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**Current Appointment**

Senior Lecturer of Economics, School of Economics, Singapore Management University,  
July 2026 – Present

**Education**

- PhD in Economics, 2017-2022  
Singapore Management University, Singapore  
Thesis Title: Three Essays on Development Economics  
Supervisor: Prof Tomoki Fujii
- MSc. International Trade, Finance and Development Economics, 2012-13  
Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Spain
- M.A. Economics, 2010-12  
Panjab University, India
- B.A. (Hons.) Economics, 2007-2010  
Hans Raj College, University of Delhi, India

**Previous Work Experience**

- Research Fellow/ Consultant, Asia Competitiveness Institute, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, April 2025 – March 2026
- Consultant, Asian Development Bank, July 2024 – Dec 2024
- Research Fellow, Global Asia Institute, National University of Singapore, June 2022 – June 2024
- Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, April 2016 – July 2017
- Research Associate, Institute for Financial Management and Research, October 2013 – October 2015

**Teaching and Research Fields**

Applied economics, development economics, health economics

**Teaching Experience**

- Guest Lecturer, Marketing Analytics, NUS, 2023-2024, Term 1
- Guest Lecturer, Quantitative Research Methods for Public Policy, NUS, 2022-23 Term 2, 2023-24 Term 2
- Graduate Instructor, Economic Development in Asia, SMU, 2021-22 Term 1
- Graduate Instructor, Economic Development in Asia, SMU, 2020-21 Term 1
- Teaching Assistant, ECON215 Health Economics, SMU, 2017-2021
- Teaching Assistant, ECON155 Healthcare Management, SMU, 2019-2020 Term 2

### Research in Progress

- Long-Run Impacts of the Bengal Famine of 1943: A gender analysis
- Natural disasters and domestic violence: A study of the 2015 Nepal earthquake, with Tomoki Fujii, SMU Economics and Statistics Working Paper Series, Paper No. 26-2020, 2020.
- Government Benefit Programs and Parental Investment in Education: Evidence from the Mid-Day Meal Scheme in India, with Rohan Ray.
- Do Government Benefit Programs Reduce Child Labor? Evidence from the Midday Meal Scheme in India, with Vardaan Chawla, Tomoki Fujii, Rohan Ray
- Climate Shocks and Non-Communicable Diseases Among the Elderly in India, with Nidhiya Menon and Minhaj Mahmud
- Does Mass Rapid Transit Reduce Gender Gap in Mobility? with Prottoy Aman Akbar, Tomoki Fujii and Abu Shonchoy

### Research Awards

- *ADB Impact Evaluation Funding under TA 10165-REG: Mainstreaming Impact Evaluation Methodologies, Approaches, and Capacities in Selected DMCs* for “Impact Evaluation of Dhaka Metro Rail” with Gilles Duranton, Yasuyuki Sawada, Satoshi Shimizutani, Prottoy Akbar, Tomoki Fujii and Abu Shonchoy, 2024-25.
- *SMU Research Grant (Urban Institute)* for “Metro Rail, Urban Mobility, and Service Distribution in Dhaka” with Tomoki Fujii, Prottoy Akbar and Abu Shonchoy, 2023-24
- *Asian Development Bank Institute* for “Short-run impacts of Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit System (Metro Rail)” with Tomoki Fujii, Prottoy Akbar and Abu Shonchoy, 2023-24
- *Transforming Economic Policy Programme (TEPP)* funded by FCDO for “Economics and welfare impact of Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit system (Metro Rail)” with Tomoki Fujii, Prottoy Aman Akbar and Abu Shonchoy, 2022
- *Ministry of Education Tier-1 Grant* in Singapore for “Air Pollution Impact of Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit System” with Tomoki Fujii, Prottoy Aman Akbar and Abu Shonchoy, 2022

### Fellowships / Awards

- World Bank Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2023
- SMU Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship, 2021-22
- Graduate Instructor Fellowship, Singapore Management University, 2020-2022
- Doctoral Scholarship, Singapore Management University, 2017-2021
- Obra Social “La Caixa” Barcelona GSE fully funded scholarship, 2011-2012

### Invited Conference and Seminar Presentations

- HKUST Economics: Past, Present and Future – 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, 2026
- Asian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics, 2023
- Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, 2023
- Nordic Conference for Development Economics, 2023
- Conference of the European Society for Population Economics, 2023
- Winter School, Delhi School of Economics 2022
- Asian Economic Development Conference, 2022
- HCEO-CEP-CREC Virtual Summer School of Socioeconomic Inequality, 2021
- Research workshop Series, School of Economics, SMU, 2021
- Research workshop Series, School of Economics, SMU, 2020