshop on Education, ISI-Delhi (March), IIMA-RISE conference, invited talk (Feb).
- 2022:NEUDC at Yale University, USA (Nov), Scheduled to present paper at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Ford Lauderdale, FL, USA, ICDE (International Conference on Development Economics) 2022, AFDEV, Clermont Ferrand, France (Travel was Sponsored by IMF) (June), SERI annual meeting invited as a member of the Education group, ISB – Hyderabad.
- 2021:6th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, at Indian Statistical Institute New Delhi (Dec), Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Texas, USA (Nov), Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (Oct), Invited lecture at the South Asian University, New Delhi.
- 2019: Conference on Contemporary Issues in Development Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (Dec), Sustainability and Development Conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA (the travel was sponsored by the organisers) (Oct), Conference by Center for Public Policy-Indian Institute of Management Bangalore in Delhi(Aug).
- 2018: Invited talk at Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata (June), Conference on Health Economics, Essen, Germany (May), Invited lecture at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai (April).
- 2017: International conference on Development Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (Dec), Invited lecture on symposium in higher education, at Sri Ram College of Commerce, New Delhi (Nov), Development Economics conference, University of Gottingen, Germany (June), Invited talk at Wuppertal University, Germany (partial funding received) (June), Conference in KU Leuven, Belgium (March), National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi (Feb), Econ World Conference, Rome (partial travel grant received) (Jan).

Teaching Experience

- Graduate Level:
 - Development Economics - Spring 2015-18 and Spring 2020-25 at SNIoE
 - Applied Research on Development Economics - Spring, SNIoE
 - Applied Econometrics – Monsoon 2015-17 in SNIoE.
- Undergraduate Level:
 - Principle of Economics (in 2018 and 2019 at SRM University-AP)
 - Development Economics – Monsoon 2014-2018 and 2020-2025 at SNIoE and Spring 2019 at SRM University-AP.
 - Data Analysis and Basic Econometrics (Monsoon 2019-2024 and Spring 2025 at SNIoE)
 - Intermediate Microeconomics – Monsoon 2014 at SNIoE.
 - Issues in higher education (elective) – Monsoon 2013 and Spring 2014 at SNIoE.
- Other Courses to MBA students (at Jain Group of Institutions - Bangalore):
 - Research Methodology
 - Managerial Economics
 - Business Statistics

Student Advising and Other Services

- Thesis Advising:
 - PhD students Completed: Gaurav Dhamija (Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad), Subarna Banerjee (Stephen Klasen Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Gottingen, Germany),
 - Ongoing PhD students: Anshika, Krittika Dighangi, Shayan Choudhury, Vikash Tiwari, Anushree Khatri (Co-advising).
 - UG and Master's thesis advised (20+ students)
- Services- Member of Faculty Hiring Committee, Econ Post-Graduate committee (outgoing), Research Co-ordinator for Dept, Econ dept-Data and software committee, Econ PG Curriculum Review Committee, Department's website SPOC, Responsible for PG entrance exam restructuring, Earlier Member of Board of Studies for SHSS, Served IRB at SNIoE.

Reviewer

- World Development, World Bank Economic Review, Economic Modelling, Econ. Letter, The Journal of Development Studies, Plos One, Feminist Economics, Population Research and Policy Review. Review of Development Economics, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Developing Areas, Development and Change, Journal of Asian Economics, Journal of Business Economics and Statistics, Journal of Interdisciplinary Economics, Journal of Modeling in Management, Review of Market Integration.
- PhD thesis Review: IIT-Kanpur, IIT-Delhi; MPhil Thesis Review: South Asian University -Delhi.

Professional Memberships

- American Economic Association, The Econometric Society, Population Association of America, Southern Economic Association, AMIE (Mentor 2023-24, 2024-25)
- Fellow - Global Labor Organization
- Member of organising committee for the Inaugural IHERN conference, at IIT-Delhi (Nov 2025), Member of scientific committee for ICDE conference, 2025, Paris.