

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Education

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Post Doctoral Research Fellow, AIFMRM, University of Cape Town (joining August 1, 2016)

Ph.D. in Economics, The Pennsylvania State University, 2016

*Thesis: "Essays in Applied Microeconomics"*

M.A. in Economics, Delhi School of Economics, India, 2009

B.A. in Mathematics, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, India, 2007

## Fields

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Applied Microeconomics, Industrial Organization, Development Economics

## Research

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### *Papers Under Review*

Ethnic Conflicts, Rumours and an Informed Agent (*with Pathikrit Basu & Souvik Dutta*)

### *Working Papers*

Signalling, Reputation and Spinoffs

What's in a Name? Reputation and Monitoring in the Audit Market (*with Somdutta Basu*)

Returns to English Speaking Ability in India

### *Work in Progress*

Self Help Groups : Evidence from India (*with Abhirup Sarkar & Souvik Dutta*)

## Teaching Experience

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### *Instructor at PSU*

Econ 104 - Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy, Summer 2015

### *Teaching Assistant at PSU*

Econ 102 - Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy, Fall 2014

Econ 471 - Growth and Development, Fall 2013

## Professional Activities

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### *Conference Presentations*

1<sup>st</sup> Prospects in Economic Research Conference, The Pennsylvania State University, 2012  
Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society at The University of Minnesota, 2014  
10<sup>th</sup> Economics Graduate Student Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, 2015  
Fall 2015 Midwest Economic Theory Meetings, The Pennsylvania State University, 2015

### *Visiting Scholar*

At The University of Bielefeld, Germany (June 2009 - November 2009)

### *Internship*

ICICI Bank, Mumbai, India (Summer 2008)

## Scholarships & Awards

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Research Assistant at The Pennsylvania State University (2010 - 2016)

Smt. Shanti Sharma Memorial Scholarship. Awarded by the Delhi School of Economics in the year 2007 and 2008.

Department of Mathematics prize. Awarded by St. Stephen's College, Delhi University (2007)

Suresh Lal Bhandari Memorial prize for good record in studies and sports. Awarded by St. Stephen's College, Delhi University (2007)

## Language Skills

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English, Hindi

## Computer Skills

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Matlab, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office Packages

## References

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