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Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2015 - current)

M.Phil. Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University (2012)

M.A. Economics, University of Hyderabad (2010)

B.A. (Hons.) Economics, Miranda House, University of Delhi (2008)

Fields of Interest

Political Economy of Development; Critical Urban Theory; Political Economy of Environment;
Feminist Economics; Comparative Economic Systems

Awards and Fellowships

Chair's Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, June 2017

Pre-dissertation Grant, Graduate School, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, May 2017

Conference Travel Grant, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, May 2017, November 2016

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

Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, India, August 2010 – July 2012

Work in Progress

Biswas, Arpita and Vamsi Vakulabharanam (2017), "Informality, Production of City Space, and Urban Inequality: An investigation of the interconnections in Delhi, India"

Conference Presentations

"Urban Renewal or New Enclosures: Class, Gender and Environmental 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?”, XV National Conference of Input-Output Research Association, Hyderabad, March 2012

Participation in Workshops

“Globalization, Poverty, Development”, Institute for New Economic Thinking-Azim Premji University Advanced Graduate Workshop, Bangalore, July 2018

“Indian Economic Development”, Institute for New Economic Thinking-Azim Premji University Advanced Graduate Workshop, Bangalore, June-July 2014

“Economics of Innovation”, Young Scholars Initiative-Institute for New Economic Thinking Workshop, Toronto, April 2014

Research Training

Research Assistant at Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, (Jan 2018 – current)

Research Supervisor: James K. Boyce

Research Project: Climate Policy Analysis

Field Experience:

Conducted pilot survey in Bawana resettlement colony, Delhi, to assess living and work conditions of urban poor, July-August 2017

Survey undertaken under the guidance of Dr. G. Vijay, Assistant Professor, University of Hyderabad, to assess industrial pollution in Bollaram Industrial Area, Medak District, Telangana, March 2010

Survey undertaken under the guidance of Dr. G. Vijay, Assistant Professor, University of Hyderabad, to study the impacts of rural to urban migration in a slum in Lingampally, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, September 2009

Statistical Packages: STATA, EViews, R (basic)

Teaching Experience

Instructor (Online), Division of Continuing and Professional Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, May 2018 – July 2018

Subject: Econ 103 Introduction to Microeconomics

Teaching Assistant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, September 2015 to December 2017

Subjects: Econ 104 Introduction to Macroeconomics, Fall 2017 and Spring 2017

Econ 103 Introduction to Microeconomics, Spring 2016 and Fall 2016

Econ 105 Introduction to Political Economy, Fall 2015

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

Subject: Development Economics: Historical Perspective

Guest Lecturer, University of Delhi, Delhi, August 2012 to May 2014

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

Positions of Responsibility

Coordinator, Urban & Regional Economics Working Group, Young Scholars Initiative-Institute for New Economic Thinking, January 2017 to May 2017

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

Volunteer, *Khoj*, Delhi-based NGO, August 2013 to July 2015

Placement Coordinator, Department of Economics, University of Hyderabad, August 2009 to May 2010

Volunteer, National Service Scheme, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, July 2005 to June 2006

References

Upon request