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EDUCATION

1999 Ph.D., Economics, London School of Economics
1995 M.Sc. in Economics, London School of Economics (Distinction)
1994 MA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Oxford University
1992 BA (Hons.) in Economics, St. Stephens College, Delhi University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018 – present Rafik Hariri Professor of International Political Economy, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University
2006 – 2017 Mohammed Kamal Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University
2005 – 2006 Associate Professor of Economics, Yale University
2003 – 2005 Assistant Professor of Economics, Yale University
1999 – 2003 Assistant Professor of Economics, Columbia University

VISITING POSITIONS

Spring 2017 Visiting Professor of Economics, University of Pompeu Fabra and Stanford
Fall 2010 Visiting Professor of Economics, London School of Economics
2005 – 2006 Visiting Associate Professor of Economics, University of California, Berkeley and Columbia University
2002 – 2003 Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, MIT

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2012 – present Area Chair for International Development, Harvard Kennedy School
2011 – present Founder and Co-Director, Evidence for Policy Design (EPoD), Harvard Kennedy School
2012 – present Executive Committee, Bureau for Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)
2008 – present Board Member, Bureau for Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)
2012 – present Executive Committee, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies
2010 – present Board of Directors and Co-Chair, Governance Initiative and Political Economy Group, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL)
2008 – present Research Associate, Development Economics and Political Economy Program, National Bureau of Economic Research
2006 – present Research Affiliate, Public Policy Program and Development Economics Program, CEPR
2014 – present IZA Research Fellow
2011 – 2015 Director, Governance Innovations for Sustainable Development, Sustainability Science Program, Harvard University

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Development Economics, Political Economy, Gender Economics, Environmental and Energy Economics

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“Why Are Indian Children so Short? The Role of Birth Order and Son Preference” (with Seema Jayachandran), *American Economic Review*, 2017, 107(9): 2600-2629.

“Moving to Opportunity or Isolation? Network Effects of a Randomized Housing Lottery in Urban India,” (with Sharon Barnhardt and Erica Field), NBER WP #21419 2015. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* Vol 9(1), 2017: pp 1-32 [Lead Article].

“Can Electronic Procurement Improve Infrastructure Provision? Evidence from Public Works in India and Indonesia.” (with Sean Lewis-Faupel, Yusuf Neggers and Ben Olken), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* Vol 8 (3), 2016: pp 258-283

“Friendship at Work: Can Peer Effects Catalyze Female Entrepreneurship?” (with Erica Field, Seema Jayachandran and Natalia Rigol), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* Vol 8 (2), 2016: pp 125-153

“The Long-Run Impact of Land Regulation: Evidence from Tenancy Reform in India,” (with Timothy Besley, Jessica Leight and Vijayendra Rao), *Journal of Development Economics* Vol 118(1), 2016: pp 72-87

“Do Group Dynamics Influence Social Capital Gains among Microfinance Clients? Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Urban India,” (with Ben Feigenberg, Erica Field, Natalia Rigol and Shayak Sarkar), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 33(4), 2014: pp. 932-949.

“Are Poor Voters Indifferent to Whether Elected Leaders are Criminal or Corrupt? A Vignette Experiment in Rural India,” (with Abhijit Banerjee, Donald P. Green, and Jeffrey McManus), *Political Communications*, 31(3) 2014: pp. 391-407.

“The Economic Returns to Social Interaction: Experimental Evidence from Microfinance,” (with Benjamin Feigenberg and Erica Field), *Review of Economic Studies*, 80(4), 2013: pp. 1459-1483.

“Truth Telling by Third Party Auditors and the Response of Polluting Firms: Experimental Evidence from India,” (with Esther Duflo, Michael Greenstone and Nicholas Ryan), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 128:4, 2013: pp 1449-1498, selected as Editor’s Choice article.

“Does the Classic Microfinance Model Discourage Entrepreneurship Among the Poor? Experimental Evidence from India,” (with Erica Field, John Papp and Natalia Rigol), *American Economic Review*, 103:6 October 2013: pp 2196-2226.

“Repayment Flexibility Can Reduce Financial Stress: Experimental Evidence from Microfinance in India,” (with Erica Field, John Papp and Y. Jeanette Park), *PLoS One* 7.9. September 26, 2012: e45679.

“Just Rewards? Local Politics and Public Resource Allocation in South India,” (with Timothy Besley and Vijayendra Rao), *World Bank Economic Review*, Vol. 26 (2), 2012.

“Female Leadership Raises Aspirations and Educational Attainment for Girls: A Policy Experiment in India,” (with Lori Beaman, Esther Duflo and Petia Topalova), *Science*, January 2012, Vol. 335 (6068).

“Powerful Women: Does Exposure Reduce Prejudice?” (with Lori Beaman, Raghavendra Chattopadhyay, Esther Duflo and Petia Topalova), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, November 2009, Vol. 124 (4): pp. 1497-1540.

“Coordinating Development: Can Income-based Incentive Schemes Eliminate Pareto Inferior Equilibria?” (with Philip Bond), *Journal of Development Economics*, July 2007, Vol. 83: pp. 368-391.

“Dams,” with (Esther Duflo), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, May 2007, Vol. 122 (2): pp. 601-646.
“Profits and Politics: Coordinating Technology Adoption in Agriculture,” *Journal of Development Economics*, December 2006, Vol. 81 (2): pp. 299-315.

“Can Rural Banks Reduce Poverty? Evidence from the Indian Social Banking Experiment,” (with R. Burgess), *American Economic Review*, June 2005, Vol. 95 (3): pp. 780-795.

“Unmarried Parenthood and Redistributive Politics,” (with Lena Edlund and Laila Haider), *Journal of European Economic Association*, March 2005, Vol. 3 (1): pp. 95-119.

“Can Mandated Political Representation Provide Disadvantaged Minorities Policy Influence? Theory and Evidence from India,” *American Economic Review*, September 2003, Vol. 93 (4): pp. 1132-1151.

“Why Have Women Become Left-Wing? The Political Gender Gap and the Decline in Marriage,” (with Lena Edlund), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, August 2002, Vol. 117 (3): pp. 917-961.

COMPLETED WORKING PAPERS

“Value for Money? Community Targeting in Vote-Buying and Politician Accountability” (with Jessica Leight, Dana Foarta and Laura Ralston), December 2017

“On Her Account: Can Strengthening Women’s Financial Control Boost Female Labor Supply?” (with Erica Field, Natalia Rigol, Simone Schaner and Charity Troyer Moore), November 2016.

“E-governance, Accountability, and Leakage in Public Programs: Experimental Evidence from a Financial Management Reform in India” (with Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, Clement Imbert, and Santhosh Mathew), NBER Working Paper #22803. November 2016. (Last Revision December 2017)

“The Value of Regulatory Discretion: Estimates from Environmental Inspections in India” (with Esther Duflo, Michael Greenstone, and Nicholas Ryan), NBER WP #20590, 2014. Under Revision (second round) *Econometrica*.

“Household Matters: Revisiting the Returns to Capital among Female Micro-entrepreneurs” (with Arielle Bernhardt, Erica Field, and Natalia Rigol), NBER WP #23358 2017

“Do Informed Voters Make Better Choices? Experimental Evidence from Urban India” (with Abhijit Banerjee, Selvan Kumar and Felix Su), Under revision.

“Can Voters be Primed to Choose Better Legislators? Evidence from Voter Campaigns in India” (with Abhijit Banerjee and Donald Green), Under revision.

“Parochial Politics: Ethnic Preferences and Politician Corruption” (with Abhijit Banerjee), Under revision.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Price of Coal Over Wire: Thermal Power Plant Location, Pollution and Child Health Evidence from Location of Coal-fired Power Plants in India (with Raahil Madhok and Anish Sugathan)

Information as an Incentive: Experimental Evidence from Delhi’s Municipal Elections (with Abhijit Banerjee, Nils Enevoldsen and Michael Walton).

Experimental Evidence on the Benefits of a Cap and Trade System of Regulating Air Pollution in India (with Michael Greenstone, Nicholas Ryan and Anant Sudarshan).

Liquidity and Enterprise Growth: Theory and Evidence from the Indian MFI Crisis (with Erica Field and Natalia Rigol).

Financial Institutions and Economic Development: Evidence from Village India (with Giorgia Barboni and Erica Field).

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, OVERVIEW ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Personnel Economics of the State,” (with Frederico Finan and Benjamin Olken). Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo (eds) *Handbook of Field Experiments*, 2017.

“Research and Impacts of Digital Financial Services,” (with Dean Karlan, Jake Kendall, Rebecca Mann, Tavneet Suri, Jonathan Zinman). NBER Working Paper Series #22633. September 2016.

“Microfinance: Points of Promise,” (with Erica Field and Abraham Holland), *Contemporary and Emerging Issues*, edited by Jean Kimmel, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, 2015.

“Lower Pollution, Longer Lives,” Life Expectancy Gains if India Reduced Particulate Matter Pollution,” (with Michael Greenstone, Janhavi Nilekani, Anant Sudarshan, Anish Suganathan and Nicholas Ryan), *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol L No. 8, February 21 2015.

“What Does Reputation Buy? Differentiation in a Market for Third-party Auditors,” (with Esther Duflo, Michael Greenstone and Nicholas Ryan), *American Economic Review*, May 2013, Vol.103 (3).

“Corruption in Developing Countries,” (with Benjamin Olken), *Annual Review of Economics*, July 2012, Vol. 4: pp. 479-509.

“Politics as a Male Domain and Empowerment in India,” (with Lori Beaman and Alexandra Cirone), Chapter 14 in *The Impact of Gender Quotas: Women's Descriptive, Substantive, and Symbolic Representation*, edited by S. Franceschet, M. Krook, and J. Piscopo, Oxford University Press, 2012.

“Can Informed Voters Enforce Better Governance? Experiments in Low Income Democracies,” *Annual Review of Economics*, September 2011, Vol. 3: pp. 215-237.

“Political Reservation and Substantive Representation: Evidence from Indian Village Councils,” (with Lori Beaman, Esther Duflo and Petia Topalova), *India Policy Forum, Brookings/NCAER*. Vol 7, 2011.

“Gender Quotas and Female Leadership,” (with Deanna Ford), Background Paper for *World Development Report*, World Bank, 2011.

“Improving Human Health Through a Market-Friendly Emissions Scheme,” (with M.Greenstone, A Krishnan, N. Ryan and A. Sudarshan), *International Seminar on Global Environment and Disaster Management: Law and Society Volume* (Supreme Court of India, MoEF/Law Ministry), 2011.

“Towards an Emissions Trading Scheme for Air Pollutants in India,” (with Esther Duflo, Michael Greenstone and Nicholas Ryan), *Ministry of Environment and Forest*, Government of India, August 2010.

“Do Traditional Institutions Constrain Female Entrepreneurship? A Field Experiment on Business Training in India,” (with Erica Field and Seema Jayachandran), *American Economic Review*, May 2010, Vol. 100 (2): pp. 125-129.

“Segregation, Rent Control, and Riots: the Economics of Religious Conflict in an Indian City,” (with Erica Field, Matthew Levinson and Sujata Visari), *American Economic Review*, May 2008, Vol. 98 (2): pp. 505-510.

“Repayment Frequency and Default in Micro-Finance: Evidence from India,” (with Erica Field), *Journal of European Economic Association*, April-May 2008, Vol. 6 (2-3): pp. 501-550.

“Understanding Political Corruption in Low Income Countries,” in *Handbook of Development Economics, Volume 4*, T. Schultz & J. Strauss, Eds., April 2007, pp. 3155-3184.

“Women Politicians, Gender Bias and Policy-Making in Rural India,” (with Lori Beaman, Esther Duflo and Petia Topalova), Background paper for *State of the World’s Children Report 2007*, UNICEF.

“Institutions and Development: A View from Below,” (with C. Udry), in *Proceedings of the 9th World Congress of the Econometric Society*, ed. R. Blundell, W. Newey and T. Persson, Cambridge University Press, 2005, pp. 349-403.

“Banking for the Poor: Evidence from India,” (with Robin Burgess and Grace Wong), *Journal of the European Economics Association*, April-May 2005, Vol. 3 (2-3): pp. 268-278.

“Participatory Democracy in Action: Survey Evidence from India,” (with Tim Besley and Vijayendra Rao), *Journal of the European Economics Association*, April-May 2005, Vol. 3 (2-3): pp. 648-657.

“The Politics of Public Good Provision: Evidence from Indian Local Governments,” (with Timothy Besley, Lupin Rahman, and Vijayendra Rao), *Journal of the European Economics Association*, April-May 2004, Vol. 2 (2-3): pp. 416-426.

BOOK REVIEWS, COMMENTS AND SHORTER PIECES

“Water Pollution and Public Health in India: The Potential for a Market-friendly Approach,” (with M. Greenstone, R. Madhok, and H. Shah), *Health and South Asia*, South Asia Institute, Harvard University, 2013, pp. 61-65.

“Women in Charge,” (with Petia Topalova), *IMF Finance and Development*, 2013. Vol. 50(2).

“Choice Not Genes: Probable Cause for the India-Africa Child Height Gap,” (with Seema Jayachandran). *Economic and Political Weekly*. 48 (34): pp. 77-79. 2013

“Introduction to Issue on Malnutrition,” (with Seema Jayachandran), *CESifo Economic Studies*, 2012. Vol. 58(2): pp. 253-255. doi:10.1093/cesifo/ifs021.

“Women in a Woeful World,” review of *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn in *Harvard Review*, September – October 2009.

“Rural Credit” and “Dams” in *The Oxford Companion to Economics in India*, ed. Kaushik Basu, Oxford University Press, 2007.

“Political Economy of Panchayats in South India,” (with Timothy Besley, Vijayendra Rao), *Economic and Political Weekly*, February 24, 2007.

Comment on Jim Levinsohn and Margaret McMillan, “Does Food Aid Harm the Poor? Household Evidence from Ethiopia,” in *Globalization and Poverty*, NBER volume edited by Ann Harrison, University of Chicago Press, 2006.

Review of “Annual World Bank Conference of Development Economics,” *Journal of Economic Literature*, June 2006.

ARCHIVED WORKING PAPERS

“Read my Lips: The Political Economy of Information Transmission,” (with Timothy Besley), STICERD Theoretical Economics Discussion Paper, July 2009.

MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

Hewlett Foundation, Gates Foundation, Mastercard Foundation, IZA-DFID, DFID-UK, Development Innovations Venture USAID Science of Generosity World Bank, Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative (ATAI), Department for International Development, National Institute of Health R01 (1R01HD069546-01A1), John Templeton Foundation for Microfinance, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation 3ie, NSF grants (SES-1123899, SES-1066006, SES-1063693, SES-0752792, SES-0417634, SES-0035601, SES-0114939), DOL (DOLB119K32540, DOLJ109K31201, DOLJ109K31204), IGC, World Bank Panchayat grant, Wingate Scholarship, Royal Economic Society Junior Research Fellowship, Overseas Research Students Award British Government, Rhodes Scholarship

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES AND LECTURES

Keynote Speech DEVPEC Conference, Stanford May 2017

La Caixa Public Lecture, Barcelona March 2017

Indian Statistical Institute’s annual Growth and Development Conference, December 2016

Faculty, 15th Luca d’Agliano Summer School in International and Development Economics September 2016

Invited Session, Brocher Summer Academy in Population-level Bioethics: Ethical Issues in Randomized Trials in Development Economics and Health Policy, Switzerland, June 2016

Keynote Speech, European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Annual Conference, Switzerland, June 2016

Kiel Institute, Course on Political Economy of Development May 2016

Invited Session on Governance Reforms in India, Harvard India Initiative, January 2015

Gender Quotas and Women’s Leadership, Development Day Stockholm Institute of Theoretical Economics June 2014

Birger Lecture, Tufts University, April 2014

Invited Session on Poverty and Shared Growth, Indian Econometric Society Golden Jubilee Conference, December 2013

Invited Session on Regional Perspectives on Growth, World Bank Making Growth Happen: Implementing Policies for Competitive Industries Conference, October 2013

Keynote Speech, National Workshop of Monitoring and Evaluation of Rural Livelihoods Programmes, New Delhi, August 2013

Roundtable on Development, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, June 2013

Invited Lecture, Stanford Graduate School of Business Inaugural SEED Conference, 2012

Keynote Speech, Emerging Markets Forum, Smith School of Business, Maryland 2012

Keynote Speech, Land Institution and Economic Development Conference, Hangzhou, China 2011.

Committee on Status of Women in Economics (COSME) Lecture, Spanish Economic Association Meetings, 2010

Invited Session on Political Economy of Development, LACEA Rio, 2008
Invited Lecture, Helsinki School of Economics, 2005

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

ASSA, Boston, British Columbia, BREAD, Brown, UC-Berkeley, UC-San Diego, CalTech, Cambridge University, CEPR (Public Policy and Development Economics), Chicago GSB, Chicago Harris, Columbia (Economics, Political Science and Sustainable Development), Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Georgetown, Hangzhou, Harvard, IGC (London, South Asia), Illinois Urbana Champagne, JPAL (Urban Services Initiative, Sri Lanka; Policy Conference, Bihar; Conference, Paris), John Hopkins University, London School of Economics, Madrid (Carlos 3M), Maryland (Ag Econ and Econ), MIT (Economics; CEEPR), Michigan, NEUDC, NBER, New York University, Northwestern, Northwestern Kellogg, Oxford University, Paris School of Economics, PEDL-IPA SME Conference, Princeton, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Stanford (GSB and Economics), Stockholm (IIES), Texas A&M, TIGER Forum Toulouse, Toulouse, UCLA Public Policy, University College, London, University of Southern California, US Department of Labor, Virginia, Warwick, World Bank (DEC-RG, Procurement Meetings), Yale (Political Science and Economics).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

JOURNALS

Co-editor, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2016-present
Associate Editor, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2004-present
Board of Editors, *American Economic Review*, 2008-2013
Associate Editor, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2009-2012
Associate Editor, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2007-2012

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Co-organizer, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum: Advances in Micro Development Economics, 2014-present
Program Committee, Econometric Society Program Committee (Asia: 2012; North America: 2015, 2016)
Co-Organizer, NEUDC Harvard, 2007 and 2013
Co-organizer, Governance Issues in Environmental Policy Making, San Servolo, 2012
Co-organizer, *CESifo* Conference on Malnutrition in South Asia, 2011
Program Committee, NBER/BREAD Development Conference, 2010 and 2016
Co-Organizer, Radcliffe Conference on Theory and Experiments in Political Economy, 2009
Program Committee, European Economic Association, 2004, 2006, 2007

REVIEW PANELS AND SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Advisory Panel, World Development Report, 2014
Board Member at Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR), 2010 – 2015
Research Associate, Governance Group, International Food Policy Research Institute, 2010 – 2011
Board Member at Large, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP), 2008 – 2011
Member, ADBI Review Panel, 2010
Member, NSF Economics Panel, 2008 – 2010

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE

HKS PhD Placement Officer 2010-2015
HKS PhD Public Policy, Admissions Committee 2010-
Faculty Advisory Committee for Harvard's Global Support Services 2015-
Chair, International Development Area Harvard Kennedy School 2012-

Harvard Population Center Steering Committee 2012 -
Center for International Development, Harvard University Steering Committee 2007-
HKS Junior Analytics Faculty Search Chair 2007, 2008 and 2013-16
HKS Dean Search Committee 2014-15
Harvard South Asia Initiative Steering Committee 2007-2012
Search Committee for Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard School of Public Health, Angelopolous
Professorship in Public Health and International Development 2007

REFeree

ADBI External Review Panel, American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Berkeley Electronic Press Economic Analysis & Policy, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Economic Letters, International Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Literature, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, M.I.T. Press, National Institute of Health, National Science Foundation, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, World Development

SELECTED POPULAR WRITING AND OPEDS

Pande, Rohini and Charity Troyer Moore, 'Why Aren't India's Women Working', *New York Times*, August 23, 2015

Pande, Rohini and F.M. Blum, 'Data Poverty Makes it Harder to Fix Real Poverty', *Monkey Cage Blog Washington Post*, July 20, 2015

Pande, Rohini, 'In Indian Villages, the Power of a Powerful Woman', *New York Times*, January 14, 2015

Pande, Rohini, 'Keeping Women Safe: Addressing the Root Causes of Violence Against Women in South Asia', *Harvard Magazine* January 2015

Jayachandran, Seema and Pande, Rohini, 'The Youngest are Hungriest', *New York Times*, August 8 2014

Greenstone, Michael and Pande, Rohini, 'India's Particulate Problem', *New York Times*, February 9 2014

PHD DISSERTATION SUPERVISION (WITH INITIAL PLACEMENT)

2004	Laila Haider (NERA/LSE Government)
2005	Sujata Visaria (Boston University)
2006	Siddharth Sharma (World Bank)
2007	Lori Beaman (Northwestern), Kate Sims (Amherst), Afua Branoah Banful (IFPRI), Madiha Afzal (Maryland Public Policy)
2009	Oendrilla Dube (NYU Political Science), Sandip Sukhtankar (Dartmouth), Ngoc Anh Tran (Indiana Public Policy)
2010	Sharon Barnhardt (IFMR India)
2011	Eliana Carranza (World Bank), Martin Kanz (World Bank)
2012	Arturo Aguilar (ITAM), Supreet Kaur (Columbia), Robyn Meeks (Michigan), John Papp (Highbridge Capital Management)
2013	Jessica Leight (Williams)
2014	Anitha Sivasankaran (Mathematica)

2015 Maria Cecilia Acevedo (World Bank), Mahnaz Islam (Amazon), Martin Rotemberg (NYU), Elizabeth Walker (NERA)

2016 Yusuf Neggers (Post-doc, Brown University)

2017 Soledad Artiz Prillaman (Stanford Political Science), Tomoko Harigaya (Precision Agriculture for Development), Sara Lowes (Bocconi) Shayak Sarkar (UC Davis)