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1999-2002 BA (Honors) Economics, Delhi University, Delhi, India
2002-2003 MA International Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK
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2011-2011 International Development, Masters Level, Johns Hopkins University (SAIS)
2011-2012 International Affairs and Public Policy, Masters Level, Columbia University

RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD:

2011-2012 Research Fellow, US International Trade Commission
2010-2011 Research Associate, Columbia University
2006-2007 Fox International Fellow, Yale University
2004-2005 Research Officer, World Health Organization
2004-2004 Consultant, World Trade Organization

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10/09 – 10/10 Asia Research Fellowship, London School of Economics, London, UK
10/07 – 10/11 LSE Research Studentship, London School of Economics, London, UK
10/06 – 10/07 Fox International Fellowship, Yale University, New Haven, USA
10/05 – 07/06 Bharat Petroleum Scholarship, University of Cambridge, UK

COMPLETED PAPERS:

Job Market Paper:

“Does exporting increase productivity? Evidence from India”
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This paper identifies two separate effects – that of exporting on productivity across firms, and that of starting to export on productivity within firms. It uses detailed panel data from 1990 to 2008 for over 8,000 manufacturing firms in India across 4-digit product categories. The findings show that exporting is associated with a jump in productivity, both within industries and within firms, but that this effect tapers over time. Entry into export markets has a positive effect on firm performance in the very beginning, but there is no evidence of sustained learning-by-exporting.

Other Papers:

“Industry and the urge to cluster: A study of the Indian informal sector”

<http://www.spatial-economics.ac.uk/textonly/SERC/publications/download/sercdp0072.pdf>

This paper studies the determinants of firm location choice at the district-level in India to gauge the relative importance of agglomeration economies vis-à-vis good business environment. A peculiar characteristic of the Indian economy is that within the non-farm sector, unorganised enterprises account for 43.2% of NDP and employ 71.6% of the workforce. I analyse National Sample Survey data that covers over 4.4 million enterprises in the unorganised sector, in both manufacturing and services industries. The empirical analysis is carried out using count models. Since the unorganised sector has little access to formal credit facilities and remains untouched by changes in regulations, in line with intuition I find that intra-industry clustering and linkages to buyers and suppliers are of paramount importance. In short, the general business environment seems to be largely irrelevant for the location decisions of unorganised sector establishments, whilst agglomeration economies seem to matter more. I conclude that public policy may be limited in its ability to encourage relocation of informal firms.

RECENT RESEARCH AND WORK IN PROGRESS:

“The location choices of foreign investors”, **The World Economy** (*Forthcoming*)

“Does agglomeration boost innovation? An econometric evaluation”, **Spatial Economic Analysis** (*Revise and Resubmit*)

“FDI in India – the importance of peer effects”, **Applied Economics Letters** 19(8): 749-753, 2011

“Growth, openness and the socially disadvantaged”, Working paper No. 2011-6, Columbia Program on Indian Economic Policies, 2011

“Geography and exporting behavior”, Funded by the World Bank (*Under Review*)

“The Determinants of FDI choices”, Funded by the International Finance Corporation (*Under Review*)

“Market integration, transaction costs and the Indian wheat market: A systematic study”, **Economic and Political Weekly** Vol. XLIV (22): 149-155