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EDUCATION

PhD: Economics
**Institute of
Economics and
Econometrics,
University of
Geneva,**
Switzerland, 2022

- Thesis Title:
Essays in
Development
Economics
(Applied Econ)
- Thesis
Committee: Prof.
Giacomo De
Giorgi
(Supervisor),
Prof. Salvatore Di
Falco, Prof. Selim
Gulesci

M.Phil: Finance
Bocconi University,
Italy, Italy, 2015

Master of Science:
Economics
**Indian Institute of
Technology,
Kharagpur,** 2010

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Economist with a PhD from the University of Geneva and extensive experience in development economics, and applied econometrics. Proven track record in leading complex, multinational research projects, with a focus on poverty alleviation, mental health, and gender. Skilled in designing and implementing Randomized Control Trials (RCTs) and quasi-experimental analysis, supported by advanced proficiency in statistical software like R, STATA, and Python. Promising research papers with a potential publication in top ranked Economics journals.

SKILLS

- **Management:** Proficient in leading diverse teams and coordinating multinational projects
- **Econometrics:** Quasi-experimental, RCT, Causal Inference, Impact evaluation, Time series forecasting
- **Leadership:** Expert in initiating, planning, and executing complex research projects
- **Software:** R (advanced), STATA (advanced), MS Excel, LaTeX, Python

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Dvara Trust Fellowship, 2019.
- Doctorate scholarship at the University of Geneva, 2017-2022.
- M.Phil scholarship at Bocconi University, 2014-2015.

REFERENCES

- **Prof. Sanchari Roy** (Department of Econ., Uni. of Exeter)
- **Associate Prof. Mauricio Avendano** (Uni. of Laussane)
- **Prof. Giacomo De Giorgi** (Institute of Econ. and Econometrics, Uni. of Geneva)

RESEARCH ARTICLES

- “Education and Domestic Violence: Evidence from a School Construction Program in India” with M. Agarwal, S. Maji and K. Bergonzoli.
 - Leading a team of junior economists, we analyzed the 2015-16 Demographic Health Survey data using a regression discontinuity design to assess the impact of India's District Primary Education Program (DPEP) on domestic violence. Our findings linked increased women's education to substantial reductions in various forms of domestic violence, with emotional violence decreasing by 13%, less severe physical violence by 27%, sexual violence by 9%, and injuries from domestic violence by 10%. These changes were primarily due to improved gender attitudes and beliefs among women, better partner quality, and enhanced access to information and legal

support, reflecting a societal shift and heightened consequences for domestic violence.

- “Marrying Young: The Surprising Effect of Education” with M. Agarwal and S. Javadekar, ”, currently under review.
 - Leading a team of fellow economists, we investigated the impact of an increase in women's education on their age at marriage. Exploiting a regression discontinuity for a large-scale school construction program in India, we find that the program increases women's education by 0.3-1 year but decreases their age at marriage by 0.96 years for a one-year increase in education. Next, we find that post-marriage, educated women experience less domestic violence, better health care, lower fertility levels, and a wealthy match in the marriage market. Finally, we find a 50 percent increase in women's wages leads to a delay in age at marriage by 0.1 years. This highlights the complementary role of education and labor market policies in that improve outside options and delay women's age at marriage.
- “Criminally accused politician and crime against women: Evidence from India” with S. Maji, currently under review.
 - Collaborating with a junior researcher – We analyzed the impact of criminally accused politicians (CAPs) in Indian legislative assemblies on crime rates and legal integrity by using a regression discontinuity designs to. Utilizing the Development Data Lab e-courts data, which includes 81 million civil and criminal cases, our study found a significant escalation in crimes against women (doubling) and property crimes (over 50% increase) following the election of CAPs. This was accompanied by a decrease in public trust in the police and an uptick in unresolved criminal cases. Our analysis, conducted using R and STATA packages, underscores the detrimental effects of CAPs on law enforcement and judicial systems.

OTHER ARTICLES

- “Strengthening Self-Regulation and Reducing Poverty to Prevent Adolescent Depression and Anxiety” with other authors (Epidemiology and Psychiatric Sciences - accepted)
- “Network Size and Temporary Migration”, currently under review.
- “Credit to woman: Evidence from migrant households”, currently under review.

WORK HISTORY

January 2023 – Current

King's College London - Research Associate, London

- Played a pivotal role in the ALIVE Economic Intervention Group, focusing on an RCT aimed at mental health and poverty alleviation, where I skillfully managed multi-country project coordination, liaising with academic experts and local implementation teams.
- Spearheaded the design and implementation of innovative economic interventions across multiple countries within the RCT framework, demonstrating exceptional leadership and project management skills.
- There are couple of research papers in pipeline post experiment and a larger study with larger sample size is already in proposal.

May 2022 - September 2022 (6 months)

UNCTAD - Associate Economics Affairs Officer • Report Lead , Geneva

- Managed environment sustainability literature review and data analysis.
- Co-authored and edited the 5th Flagship Report for UNFSS.

September 2019 - February 2020 (6 months)

Dvara Trust and Shram Sarathi - Fellow • Project Head, Rajasthan.

- Headed a comprehensive study on gender dynamics in loans in a 6-month fellowship, contributing to household finance and portfolio research.
- Managed data digitization, and causal analysis using innovative quasi-experiment design.

June 2011 - June 2014 (3 years)

National Institute of Public Finance and Policy - Consultant • Quantitative Specialist, Delhi.

- Steered international finance research and policy analysis through applied econometrics modeling, focusing on finance, macro and statistics.
- Offered expert consultation to regulatory bodies and government organizations (Ministry of Finance - GOI, Airport Regulatory Authority, Central Bank) on diverse policy and legal issues including equity cost estimation, capital flow intervention, foreign exchange risks, inflation expectations, and regulations surrounding ADRs.

September 2015 - March 2016 (6 months)

World Trade Organization - Intern • Trade Analyst, Geneva

- Conducted econometrics analysis to provide data analysis support for the World Trade Report on SMEs.
- Created country reports on a regular basis to provide macro and trade summary to the Economics and Research Division.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Introduction to Micro, Introduction to Macro, Micro I, International Macro, and Mathematics I

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- NEUDC Conference at Harvard University November 4–5, 2023.
- Pacific Conference for Development Economics 2022.
- Society of Economics of the Household (SEHO) 2022 at UCL.
- Treatment Effects, Prof. Jeffrey Wooldridge (Uni of California, SD), 2018.
- Big Data Econometrics, Prof. Matthew Harding (Uni of California Irvine), 2019.