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Education

George Washington University
Ph.D. Economics, 2021-

Madras School of Economics, India
M.A. Economics, 2019

St. Xavier's College, India
B.A. Economics, 2017

Fields

Public Finance, Political Economy, Development

References

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Working Papers

Raising Revenues: A Study of Property Tax Compliance in an Indian Municipality (*Job Market Paper*)

Bridging the Solar Divide: Demand Responses to Subsidies among Low-Income Households with [Rui Zhong](#)

Digital Land and Property Improvement Tax Payment Mechanism in Malawi with [Klaus W. Deininger](#) and [Daniel Ayalew Ali](#)

Political Economy of State Borrowing and Financial Crowding Out with [Viral Acharya](#), [Nirupama Kulkarni](#), and Rahul Singh Chauhan

Papers in Progress

Pass-Through of Consumption Taxes under Political Pressure with [Sai Pitre](#)

How much influence does a bureaucrat have? A study of caste and crime in India

Policy Publications

Progressive tax rate bands and the state of property tax in Kampala with Nathaniel Badalov, Julius Mutebi, [Tanner Regan](#) and Ezra Ssebuwufu
International Growth Centre, 2025

Understanding Sovereign Ratings and Their Implications for Emerging Economies with [Nirupama Kulkarni](#), [Gautham Udupa](#), [Kaushalendra Kishore](#), Ilisa Goenka and Rahul Singh Chauhan
Economic & Political Weekly, 2023

Fellowships & Awards	Lincoln Institute of Land Policy C. Lowell Harriss Dissertation Fellowship: 2026 John W. Kendrick Endowed Summer Award: 2023, 2024, 2025 GW CCAS Doctoral Fellowship: 2021 – 2025
Teaching	Principles of Microeconomics: Fall 2021: <i>Prof Anthony Yezer</i> , Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2024: <i>Prof Daniel Mackay</i> Principles of Macroeconomics: Spring 2022, Fall 2023: <i>Prof Ronald Bird</i> , Spring 2024: <i>Prof Roberto Samaniego</i> Introduction to Econometrics: Spring 2025: <i>Prof Alessandra Fenizia</i>
Research Experience	Consultant - World Bank Group, Dec 2025; <i>PI: Dr. Klaus Deininger</i> Summer Consultant - International Finance Corporation, Summer 2025; <i>PI: Dr. Shoghik Hovhannisyan</i> Research Associate - Summer 2023, Summer 2024; <i>Dr. Tanner Regan</i> Research Associate - Energy and Environment Lab, University of Chicago, Summer 2022; <i>PIs: Dr. Michael Greenstone, Dr. Olga Rostaphsova, Dr. Fiona Burlig and Dr. Ludovica Gasse</i> Research Associate - Center for Advanced Financial Research and Learning, Reserve Bank of India, 2019 - 2021; <i>PI: Dr. Nirupama Kulkarni</i>
Seminars & Conferences	World Bank/IFS/ODI Tax Conference 2023
Technical skills	Software: Stata, Python, L ^A T _E X, Tableau GIS: QGIS, ArcGIS