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CITIZENSHIP India

EDUCATION **University of Cambridge, St John's College** 2012
PhD, Economics (expected)
Supervisor: Dr. Pramila Krishnan
University of Oxford, Wolfson College 2006
M.Sc, Economics for Development
University of Delhi, Miranda House 2005
B.A.(Hons) Economics

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary Fields: Applied Micro-econometrics, Development Economics

Secondary Fields: Behavioral Corporate Finance, Empirical Networks

PUBLICATIONS

"The Formation and Evolution of Childhood Skill Acquisition: Evidence From India" (with Christian Helmers). *Journal of Development Economics*, July 2011.

"Transforming public schools: Impact of the CRI program on child learning in Pakistan," (with Reehana Raza and Farooq Naseer). *Economics of Education Review*, August 2010.

"The Geography of Poverty: Evidence from the Punjab" (with Ali Cheema and Lyyla Khalid). *Lahore Journal of Economics*, 2008

WORKING PAPERS

"Corporate Networks And Peer Effects In Firm Policies: Evidence From India", 2011.

"The Effect of Corporate Networks on Innovation (with Christian Helmers)", 2011.

"Does the Rotten Child Spoil His Companion? Spatial Peer Effects Among Children in Rural India" (with Christian Helmers). *CSAE Working Paper, WPS/2010-13*.

"Neighbours and Extension Agents in Ethiopia: Who matters more for technology diffusion?" (with Pramila Krishnan), 2011.

"Credit and Social Networks in Rural India" (with Pramila Krishnan), 2011.

"Colonial Proprietary Elites and Institutions: Persistence of De Facto Political Control" (with Ali Cheema and Shandana Mohmand). *IDS Working Paper*, 2009.

"Education for All: Understanding the Schooling Disparity in Rural India,". Manuscript.

RELEVANT POSITIONS:	<p>Consultant, World Bank June 2009-Present <i>Collaborating with Rinku Murgai and Martin Ravallion on project evaluating the NREGA in India</i></p> <p>Research Assistant, CBR, Judge Business School September 2010-Present <i>Working with Prof. Alan Hughes to evaluate the buisness-academic linkages.</i></p> <p>Research/Teaching Fellow Dec 2006-June 2008 <i>Lahore University of Management Sciences</i></p> <p>Research Assistant, University of Oxford Feb 2007-Aug 2007 <i>Spencer Foundation Project on Effectiveness of Para Teachers; supervisor Dr Geeta Kingdon</i></p> <p>Project Consultant Aug 2006-Dec 2006 <i>GRID, PriceWaterhouseCoopers India</i></p> <p>Research Assistant May 2004 <i>CST, Indian Institute of Science, India</i></p>
SKILLS	<p>Proficient with the use of STATA, MATLAB, GAMS, R, LaTeX, ArcGIS, High Performance Computing, Excel</p>
AWARDS	<p>Dr. Manmohan Singh Scholarship for doctoral studies at Cambridge University (St John's College, Cambridge).</p> <p>Marie-Curie AMID Early Stage Researcher Fellowship for visiting Bocconi University (2011-2012).</p> <p>Luca D'Agliano Scholarship for Development Economics.</p> <p>Suzy Paine Award Department of Economics, University of Cambridge.</p> <p>Smt. Malaan Devi Bhalla prize for securing first position in college.</p> <p>Young Lives Research Grant (together with Christian Helmers) for undertaking analysis on estimating technology of skill formation of children in India, by University of Oxford and Young Lives, UK.</p> <p>Center for Research in Microeconomics (CReMic) Bursary (faculty of Economics, Cambridge) for research on social networks.</p> <p>Ranked 3rd amongst 26 competing universities, as a member of the University of Cambridge team, in the Econometric Game 2009.</p>
CONFERENCES	<p>North-East Universities Development Consortium, 2010: MIT, Boston; Econometric Society World Congress, 2010: Shanghai; Midwest Economic Development Conference, 2010: Minnesota; DECRG Poverty & Applied Micro Seminar, 2010: World Bank, Wahington D.C.; Royal Economic Society Conference, 2010: Surrey; EUDN Scientific Conference, 2009: Paris; LACEA/LAMES 2008 Meeting, November 2008: Rio De Janeiro; 6th & 4th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, December 2008: Delhi; ESDS International Conference, December 2008: London; 36th Australian Conference for Economists, September 2007: Hobart, Tasmania; London School of Economics, Economics of Education Seminar, January 2008: London; IDS conference on Informal Institutions, June 2008: Brighton, Sussex; Discussant - Child Learning Chapter of 'The Leaps Report', World Bank Conference, (LUMS), 2008: Lahore.</p>