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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2015-present)
M.Phil. in Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University (2012)
M.A. in Economics, University of Hyderabad (2010)
B.A. (Honours) in Economics, Miranda House, University of Delhi (2008)

Fields of Interest

Political Economy of Development, Critical Urban Theory, Feminist Economics, Political Economy of Environment, Labour Economics

Research Publications

“Understanding Trends in Spousal Violence in India” (with Anjana Thampi), *Social Scientist*, September-October 2022 (ISSN 0970-0293)

“Women’s Workforce Participation and Spousal Violence: Insights from India” (with Anjana Thampi), in *Indian Economy and Neoliberal Globalization: Finance, Trade, Industry and Employment*, Routledge, *Forthcoming*

Research Papers in Progress

“Informality, Production of City Space, and Urban Inequality: An investigation of the interconnections in Delhi, India” (with Vamsi Vakulabharanam)

“Urban Displacement and the Crisis of Social Reproduction under Neoliberal Capitalism”

“Gendering Displacement: Women’s Workforce Participation in the Aftermath of Forced Eviction”

Conference & Workshop Presentations

“Gendering Displacement: Women’s workforce participation in the aftermath of forced eviction”, AEA/ASSA 2023 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 2023

“Neo-liberalization, Class Inequality, and Spatial Segregation”, Seventh Annual PhD Workshop, Indian Institute for Human Settlements, Bangalore, January 2021

“Political Economy of Urban Restructuring: The logic of capital, class relations, and the State”, The Union for Radical Political Economics 50th Anniversary Conference, Amherst, September 2018

“Urban Renewal or New Enclosures: Class and gender inequities in the spatial reordering of millennial Delhi”, Institute for New Economic Thinking-Azim Premji University Advanced Graduate Workshop, Bangalore, July 2018

“A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding Asymmetric Bargaining Power within Families”, Young Scholars Initiative at Festival for New Economic Thinking, Edinburgh, October 2017

“Capital Accumulation and Urban Restructuring: The interconnections therein”, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April 2017

“Capitalist Accumulation, Sport Mega-Events, and Urban Renewal: A case study of 2010 Commonwealth Games, Delhi”, Young Scholars Initiative Plenary, Budapest, October 2016

“Formal-Informal Sector Production Linkages”, Institute for New Economic Thinking- Azim Premji University Advanced Graduate Workshop, Bangalore, July 2014

“Effects of Technological Progress on Production, Employment and Wages: A study of the Indian weaving industry”, Young Scholars Initiative-Institute for New Economic Thinking, Young Scholars’ Workshop and Presentation Session, Toronto, April 2014

“Withdrawal of the State from (Industrial) Production in India since 1990: Planned and strategic?”, National Conference of Input-Output Research Association of India, Hyderabad, March 2012

Research Training and Experience

Research Assistant, Political Economy Research Institute (PERI), September 2021-August 2022 and January 2018-December 2018

- Assisted Prof. James K. Boyce with projects on climate policy analysis in the context of the US and capital flight from Africa

Participant, Workshops on Research Methods, The Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR), UMass Amherst, June 2018-July 2018

- Qualitative Research Design and Methods
- Introduction to Qualitative Interviewing
- Introduction to Questionnaire Design

Training and hands-on experience in statistical packages Stata, EViews, R (basic)

Teaching Experience

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Economics, Trinity College

- Course: Econ 254 Macroeconomic Inequality in an Urban Context, Spring 2023

Instructor, Department of Economics, UMass Amherst

- Course: Econ 366 Economic Development, Fall 2022

Online Instructor, University Without Walls, UMass Amherst

- Courses: Econ 203 Intermediate Microeconomics, Summer 2020
Econ 103 Introduction to Microeconomics, Winter 2020 & Summer 2018

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, UMass Amherst

- Courses: Econ 204 Intermediate Macroeconomics, Fall 2020
Econ 104 Introduction to Macroeconomics, Fall 2017 & Spring 2017
Econ 103 Introduction to Microeconomics, Spring 2016 & Fall 2016
Econ 105 Introduction to Political Economy, Fall 2015

Adjunct Faculty, Ambedkar University, Delhi, January 2015-May 2015

- Course: Development Economics: Historical Perspective

Assistant Professor, University of Delhi, Delhi, August 2012-September 2014

- Courses: Intermediate Macroeconomics-I; Intermediate Macroeconomics-II; Intermediate Microeconomics-II; International Trade; Indian Economic Development since 1947; Economy, State & Society

Awards and Fellowships

Political Economy Research Institute (PERI) Fellowship, Spring 2021

Solomon Barkin Award (for undertaking dissertation research that concerns with problems faced by the working people and has the potential to contribute to improving their conditions), UMass Amherst Economics, December 2019

UMass Amherst Graduate School Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, 2019-2021

Conference Travel Grant, UMass Amherst Economics, 2018, 2017

Ingrid H. Rima Scholarship, Association for Social Economics, March 2018 (declined)

Chair's Summer Research Fellowship, UMass Amherst Economics, Summer 2017

Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Graduate School UMass Amherst, Summer 2017

Conference Travel Grant, Indian Council of Social Science Research, April 2014

Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, India, 2010-2012

Popular Writing and Artwork

“Depiction of gender-based violence in media” (artwork), Feminism in India, February 20, 2020

“Camaraderie in the Time of Saffron: *We are Shaheen Bagh*”, VIKALP – People’s Perspective for Change, January 15, 2020

“Why free public transport for women is a move in the right direction”, VIKALP – People’s Perspective for Change, June 11, 2019

Positions of Responsibility

Co-organizer, Urban & Regional Economics Working Group, Young Scholars Initiative Asia Convening 2019 - Institute for New Economic Thinking, 2019

Regional Coordinator, South Asia, Young Scholars Initiative-Institute for New Economic Thinking, 2013-2014

Placement Coordinator, Department of Economics, University of Hyderabad, 2009-2010

Volunteer, National Service Scheme, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, 2005-2006