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## CURRENT POSITION

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Associate Lecturer, School of Economics and Finance, University of St. Andrews, UK.

## MAIN INTERESTS

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**Teaching:** development economics; statistics; econometrics; impact evaluation; microeconomics.

**Research:** applied econometrics; development economics; education economics, energy economics.

## EDUCATION/QUALIFICATIONS

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<b>Fellow (FHEA)</b> Higher Education Academy (HEA), UK Professional Standards Framework	Jan 2020
<b>PhD, Economics (Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics) – Distinction.</b> Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland, U.K. Thesis tittle – Essays on Inequality and Discrimination: Caste, Religion and Gender in India. Coursework: Advanced Econometrics.	Jun 2015
<b>MSc, Economics (Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics) – Merit.</b> University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, U.K. Dissertation – Returns to Education in Rural Tanzania.	Sep 2009
<b>BSc, Mathematics, Statistics, Economics – First.</b> University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India. Project title – Gender and Agriculture in Rajasthan.	Jun 2005

## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

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<b>Associate Lecturer in Economics (Education Focused)</b> University of St Andrews, St Andrews, Scotland	April 2015 – Current
<b>Lecturer in Development Economics (Visiting)</b> University of Edinburgh (SGPE), Edinburgh, Scotland	Feb 2020 – Current
<b>Assistant Professor of Economics (Visiting)</b> Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland	Jan – March (2017 & 18)
<b>Teaching Assistant in Economics</b> Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland	Jan 2010 – Oct 2014
<b>Research Assistant</b> Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland	Sept 2011 – Dec 2011
<b>NGO School Teacher</b> <i>Jagrathi Sansthan, Jaipur, India</i>	Aug 2005 – June 2008

## PUBLICATIONS

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--“Social groups and credit shocks: evidence of inequalities in consumption smoothing” (with Bindal, I. and LeMay-Boucher, P.), *Economic Analysis and Policy*, 68, p.311-326, 2020.

--“Gender inequality and economic development in BRICs countries” (with Bhattacharya, P.C.) in PB Anand, Flavio Comim, Shailaja Fennell, and John Weiss (eds.), *Oxford Handbook on BRICS and Emerging Markets*, Oxford University Press, 2020.

--“Inequalities in LPG and electricity consumption in India: The role of caste, tribe, and religion” (with Bhattacharya, P. C.), *Energy for Sustainable Development*, 42(C), p. 44-53, 2018.

### Pedagogical and Media

--“India’s caste system extends to uneven access to cooking fuel and electricity”, *The Conversation*, 2017 (100% contribution).

--“The Role, Responsibilities and Remuneration of Graduate Teaching Assistants in Scotland” (With Dickie, V. & Dunker, K.), *Scottish Educational Review*, 44(2), 24–44, 2012.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- Financial deleveraging and education outcomes: evidence from a natural experiment (with Bindal, I.).
- Economic development and female labour force participation.
- Access to electricity and education outcomes in developing countries (with Tyagi, P.).

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

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### Research Grants

- 2020-21, £33,494, Maximise uptake of treatment technologies in LMICs - the case of COVID19.
- 2019-21, £3867.40, Food Security & Health for East Africa, EPSRC.
- 2018, £500, Kobe University Honorarium.

### Academic Awards/Scholarships

- 2010-14, £45,000, James-Watt Research Fund for PhD, Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 2008, £3000, International Scholarship for MSc, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 2002-06, Semester Fee x 3, Academic Excellence Scholarship, Stani Memorial College, Jaipur, India.
- 2004, Semester Fee x 1, Sports Excellence Award (Wicket Keeper, Cricket), Stani Memorial College.

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

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### Referee Experience

Economic Analysis and Policy; European Journal of Development Research; Journal of Interdisciplinary Economics; Energy Policy; Oxford University Press (book review); Progress in Development Studies; Telecommunications Policy; Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications.

### External Examiner

2019 - 2023

University of Glasgow

Adam Smith Business School, UG Economics Programme.

### Consultant, Carbon Masters, Edinburgh, Scotland

2009

Data analysis of telecommunication towers and carbon foot printing in India.

### Consultant, World Bank

2011

Quantitative analysis of the project of firm level analysis in South Asia.

### Membership

Development Studies Association (DSA).

### Certificate Courses (Distance learning)

2014

Monitoring and Evaluation Fundamentals (USAID).

Economic Evaluations Basics (Global eHealth Learning).

### Research Supervision

2015– present

I have supervised more than 15 MSc & 4 UG level dissertations/projects across several degree courses.

I am currently supervising a PhD student, joint with School of Medicine.

### Administrative Services

2015 – present

Academic misconduct (panel); careers link; UG research internships organiser; personal tutoring; exam moderation.

## CONFERENCES

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**Nov 2020**, Energy Debate on Energy Inequality and Poverty, University of St Andrews (Speaker).

**Jan 2020**, Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics, Annual Conference (Main Discussant).

**May 2018**, Workshop on Socially Responsible Investments, University of Pisa, Pisa (Speaker).

**May 2018**, Edinburgh-Kobe Dialogue on the Economic Development, Edinburgh (Organiser & Speaker).

**Jan 2018**, Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics, Annual Conference, SIRE (Invited discussant).

**June 2017**, Partial Identification in Practice, Department of Economics, UCL, London (Delegate).

**April 2016**, Centre for Global Development, Brandeis University, Massachusetts, USA (Speaker).

**Jan 2012**, Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics, Annual Conference, SIRE (Speaker).

**Jan 2011**, Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics, Annual Conference, SIRE (Speaker).

## REFERENCES

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