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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Development Economics, Economics of Institutions	
EDUCATION	<b>University of California, Berkeley</b> PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics, 2014 - present  <b>London School of Economics and Political Science</b> MSc in Economics, 2012  <b>Indian Institute of Technology Madras</b> Five-year Integrated MA (Undergrad) in Economics, Minor in Operations Research, 2011	
WORKING PAPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Relief from Usury: Impact of a Self-Help Group Intervention in Rural India,” with Vivian Hoffmann, Vijayendra Rao, Upamanyu Datta, 2017.</li></ul>	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Employment Guarantees, Wages, and Rural Credit Markets in India.”</li><li>• “Gender Wage Gap in Agricultural Labor Markets in Rural India,” with Manaswini Rao.</li></ul>	
AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Department Travel Grant (Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Berkeley) 2018</li><li>• UC Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Graduate Student Research Grant (with Manaswini Rao) 2018</li><li>• The Dennis J. Aigner Endowed Graduate Support Fund (UC Berkeley) 2017</li><li>• Maharaj Kaul Memorial Research Travel Grant (UC Berkeley) 2017</li><li>• Graduate Division Summer Grant (UC Berkeley) 2016</li><li>• Marjorie Deane Financial Journalism Foundation Studentship (LSE) 2012</li><li>• Institute Merit Prize (IIT Madras) 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011</li><li>• Swati/Jayalakshmi Memorial Award (IIT Madras) 2011</li><li>• MITACS Globalink Scholarship for Summer Research (University of British Columbia) 2010</li></ul>	
PRESENTATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PacDev Conference, UC Riverside 2017</li><li>• NEUDC Conference, Fletcher School at Tufts University 2017</li></ul>	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research Assistant for Aprajit Mahajan (UC Berkeley) 2018 -</li><li>• Research Assistant for Vijayendra Rao (World Bank), Vivian Hoffmann (IFPRI) 2015 -</li><li>• Research Assistant for Nicholas Stern (LSE), Himanshu (JNU) 2012 - 2014</li><li>• Independent Research Assistance, checked consistency of Indian <i>Ministry of Rural Development’s</i> Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2013</li><li>• Research Assistant for Mukesh Eswaran (UBC) 2010</li></ul>	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Head Graduate Student Instructor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Introduction to Economics</i> (Martha Olney) Fall, 2017 &amp; Fall, 2018</li></ul> Graduate Student Instructor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Microeconomic Theory with Application to Natural Resources</i> (Jeffrey Perloff) Spring, 2017</li><li>• <i>Microeconomic Theory with Application to Natural Resources</i> (Ethan Ligon) Fall, 2016</li><li>• <i>Environmental Economics</i> (David Roland-Holst) Spring, 2016</li><li>• <i>Introduction to Economics</i> (Martha Olney) Fall, 2015</li></ul>	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Published two bylined articles in <i>The Economic Times</i> (India's largest business newspaper) dealing with local welfare schemes and inclusive finance; 2008.
SERVICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-organizer <i>Graduate Student Summit on Diversity in Economics, UC Berkeley</i> 2018</li> <li>• Co-director, Mentorship <i>Women in Economics at Berkeley (WEB), UC Berkeley</i> 2017-2018</li> <li>• Co-director, Faculty Recruitment <i>Women in Economics at Berkeley (WEB), UC Berkeley</i> 2016-2017</li> <li>• Mentor <i>Mentoring Undergraduate Women in Economics, UC Berkeley</i> 2016-2017 &amp; 2017-2018</li> </ul>
SKILLS	<p>Computer Skills: R, Stata, Python (basic), <math>\LaTeX</math>, Microsoft Office</p> <p>Language Skills: English (Fluent), Hindi (Fluent), Tamil (Native), Telugu (Basic)</p>