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Fields of Research Interest

Development Economics, Health, Education, Conflict, Experimental Economics

Experience

Lecturer, Lancaster University, 2018–present.

Short-term consultant, World Bank, 2018–present.

Research Fellow, World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), 2013–2018.

Lecturer, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, 2006–2007.

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Southern California, 2013.

M.A. Economics, University of Southern California, 2010.

M.A. Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, 2006.

B.A. Economics, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, 2004.

Research

Journal Publications

1. Agricultural extension, intra-household allocation and malaria, *Journal of Development Economics*, 139, 157-170, 2019 (with Yao Pan).
2. Early life shocks and mental health: The long-term effect of war in Vietnam, *Journal of Development Economics*, forthcoming.
3. Commodity prices and intra-household labor allocation, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 101(2), 436-454, 2019 (with Ulrik Beck and Finn Tarp).
4. Can gender differences in distributional preferences explain gender gaps in competition? *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 70, 1-11, 2019 (with Utteeyo Dasgupta, Subha Mani and Smriti Sharma).
5. The economic effects of a counterinsurgency policy in India: A synthetic control analysis, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 45, 1-17, 2016 (with R. Nilakantan).
6. Tiered housing allocation with pre-announced rankings: An experimental analysis, *Journal of Economics & Management Strategy*, 25(1), 133-160, 2016 (with Juan D. Carrillo).
7. The Economics of Counterinsurgency: Some Evidence from Andhra Pradesh, *Economics of Peace and Security Journal*, 9(1), 2014.

Book Chapters

1. Ethnic Disadvantage in Vietnam: Evidence Using Panel Data, in F. Tarp (ed.), *Growth, Structural Transformation and Rural Change in Viet Nam: A Rising Dragon on the Move*, Oxford University Press, 2017 (with Ulrik Beck).
2. Needs vs Expediency: Poverty Reduction and Social Development in Post-Conflict Countries, in Arnim Langer and Graham Brown (eds.) *Building Sustainable Peace: Timing and Sequencing of Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Peacebuilding. Vol I: Issues and Dynamics*, Oxford University Press, 2016 (with Tony Addison, Rachel Gisselquist and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa).
3. Aid to Africa: The changing context, in Celestin Monga and Justin Lin (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Africa and Economics*, Vol. 2, Oxford University Press, 2015 (with Tony Addison and Finn Tarp).

Working Papers

1. Cognitive, socioemotional and behavioral returns to college quality (with Utteeyo Dasgupta, Subha Mani and Smriti Sharma), WIDER WP 2017/94 [R&R, *Review of Economics and Statistics*].
2. Eliciting risk preferences: Firefighting in the Field (with Utteeyo Dasgupta, Subha Mani and Smriti Sharma), IZA DP No. 9765 [R&R, *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*].
3. Caste differences in behavior and personality: Evidence from India (with Utteeyo Dasgupta, Subha Mani and Smriti Sharma), WIDER WP 2016/60.
4. Do fences make good neighbors? Evidence from an insurgency in India (with Heidi Kaila and Divya Tuteja), WIDER WP 2017/158.
5. Welfare dynamics in rural Vietnam: Learning from regular, high-quality panel data (with Andy McKay, and Finn Tarp), WIDER WP 169/2018.

Work in Progress

1. The long-term effects of delayed school-going age: Quasi-experimental evidence from Indonesia (with Arya Gaduh).
2. Inequality, corruption, and cooperation in Vietnam (with Thomas Markussen, Smriti Sharma, and Finn Tarp).
3. Returns to labor market and entrepreneurship programs in fragile states: Experimental evidence from Azerbaijan (with Eric Mvukiyehe, Subha Mani, and Olga Shemyakina).

Contributions to Reports

1. Characteristics of the Vietnamese Rural Economy: Evidence from a 2016 Rural Household Survey in 12 Provinces of Vietnam. Helsinki: UNU-WIDER, 2017.

Policy Writing

1. Development programmes, security, and violence reduction: Evidence from India. *WIDERAngle*, Jan 2019 (with Heidi Kaila and Divya Tuteja).
2. Income generation and malaria in Uganda. *WIDERAngle*, Dec 2017 (with Yao Pan).
3. Peer influence and human capital accumulation: Evidence from Delhi University colleges. *Ideas for India*, Nov 2016 (with Utteeyo Dasgupta, Subha Mani and Smriti Sharma).

Research grants

UNU-WIDER commissioned papers on social capital and welfare in Vietnam, 2018 (co-PI, \$20000).

UNU-WIDER commissioned paper on discrimination in India, 2015 (co-PI, \$10000).

International Growth Center, 2013 (co-PI, £10000).

IEPR Graduate Research Support, USC, 2012 (PI \$3000).

Gold Family Graduate Fellowship, USC, Summer 2011 (PI \$5000).

International Summer Field Research Award, USC, 2010 (PI \$5000).

Honors, Awards & Fellowships

Final Year Dissertation Fellowship, USC, 2012-2013.

Teaching Assistant Mentor, Department of Economics, USC, 2011.

Best Essay Award, Center for International Studies, USC, 2011.

Merit Fellowship, Department of Economics, USC, 2007-2008 & 2011-12.

Teaching Assistantship, Department of Economics, USC, 2008-2011.

Datia Dabar Endowment Scholarship, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, 2004-06.

Arvind Gandotra Memorial Prize, St.Stephen's College, University of Delhi, 2004.

Teaching

Lecturer, Lancaster University, 2018-

Development Economics (B.A.).

Guest Lecturer, Helsinki Center for Economic Research, 2014-2018

Development Economics (M.A. & Ph.D.).

Teaching Assistant, University of Southern California, 2008-2011

Applied Econometrics (Ph.D.).

Games and Economics, Economics of Industrial Organization, Principles of Macroeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Current Problems of the American Economy (Undergraduate).

Lecturer, St.Stephen's College, University of Delhi, 2006-2007

Economic Development and Policy, Microeconomics, Economic Systems, Globalization (Undergraduate).

Advising

M.A. students (co-advisor):

Dung Nguyen (Hanken University), 2018.

Elyas Saif (Hanken University), 2016.

Mikko Hietikko (Aalto University), 2016.

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2019 (*including scheduled*): Lancaster University; Singapore Management University; University of Hong Kong; Institute of Development Studies (Sussex); Indian Statistical Institute (New Delhi); RES Conference; German Economic Association.

2018: Lancaster University (*invited seminar*); Annual CSAE conference; Nordic Conference in Development Economics; IZA World Labor Conference (declined).

2017: Queen's University Belfast (*invited seminar*); ASSA Annual Meeting; 4th DIAL Development Conference; Nordic Conference in Development Economics; IEA World Congress; 4th SITES-IDEAs Development Conference; 2nd Population Health Science Research Workshop; 13th HiCN Workshop; NEUDC (declined); Central Institute for Economic Management, Hanoi.

2016: Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE); 2nd ASWEDE Conference; Nordic Conference in Development Economics; UNU-WIDER conference on Human Capital and Growth.

2015: University of Copenhagen (*invited seminar*); Rutgers University - Newark (*invited seminar*); Helsinki Center for Economic Research (*invited seminar*); NEUDC; 12th Midwest International Economic Development Conference; 8th Nordic Econometric Meeting; Nordic Conference in Development Economics; 3rd DIAL Development Conference; Central Institute for Economic Management, Hanoi.

2014: Helsinki Center for Economic Research (*invited seminar*).

2013: Fordham University (*invited seminar*); Helsinki Center for Economic Research (*invited seminar*); AS-REC Annual Conference; Joint Workshop of SIPRI, TAMNEAC & HiCN on the Economic Analysis of Conflict.

2012: Delhi School of Economics (*invited seminar*); National Center for Risk & Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE) (*invited seminar*); University of Southern California (*invited seminar*); 8th HiCN Workshop; North American Meeting of the Economic Science Association; ISNIE Conference; Western Economic Association Conference.

2011 & earlier: Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi (*invited seminar*); Delhi School of Economics (*invited seminar*); Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi (*invited seminar*); Pacific Development Conference; 8th Midwest International Economic Development Conference; Western Economic Association Conference; Economic Science Association International Conference.

Professional Activities

Reviewer: *3ie*, *Economic Development & Cultural Change*, *Experimental Economics*, *European Journal of Development Research*, *Food Policy*, *Health Economics*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of International Development*.

Guest Editor: *Food Policy* - "Understanding Agricultural Development and Change: Learning from Vietnam" (in progress).

PhD thesis external examiner: Anwesha Bandyopadhyay (Monash University, 2019).

Coordinator: UNU-WIDER seminar series (2017 - 2018).

Coordinator: UNU-WIDER PhD internship & visiting scholars program (2016 - 2017).

Co-organizer: HECER-WIDER Development Lunch Meetings (2014 - 2018).

Co-organizer: UNU-WIDER conference on Human Capital and Growth (June 2016).

Program committee: UNU-WIDER conference on Migration & Mobility (October 2017).

Affiliate: Households in Conflict Network (HiCN); Health Economics at Lancaster (HEAL).