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## Education

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### University of Oxford

DPhil in Public Policy

Oxford, UK

Sept 2022 - Current

- Supervisors: Julien Labonne, Karthik Ramanna, Andrei Shleifer

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Visiting PhD student, Department of Economics

Cambridge, USA

2023 - 24

- Supervisor: Esther Duflo

### Harvard Kennedy School

Master in Public Administration in International Development (MPA/ID)

Cambridge, USA

Aug 2018 - May 2020

- Best thesis prize, Derek Bok award for distinction in teaching economics, and special mention for Raymond Vernon award for intl. devt.
- Thesis committee: Rema Hanna, Jie Bai

### Harvard Law School

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

Cambridge, USA

Aug 2013 - May 2014

- Thesis committee: Mark Tushnet and Laurence Tribe

### Faculty of Law, University of Delhi

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), *First Division (Top 1%)*

New Delhi, India

Jul 2006 - Jun 2009

- President, Debating Society; Member, Moot Court Society

### Hans Raj College, University of Delhi

Bachelor of Arts (Hons.)- Economics, *First Division*

New Delhi, India

Jul 2009 - Jun 2012

- President, Debating Society; Secretary, Economics Society

## Academic Positions

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### Economics Department, Harvard University

Research Assistant to Prof. Andrei Shleifer and Prof. Edward Glaeser

Cambridge, USA

Feb 2019 - Apr 2020

- Assisted with research, data analysis, and literature review for paper titled Public Procurement in Law and Practice, by Bosio, Djankov, Glaeser, and Shleifer published in the American Economic Review

### Harvard Law School

Research Assistant to Prof. Laurence Tribe

Cambridge, USA

Oct 2013- May 2014

- Book project Uncertain Justice: The Roberts Court and the Constitution for chapters on free speech and criminal due process

### Centre for Policy Research

Research Assistant to Nicholas Robinson

New Delhi, India

Jan 2012- May 2013

- Empirical analysis of the Indian Supreme Court's caseload by region of appeal, subject matter category, petition type, and other classifications

## Research Interests

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Environmental economics, development economics, public law

## Refereeing

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Review of Economics and Statistics

# Grants, Honours, and Awards

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- 2023 IZA/FCDO G<sup>2</sup>LM|LIC Programme [with Kotia (LSE)] \$27,500
- 2023 Global Excellence in Modelling Climate and Energy Policies, EU Horizon 2020 Research Grant \$8,500
- 2023 MIT Schultz Fund [with Kotia (LSE) and Zhang (MIT)] \$7,550
- 2022 PEDL Research Grant [with Kotia (LSE)] \$50,000
- 2022 STICERD PhD Research Grant [with Kotia (LSE) and Zhang (MIT)] \$13,000
- 2022 Clarendon Award, University of Oxford \$160,000
- 2022 Ioan and Rosemary James Scholarship, St. John's College, University of Oxford \$30,000
- 2022 PEDL Exploratory Research Grant [with Kotia (LSE) and Zhang (MIT)] \$33,000
- 2022 STEG PhD Research Grant [with Kotia (LSE) and Lohani (Penn)] \$19,000
- 2019 John M Olin Fellowship in Empirical Law and Finance \$10,000
- 2018 Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation Scholarship \$25,000
- 2013 Inlaks Shivdasani Scholarship \$50,000
- 2013 Harvard Law School Graduate Fellowship \$30,000
- 2013 K. C. Mahindra Scholarship \$5,000

# Work Experience

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## World Bank

Economist

Washington DC, USA

Sept 2022 - Current

- Research on environmental policy and firms in developing countries

## Boston Consulting Group

Management consultant

Washington DC, USA

Sept 2020 - Sep 2022

- Assisted US state governments with COVID-19 response and vaccine strategy; awarded Gold Medal in BCG Olympics
- Advised energy companies with their sustainable energy, ESG, and diversification strategy against extreme weather events
- Advised private equity clients on buy-side and sell-side deals, conducting diligences of potential targets, including financial assessments and modelling

## Office of Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance

Consultant

New Delhi, India

Aug 2017 - May 2018

- Researched and implemented a model of tax litigation to shed high volume- low value tax claims, reducing tax litigation at the Court by 54% and releasing over \$1 billion of disputed claims in the economy
- Led team of 5 associates and 10 interns for collection, coordination and analysis of novel data set on regulations and courts, and presentation of results (including to Finance Minister, senior bureaucrats, and in the Economic Survey of India)

## Supreme Court of India

Attorney

New Delhi, India

Jul 2014 - Aug 2018

- Led a team of 4 attorneys and served 20+ civil rights organizations, private and public sector clients. Select engagements include:
  - *Pro bono*: Argued petition on behalf of a three-year-old rape victim that resulted in a landmark judgment on modification of rules for examination of child witnesses, setting national precedent for future cases
  - *Civil Rights*: Appeared for death-row convicts, juvenile undertrials, and civil rights organizations, including in *Justice Puttuswamy v. Union of India*, a landmark case on the fundamental right to privacy in the Indian Constitution
  - *Pharmaceuticals*: Successfully represented brand-name pharmaceutical in claim for damages in a fraudulent acquisition, culminating in a \$550 million arbitration award
  - *Telecommunications and coal*: Appeared in court, conducted due diligence, and drafted petitions on criminal, contractual, and regulatory aspects of a \$40 billion spectrum and \$27 billion coal allocation

## Supreme Court of India

Law Clerk to Hon'ble Justice D. K. Jain

New Delhi, India

May 2012 - Jul 2013

- Assisted second most senior Justice on constitutional and taxation cases, including court intervention for narcotics trials that reduced hearing lengths of cases, for which I became one of the first law clerks to be credited in the text of a Supreme Court judgment

# Interests

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**Languages** Hindi (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), Urdu (intermediate), Mandarin (elementary)

**Software and programming** MS Office, Stata, R,  $\LaTeX$

**Triathlons** Completed 8 full marathons (including Boston) and 20+ half marathons

**Music** Piano- certification from the Associated Board of Royal School of Music