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## EMPLOYMENT

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- 2014 - Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Georgia
- 2014 - Assistant Professor, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia

## EDUCATION

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2014 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Michigan (April 2014)  
*Dissertation Title: Why Guarantee Employment? Three Essays on the World's Largest Public-Works Program*

2010 M.A. in Economics, University of Michigan

2008 B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Oxford

Fields Development Economics, Labor Economics, Political Economy

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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It's a Boy! Women and Non-Monetary Benefits from a Son in India, *World Development*, 104: 326-335, 2018

Guns and Butter? Fighting Violence with the Promise of Development (with Gaurav Khanna), *Journal of Development Economics*, 124: 120-141, 2017

Fighting Maoist Violence with Promises: Evidence from India's Employment Guarantee Scheme, *Economics of Peace and Security Journal*, 9(1): 30-36, 2014 (with Gaurav Khanna)

Public-Works Programs in Developing Countries Have the Potential to Reduce Poverty, *IZA World of Labor*, 2014

Reconsidering Gender Bias in Intra-Household Allocation in India, *Journal of Development Studies*, 48(1): 151-163, 2012

Human Capital and Ethnic Self-Identification of Migrants, *Economics Letters*, 98(3): 235-239, 2008 (with Amelie Constant, Liliya Gataullina, Klaus F. Zimmermann)

Ethnic Self-Identification of First-Generation Immigrants, *International Migration Review*, 41(3): 769-781, 2007 (with Amelie Constant, Klaus F. Zimmermann)

## WORKING PAPERS

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Why Guarantee Employment? Evidence from a Large Indian Public-Works Program

May There be Victory: Government Election Performance and the World's Largest Public-Works Program

Are Transparency and Accountability Enough? Open Corruption and Why It Exists (with Dahjeon Jeong, Ajay Shenoy)

Remember When It Rained: Schooling Responses to Shocks in India

Inside the Black Box of Early-Life Shocks on Later-Life Outcomes - Evidence from Indonesia

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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Production Responses and Tax Evasion with Limited State Capacity - Evidence from Major Reform in India (with David Agrawal)

Can Buy Me Care? Evidence from a New Type of CCT Program in India (with Nabaneeta Biswas, Christopher Cornwell)

Procurement and Market Prices in India

## PERMANENT WORKING PAPERS

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Demographic Challenges Facing the Elderly in Sub-Saharan Africa (with David Lam and Rebecca Thornton)

Clash of Cultures: Muslims and Christians in the Ethnosizing Process (with Amelie Constant, Liliya Gataullina, Klaus F. Zimmermann), IZA Discussion Paper No. 2350

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

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World Bank Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award 2015-2016

International Growth Centre (IGC) Grant, £34,450.50 PI for Project *Production Responses and Tax Evasion with Limited State Capacity - Evidence from Major Reform in India* (with David Agrawal) (2016-2019)

University of Georgia Teaching Academy Fellows Program (TAFP) (2018-2019)

Swift Award for Outstanding Teaching in Undergraduate Economics, University of Georgia (2018)

University of Georgia Career Center Career Development Recognition: identified by at least one graduate in the Class of 2016 as a person who has had a significant positive impact on their career development and success (2016)

Rackham One-Term Fellowship (Fall 2013)

Rackham Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (2012-2013)

Marshall Weinberg Research Fellowship (2012)

Small Grant Program for Ph.D. Students, Department of Economics, University of Michigan (2011)

Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop Grant for the Informal Development Seminar (2011-2012, 2012-2013)

Rackham Conference Travel Grant (2010, 2011, 2012, 2014)

UGA OVPR Foreign Travel Assistance Program (2015)

International Institute Conference Travel Award (2012, 2013, 2014)

Midwest Political Science Association Conference Fee Waiver Scholarship (2014)

## TEACHING

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### University of Georgia

*Politics of Development* (INTL 4320) (Fall 2014, Spring/Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2018)

*Development Economics* (ECON 4200) (Spring/Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Spring/Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

Ph.D. Students with graduation year and initial placement: Nabaneeta Biswas (2017, Marshall University, committee member), Sanjukta Das (2017, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Delhi, co-chair)

## University of Michigan

Graduate Student Instructor for *Government Regulation of Industry* (undergraduate) (2012)

Graduate Student Instructor for *Introduction to Macroeconomics* (undergraduate) (2010)

Graduate Student Instructor for *European Economy* (undergraduate) (2009)

## Other

Teaching Assistant for *Analysis of Census and Survey Data for Social Science Research*, taught for university faculty and government research staff in Ghana (2011)

## VISITING SCHOLAR

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London School of Economics, South Asia Centre, September-November 2016

Cornell University, Dyson School, July 2015

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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2018: 14th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (Delhi), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Southern Economic Association, University of Georgia (Agricultural Economics), Sustainability and Development Conference, University of Georgia (International Affairs Brownbag)

2017: 13th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (Delhi), American Economic Association Annual Meeting (Poster), Georgia State University, Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Southern Economic Association

2016: London School of Economics (South Asia Centre) (x2), London School of Economics (STICERD), Delhi School of Economics Winter School (Delhi)

2015: American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference (Oxford), Cornell University (Dyson School), 10th IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Ninth Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop, United States Institute of Peace (USIP) and the Empirical Studies of Conflict Project (ESOC) Policy Meeting, University of Georgia (Agricultural Economics)

2014: 10th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (Delhi), College of William and Mary, Denison University, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, The MGNREGA in India: Taking Stock, Looking Ahead (Mumbai), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Eighth Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop, University of Cambridge, University of Georgia, University of Illinois at Chicago, Uppsala University, Workshop on India's Maoist Insurgency (Princeton), World Bank

2013: Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference (Oxford), Economic Development Seminar (University of Michigan), Informal Development Seminar (University of Michigan), Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting

2012: 8th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (Delhi), Informal Development Seminar (University of Michigan), Informal Labor Lunch (University of Michigan), Midwest Economic Association Conference, Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2x)

2011: 7th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (Delhi), Sixth African Population Conference (Ouagadougou), 6th IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development (Mexico City), Delhi School of Economics, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations

(Delhi), Indian Statistical Institute (Delhi), Institute for the Study of Labor Brownbag Seminar (Bonn), Midwest Economic Association Conference, Population Association of America Annual Meeting

2010: Informal Development Seminar (University of Michigan), Midwest Economic Association Conference

2007: European Society for Population Economics XXI Annual Conference

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

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### Professional Experience

Research Assistant for David Lam, University of Michigan (Summer 2010, September 2010 - August 2011)

Research Assistant for Raj Arunachalam, University of Michigan (Summer 2009)

Intern, IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor), Bonn; assigned to the migration program, and member of a working group in the research program on ‘The Economics and Persistence of Migrant Ethnicity’ (Summer 2006)

### Service

Referee for: *Agricultural Economics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Journal of Political Science, Child and Society, Economics Bulletin, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Economic Systems, Empirical Economics, European Journal of Political Economy, Health Economics, International Journal of Social Economics, IZA Journal of Labor and Development, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy, Labour Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Population Studies, Review of Development Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, World Bank Economic Review, World Development*

Reviewer for: *South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE)*

Co-Student Organizer of Informal Development Seminar, University of Michigan (January 2011 - June 2012)

### Affiliations

Population Studies Center Trainee (University of Michigan) (February 2011 - July 2014)

IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn) Research Affiliate (December 2006 - July 2015)

IZA Research Fellow since July 2015

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

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*India’s Commodity Tax System Is Complex and Varies Substantially by State*, blog post on International Growth Centre (IGC) Blog (with David Agrawal) (October 2017)

*Development for Peace: The Decline of Naxalite Violence in India*, blog post on Sustainable Security Blog (with Gaurav Khanna) (September 2017)

*MNREGA’s Impact on Rural Labor Markets*, lead blog post on Ideas for India Blog’s e-Symposium 10 years of MNREGA and the Way Forward (March 2016)

Guest Post on Ideas for India Blog on paper *Guns and Butter? Fighting Violence with the Promise of Development* (with Gaurav Khanna) (April 2015)

Guest Post on Development Impact Blog on paper *Why Guarantee Employment? Evidence from a Large Indian Public-Works Program* (December 2013)

Paper *Why Guarantee Employment? Evidence from a Large Indian Public-Works Program* featured in *IZA Compact* (December 2012)

Paper *Why Guarantee Employment? Evidence from a Large Indian Public-Works Program* featured in *ADAPT International Bulletin 33/2012* (November 2012)

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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Citizenship: Germany (Permanent Resident - Green Card)

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), French (intermediate), Hindi (basic)