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POSITIONS	Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy <i>Amrut Mody School of Management</i> <b>Ahmedabad University</b> , Ahmedabad, India	June 30, 2023 - Present
VISITING POSITIONS	Visiting Professor <i>Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts</i> <b>McGill University</b> , Montreal, Canada	May 30, 2024 - June 21, 2024
	Visiting Scientist <i>Economics and Planning Unit</i> <b>Indian Statistical Institute</b> , New Delhi, India	March 1, 2024 - March 15, 2024
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Economics, <b>McGill University</b> , Montreal, Canada <b>Dissertation Title:</b> <i>Learning and Technology Adoption in Developing Countries</i> <b>Committee:</b> Sonia Laszlo (Supervisor), Francesco Amodio (Co-Supervisor), Matthieu Chemin.	2023
	M.Sc. in Economics, <b>University of Calcutta</b> , Kolkata, India	2016
	B.Sc. in Economics (Honours), <b>R.K.M.R College Narendrapur</b> , Kolkata, India	2014
RESEARCH FIELDS	Development Economics, Information Economics, Applied Microeconomics.	
	<i>I study the adoption of risk management and mitigation practices in developing countries, focusing primarily on the role of networks, social learning, and learning from experience.</i>	
WORKING PAPERS	“The Role of Active Discussion in Learning about Uncertain Technologies,” May 2024. (with Javier Escobal, Sonia Laszlo, and Jim Warnick) [ <b>Under Review</b> ] “Network-Based Targeting with Heterogeneous Agents for Improving Technology Adoption,” March 2024. [ <b>Under Review</b> ] “The Role of Experience in Learning for Index Insurance Products: Evidence from Rural Kenya,” March 2023.	
WORK-IN-PROGRESS	“Lessons from the Past: How Experience Reduces the Impact of Weather Shocks on Ugandan Smallholders.” (with Giuseppe Maggio and Fabio G. Santeramo) “Testing Alternative Models of Informal Risk Sharing with Data from Tsimane’ Villages.” (with Francesco Amodio and Pau Milán) “Inefficiency in Agricultural Production: Do Information Frictions Matter?” (with Digvijay Singh Negi and Rahul Rao)	
BOOK CHAPTERS	“Food Insecurity, Price Volatility and Trade: A Panel Data Analysis in Developing Countries,” <i>Chapter-10 in Indian Agriculture under Multilateral and Regional Trade Agreements - Competitiveness and Food Security</i> , Sharma and Bathla (eds.), CWS in association with Bookwell, Delhi, 2017, 177-194. (with Panchanan Das and Swayambhu Mukherjee)	

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OTHER PAPERS	“Industrial Performance in West Bengal: Analysis of Technical Efficiency with ASI Data,” August 2016. (with Panchanan Das and Swayambhu Mukherjee)
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<b>McGill University</b> (Research Assistant) For Sonia Laszlo, Summer 2020-Fall 2022 For Matthieu Chemin, Winter 2018-Fall 2022
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>Ahmedabad University</b> (Instructor) ECO220 - Econometrics, Monsoon 2023 [ <b>Upcoming</b> ] ECO321/ECO620 - Empirical Research Methods in Economics, Winter 2024 ECO100 - Microeconomics, Monsoon 2023  <b>McGill University</b> (Teaching Assistant) ECON 313 - Economic Development 1, Winter 2021-23 & Fall 2021 ECON 314 - Economic Development 2, Winter 2019-20 & Winter 2022 ECON 306 - Labor Markets and Wages, Fall 2022 ECON 416 - Topics in Economic Development 2, Winter 2021 ECON 473 - Income Distribution, Winter 2021 & Fall 2021 ECON 305 - Industrial Organization, Fall 2019 ECON 230D1 - Microeconomic Theory, Fall 2018 ECON 227D2 - Economic Statistics, Winter 2018 ECON 310 - Introduction to Behavioural Economics, Fall 2017 & Fall 2020
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	2024: Young Scholars’ Best Paper Award by the CITD, JNU in the International Conference on "Recent Developments in Economic Research: Theory and Evidence." 2023: Ahmedabad University Conference Travel Support. 2022: Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel (GREAT) Award, Faculty of Arts, McGill University; Conference Student Travel Grant, Canadian Economics Association (CEA). 2019: McCall MacBain Fellowship, McGill University. 2018-2022: Doctoral Fellowship, McGill University. 2017-2021: Graduate Excellence Award, McGill University. 2014: Prof. D. Datta Memorial Prize for First Class (First Position) in Economic Honours, R.K.M.R College Narendrapur.
PRESENTATIONS	2024: CIREQ Lunch Seminar at McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada; Empirical Reading Group Presentation at ISI-Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, India; International Conference at CITD, JNU, New Delhi, Delhi, India. 2023: 18 <sup>th</sup> ACEGD at ISI-Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, India; BREW-ESA 2023 at IIT Bombay, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India; NEUDC Conference at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA; AMSOM Research Seminar Series at Ahmedabad University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India; Far Siders Development Seminar (FSDS), Virtual; Annual Meeting of the CEA, Virtual Session; 18 <sup>th</sup> CIREQ PhD Students’ Conference at Concordia University, Montreal, QC, Canada. 2022: McGill CPD-SSPD Seminar at McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada; 17 <sup>th</sup> CIREQ PhD Students’ Conference at Concordia University, Montreal, QC, Canada; Annual Meeting of the CEA at Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada; CIREQ Lunch Seminars at McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada. 2015: CWS-IIFT Conference at IIFT, New Delhi, Delhi, India.

**PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES****Referee Services**

Journal of the European Economic Association, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Arthaniti- Journal of Economic Theory and Practice, Journal of Advances in Management Research

**Other Services**

Chair, Social Media Committee, AMSOM, Ahmedabad University, 2024-Present;  
Member, MA (Economics) Curriculum Design Committee, AMSOM, Ahmedabad University, 2023;  
Organizer, Applied Micro Breakfast, Dept. of Economics, McGill University, 2020-2021.

**LANGUAGES**

Bengali (native), Hindi (native), English (fluent).

**SKILLS**

Stata, R, Python, EViews, Matlab,  $\LaTeX$

**REFERENCES**

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