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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Geneva Sept 2025 - Present

Institute of Economics and Econometrics
Geneva School of Economics and Management

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Colorado Boulder 2025

Dissertation: "Three Essays in the Economics of Climate Change"
Advisor: Jonathan Edward Hughes. Committee: Daniel Kaffine, Taylor Jaworski, Beia Spiller

M.A. Economics, University of Colorado Boulder 2021

M.A. Economics, Boston University 2017

B.E. Industrial Engineering and M.B.A. (Dual Degree), Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology 2014

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: Environmental Economics, Development Economics

Secondary: International Trade, Applied Microeconomics, Political Economics

WORKING PAPERS

1. ***Fuel vs. Water: Is Ethanol Renewable?*** (Job Market Paper) [Paper]
2. ***Barriers within Borders: Climate Change, Market Barriers, and Structural Transformation*** [Paper]
3. ***Stumped by the Sun, Saved by the Side: How Do Teams Adapt to Heat? Evidence on Peer Adaptation*** (Submitted) [Paper]

WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. ***Local Impacts of Global Policies: Deforestation and the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)*** (with Matthieu Stigler and Sabine Stillger)
2. ***Fragile Flames: Geopolitical Shocks and Clean Energy Transition***
3. ***Misallocation of Water and Crops: Water Rights, Market Distortions, and Trade Barriers in India*** (with Bhavya Srivastava and Elizabeth Sorensen Montoya)
4. ***Climate Change and Informal Insurance Networks*** (with Matthew Gordon)

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapter

Chatterjee, D., Lal, B., & Saxena, R. (2021). Education: Understanding the Gender Gap in Education and Employment. In S. Chakravorty & N. Sircar (Eds.), *Colossus: The Anatomy of Delhi* (South Asia in the Social Sciences, pp. 273-289). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/9781108935654.013

Other Writing

Arora, K., & Saxena, R. (2018). India-China Economic Relations: An Assessment. *South Asian Voices*, Stimson Center, Washington, DC.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

GSEM, University of Geneva

Guest Lecture: Environmental Economics and Climate Change [Master's Level] (~30 students) — Nov 2025

University of Colorado Boulder

Instructor of Record: Natural Resource Economics (~50 students) — Aug 2024 - Dec 2024

Instructor of Record: Principles of Microeconomics (~200 students) — Aug 2022 - Dec 2022

Managed a team of four teaching assistants

Teaching Assistant — Aug 2019 - May 2025

Principles of Microeconomics (x5 semesters)
Principles of Macroeconomics (x4 semesters)
Environmental Economics (x2 semesters)
Introduction to Statistics with Computer Applications (x1 semester)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Graduate School Domestic Travel Grant, University of Colorado Boulder ($450)	2023
Faculty Support Fellowship, University of Colorado Boulder ($515)	2023
TWEEDS Workshop Travel Grant ($525)	2023
Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop Travel Support	2023
Graduate Award for Public Policy Research, University of Colorado Boulder ($2,000)	2022
Reuben A. Zubrow Fellowship in Economics, University of Colorado Boulder ($2,000)	2021
Continuing Education Teaching Fellowship, University of Colorado Boulder ($2,000; $1,000)	2021, 2020
Departmental Scholarship, Department of Economics, University of Colorado Boulder ($10,000)	2019

INVITED SEMINARS AND TALKS

2026 University College Dublin, Ireland · Spatial Economics of Environmental Change Workshop, Sciences Po, Paris, France (Guest Speaker)

2025 Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ · Truman State University, Kirksville, MO · IIT Gandhinagar, India · GSEM, University of Geneva, Switzerland

2024 DARE Seminar, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

2021 Environmental Defense Fund, New York, NY

2019 Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, India

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2026 CERIS Workshop, University of Galway, Ireland · European Association of Labour Economists (EALE) Conference, Barcelona, Spain · Paris Environmental Economics Workshop, France · Paris School of Economics, France · AERE @ OSWEET · International Workshop on New Trends in Environmental Economics and Policy, University of Bologna, Rimini, Italy† · 19th IAEE European Conference, Munich, Germany† · 19th Biennial EACES Conference† · International Energy Workshop, Cape Town, South Africa†

2025 AERE Session, Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, New York, NY · AERE Summer Conference, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM†

2024 25th Annual CU Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop, Vail, CO · AERE Session, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

2023 18th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, India · Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL · Berkeley/Sloan Summer School in Environmental and Energy Economics, UC Berkeley, CA · 98th Western Economic Association International Conference, San Diego, CA · AERE Summer Conference, Portland, OR · 12th Annual Front Range Energy and Environmental Economics Camp, Boulder, CO

2022 23rd Annual CU Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop, Vail, CO · 11th Annual Front Range Energy and Environmental Economics Camp, Boulder, CO

† Accepted, unable to attend.

REFEREE SERVICE

World Development, *Review of International Economics*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

European Association of Labour Economists (EALE)

Session Chair, EALE Annual Conference — 2026

University of Geneva

Member, Postdoc Search Committee — 2025 - 2026

Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE)

Organizing Committee, AERE Sessions at the Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting — 2024

Session Chair, AERE Sessions at the Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting — 2024

University of Colorado Boulder

Organizer, Economics Graduate Student Seminar — 2021 - 2025

Host, Graduate Student Panel, Graduate Student Recruitment — Spring 2024

Mentor, Graduate Student Mentoring Program (2 mentees) 2021 - 2023

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE); European Association of Labour Economists (EALE)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado Boulder

Research Assistant to Taylor Jaworski May 2022 - July 2022

Digitized and geocoded U.S. manufacturing plant openings during World War II

Research Assistant to Francisca Antman May 2020 - July 2020

Research assistance for: Antman, F. M., & Cortes, K. E. (2023). The Long-Run Impacts of Mexican American School Desegregation. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 61(3), 888-905.

Environmental Defense Fund

Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Office of the Chief Economist June 2021 - Aug 2021

Collaborated with economics, science, and policy teams in the U.S. and India on the economic impacts of environmental change and on environmental justice

University of Pennsylvania

Research Associate, Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI) Jan 2018 - July 2019

In collaboration with the Centre for Policy Research (CPR), New Delhi

Contributed to the following outputs:

Vaishnav, M. (2021). Gender, Social Change, and Urbanisation in North India. *International Growth Centre*, Project IND-19069.

Khosla, R., Sircar, N., & Bhardwaj, A. (2019). Energy Demand Transitions and Climate Mitigation in Low-Income Urban Households in India. *Environmental Research Letters*, 14(9), 095008.

Bhardwaj, A., Joshi, M., Khosla, R., & Dubash, N. K. (2019). More Priorities, More Problems? Decision-Making with Multiple Energy, Development and Climate Objectives. *Energy Research & Social Science*, 49, 143-157.

Small City Dreaming Project

SKILLS

Proficient: R, Julia, Quarto/R Markdown, GIS tools, LaTeX, C, C#

Intermediate: Python, Stata, Matlab, SQL

Languages: English (native), Hindi (native), Urdu, Punjabi, Italian (B1)

REFERENCES

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