

Curriculum Vitae (March 2026)

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Roberta Buffett Distinguished Scholar-Practitioner in Residence, Northwestern University, March-June 2026

Chair, Advisory Committee, [Boundaries, Membership and Belonging Program](#), [Canadian Institute for Advanced Research](#) (2019-present)

Lead Economist, Development Economics Research Group, *The World Bank* (February 1999 to June 2026)

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

Non-Resident Fellow, [Center for Global Development](#) (2024 to present)

Research Associate: Center for Comparative Advantage in the Global Economy (CAGE), University of Warwick (2010-present)

Life Member: [Institute for Social and Economic Change](#), Bangalore (2009-present)

EDUCATION

Ph.D (Economics), December 1990
The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

B.A. (Economics, with Statistics and Sociology), June 1984
St. Xavier's College, University of Bombay, Bombay, India

HONORS

IEA Fellow: Elected by the International Economics Association as a Lifetime Fellow (2021)

Aguiuar Award for best student in the arts and humanities: St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, 1983

PAST APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

Head, Social Observatory, *The World Bank* (2011-2021)

Member, Advisory Committee, (2007-2019) Successful Societies Program, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) <https://www.cifar.ca/research/successful-societies/>

Special Member of the Graduate Faculty, University of Maryland (2013-2015)

9/1997-1/1999: Research Fellow, *Brown University* (On Sabbatical Leave from Williams College)

9/1994-12/1998: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, *Williams College*

9/1992-9/1994: Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow, Population Studies Center, *University of Michigan*

10/1990-9/1992: Hewlett Post-Doctoral Fellow, Committee on Demographic Training & Associate, Committee on Southern Asian Studies, *University of Chicago*

9/1985-9/1987: Research Assistant to Professors Jere Behrman and Anil Deolalikar on the Economics of Nutrition, *University of Pennsylvania*

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES:

- Editorial Board, Political Economy, Markets and Institutions, *Global Perspectives*
- Editorial Advisory Board: *World Development*
- Editorial Board: *Journal of Development Studies* (2008-2021)
- Editorial Board: *World Bank Economic Review* (2012-2016)
- Associate Editor: *Economic Development and Cultural Change* (2002-2015)
- Editorial Board: *Journal of Mixed-Methods Research* (2008-2011)
- Associate Editor: *International Journal of Multiple-Methods Research* (2008-2016)

Referee:

American Economic Review, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, American Political Science Review, American Sociological Review, Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Demography, Development and Change, *Economica*, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Economics Letters, Governance, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Feminist Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, National Academy of Sciences, National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, Political Philosophy, Political Studies, Population Development Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Income and Wealth, Science, Social Science and Medicine, World Bank Economic Review, World Development.

PUBLICATIONS

Authored Books

Revolution By Stealth: How Women's Groups Catalyzed a Cultural Transformation in Bihar (with Shruti Majumdar and Paromita Sanyal), Cambridge Elements in Development Economics, Cambridge University Press and WIDER (forthcoming)

[Oral Democracy: Deliberation in Indian Village Assemblies](#), (with Paromita Sanyal), Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK, December 2018

[Localizing Development: Does Participation Work?](#) (with Ghazala Mansuri), World Bank Policy Research Report, World Bank, Washington DC, 2013

[World Development Report 2006: Equity and Development](#) (member of core team of authors), World Bank and Oxford University Press, 2005

Edited Books

[Deliberation and Development: Rethinking the Role of Voice and Collective Action in Unequal Societies](#) (edited by Patrick Heller and Vijayendra Rao), World Bank Washington DC, 2015

[History, Historians and Development Policy: A Necessary Dialogue](#) (edited by CA Bayly, Vijayendra Rao, Simon Szreter and Michael Woolcock), University of Manchester Press, 2011

Development in Karnataka: Challenges of Equity, Governance and Empowerment, (edited by Gopal K. Kadekodi, Ravi Kanbur and Vijayendra Rao), Academic Foundation Press, New Delhi, 2008

[Culture and Public Action](#) (edited by Vijayendra Rao and Michael Walton), Stanford, Stanford University Press, Palo Alto, 2004

Articles in Refereed Journals

1. "Qualitative Analysis with Large-N: A New Method with an Application to Aspirations in Bangladesh," (with Julian Ashwin, Monica Biradavolu, Aditya Chhabra, Afsana Khan, Nandini Krishnan, and Arshia Haq), *Economic Journal*, 2026
2. "Using Large Language Models for Qualitative Analysis Can Introduce Serious Bias," (with Julian Ashwin and Aditya Chhabra) *Sociological Methods and Research*, 2025
3. "Is there an Underside to Economic Growth? A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Malaysia" (with Niaz Asadullah, Monica Biradavolu, and Ken Simler), *World Bank Economic Review*, Volume 39, Issue 4, November 2025, Pages 867–892
4. "Money vs Kudos: The Impact of Incentivizing Local Politicians in India," (with G. Mansuri, N. Palaniswamy and S. Sreshtha), *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol 224, August 2023

5. “Fractal Inequality in Rural India: Class, Caste and Jati in Bihar,” with Shareen Joshi and Nishtha Kochhar, *Oxford Open Economics*, March 2022
6. “Relief from Usury: Impact of a Community-Based Credit Intervention in Rural India,” (with V. Hoffmann, V. Surendra and U. Datta), *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol 148, January 2021
7. “Evidence-based development needs a diversity of tools, with a bottom-up process of “embedded” dialogue,” *World Development*, Volume 127, March 2020
8. “Process-Policy and Outcome-Policy: Rethinking How to Address Poverty and Inequality,” *Daedalus*, Volume 148, Issue 3, Summer 2019, Pp: 181-190
9. “Deliberative Democracy in an Unequal World: A Text-As-Data Analysis of South India’s Village Assemblies” (with R. Parthasarathy and N. Palaniswamy) *American Political Science Review*, Volume 113, #3, August 2019 , pp. 623-640
10. “Flies without borders: Lessons from Chennai on improving municipal public health services” (with M. Das Gupta, R. Dasgupta, P. Kunganathan, TV. Somanathan, KN Tewari), World Bank Policy Research Working Paper, September 2017 *Journal of Development Studies*, May 2019
11. “Unheard voices: the challenge of inducing women's civic speech,” (with R. Parthasarathy and N. Palaniswamy) *World Development*, Vol 115, March 2019
12. “Social Safety Nets and Natural Disaster Mitigation: Evidence from Hurricane Phailin in Odisha,” (with Paul Christian, Eeshani Kandpal, and Nethra Palaniswamy), *Climatic Change*, vol. 153(1), pages 141-164, March, 2019.
13. “How Women Talk in Indian Democracy,” (with P. Sanyal and U. Prabhakar), *Qualitative Sociology*, Volume 42, Issue 1, 2019
14. The Anatomy of Failure: Integrating Ethnography with a Randomized Control Trial to Evaluate an Attempt to Deepen Democracy in Rural India,” (with Kripa Ananthpur and Kabir Malik), *World Development*, Vol. 99, Pp: 481-497, November 2017
15. “Who should be at the Top of Bottom-Up Development: A Case-Study of the National Rural Livelihoods Mission in Rajasthan, India,” (With S. Joshi), *Journal of Development Studies*, 2017
16. The Regulation of Land Markets: Evidence from Tenancy Reform In India (with Tim Besley, Jessica Leight and Rohini Pande), *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 118, Pp: 72-97, 2016
17. “Can Participation be Induced? Evidence from Developing Countries,” (with Ghazala Mansuri), *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*,” 2013
18. “Who has Voice in a Deliberative Democracy? Evidence from Transcripts of Village Parliaments in India,” (with Radu Ban and Saumitra Jha), *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 99 #10, Pp: 428-438, November 2012
19. “Just Rewards: Local Politics and Public Resource Allocation in India,” (with Tim Besley and Rohini Pande), *World Bank Economic Review*, Vol 26, #2, Pp: 191-216, 2012
20. “Why and How Does History Matter for Development,” (with Michael Woolcock and Simon Szreter) *Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 47, #1, January 2011, Pp: 70-96 (Honorable Mention, Dudley Seers Prize)
21. “Book Review of *Mixed Method Data Collection Strategies* by William Axinn and Lisa Pearce,” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, February 2010
22. “Revisiting between-group inequality measurement: An application to the dynamics of caste inequality in two Indian villages,” (with Peter Lanjouw), *World Development* , 2011
23. “Dignity Through Discourse: Poverty and the Culture of Deliberation in Indian Village Democracies,” (with Paromita Sanyal), *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Vol. 629, May 2010, pp:146-172
24. “The Political Economy of Village Sanitation: Capture or Poor Information,” (with Radu Ban and Monica Das Gupta), *Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 47 #4, 2010 Pp: 685-

700

25. Tokenism vs. Agency? The Impact of Women's Reservations on Village Democracies in South India," (with Radu Ban) *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, February 2009
26. "Disciplinary Monopolies in Development Research," (with Michael Woolcock), *Global Governance*, December 2007
27. "PN Mari Bhat: An Intellectual Tribute," (with Monica Das Gupta, Samuel H. Preston, Vijayendra Rao, and TV Sekhar)," *Economic and Political Weekly*, September 8 2007, Pp: 3611-3615
28. "Governance and the "Karnataka Model of Development"" (with Gopal K. Kadekodi and Ravi Kanbur), *Economic and Political Weekly*, February 24, 2007
29. Book Review, *Twenty-First Century India*, by Tim Dyson, Robert Cassen and Leela Visaria, Oxford University Press, 2004, *Population Development Review*, June 2006.
30. "The Political Economy of Gram Panchayats in South India," (with Tim Besley and Rohini Pande), *Economic and Political Weekly* , February 24, 2007
31. "Governance in the Gullies: Democratic Responsiveness and Community Leadership in Delhi's Slums," (with Saumitra Jha and Michael Woolcock), *World Development* 2007
32. "Participatory Democracy in Action: Survey Evidence From Rural India," (joint with Tim Besley and Rohini Pande), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, April/May 2005, Vol. 3, No. 2-3, Pages 648-657
33. "The Social Impact of Social Funds in Jamaica: A "Participatory Econometric" Analysis of Targeting, Collective Action, and Participation in Community-Driven Development," (lead author with Ana Maria Ibanez) *Journal of Development Studies*, vol. 41, No. 5, Pp: 788-838, July 2005
34. "The Determinants of Gender Equity in India: Examining Dyson and Moore's Thesis with New Data" (joint with Lupin Rahman), *Population and Development Review*, 30(2), Pp: 239-268, June 2004
35. "The Politics of Public Good Provision: Evidence from Indian Local Governments," (with Tim Besley, Rohini Pande and Lupin Rahman), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, Vol. 2-23, 2004
36. "Community Based (and Driven) Development: A Critical Review," (with Ghazala Mansuri), *The World Bank Research Observer*, vol. 19, no. 1 (2004), pp. 1-39
37. "Wedding Celebrations as Conspicuous Consumption: Signaling Social Status in Rural India," (with Francis Bloch and Sonalde Desai), *Journal of Human Resources*, Volume XXXIX, Number 3, Summer 2004
38. "Sex Workers and The Cost of Safe Sex: The Compensating Differential for Condom Use in Calcutta," (Lead Author, with Indrani Gupta, Michael Lokshin and Smarajit Jana)," *Journal of Development Economics*, 71, Pp: 585-603, August 2003.
39. "Experiments in Participatory Econometrics: Improving the Connection Between Economic Analysis and the Real World", *Economic and Political Weekly* May 18th, 2002, 22(20), 1887-91
40. "Terror as a Bargaining Instrument: A Case Study of Dowry Violence in Rural India," (with Francis Bloch), *American Economic Review*, Vol 92, #4, September 2002, Pp: 1029-1043
41. "Statistical Discrimination and Social Assimilation," (with Francis Bloch), *Economics Bulletin*, Vol. 10, #2 , 2001
42. "Celebrations as Social Investments: Festival Expenditures, Unit Price Variation and Social Status in Rural India," *Journal of Development Studies* , October 2001
43. "Poverty and Public Celebrations in Rural India," *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*," Vol. 573, Pp: 85-104, 2001
44. "The Marriage Squeeze Interpretation of Dowry Inflation – Response," *Journal of*

- Political Economy*, December, 2000
45. "Price Heterogeneity and Real Inequality: A Case-Study of Poverty and Prices in Rural South India" *Review of Income and Wealth*, Series 46 #2, Pp: 201-212, June 2000
 46. "Can Economics Mediate the Link Between Anthropology and Demography?" *Population and Development Review*, Vol. 23 #4, Pp:833-38, December 1997
 47. "Wife Beating in Rural South India: A Qualitative and Econometric Analysis," *Social Science and Medicine*, Vol. 44, # 8, Pp. 1169-1180, April 1997
 48. "The Marriage Squeeze and the Rise in Informal Marriage in Brazil," (with Margaret E. Greene) *Social Biology*, Vol. 42 #1/2, Spring 1995 (Also published in an earlier version in Portuguese as "A Compressao do Mercado Matrimonial e o Aumento das Unioes Consensuais no Brasil," *Revista Brasileira De Estudos De Populacao*, V.9 N.2, Jul/Dec. 1992)
 49. "The Rising Price of Husbands: A Hedonic Analysis of Dowry Increases in Rural India", *Journal of Political Economy* Vol. 101, #4 (August 1993).
 50. "Dowry Inflation in Rural India: A Statistical Investigation," *Population Studies* Vol. 47 (July 1993).
 51. "Diet, Mortality and Life Expectancy: A Cross-National Analysis," *Journal of Population Economics*, Volume 1, #3, 1988, Pp. 225-233

Articles in Edited Volumes

1. "250,000 Democracies: A Review of Panchayati Raj in India," (With Siddharth George and MR Sharan) *Cambridge Companion to Indian Politics and Society* (Manali Desai and Indrajit Roy, editors), 2026 (forthcoming)
2. "Can Economics Become More Reflexive? Exploring the Potential of Mixed-Methods," in the *Handbook of the Economics of Discrimination and Affirmative Action*, Ashwini Deshpande (editor), Springer, 2023
3. "Are Caste Categories Misleading? The Relationship Between Gender and Jati in Three Indian States," (with Shareen Joshi and Nishtha Kochhar), Chapter 16 in *Towards Gender Equity in Development* (S. Anderson, L. Beaman, and JP Platteau - editors), Oxford University Press, 2019
4. "Deliberative Democracy in India," (With Ramya Parthasarathy), in *The Oxford Handbook of Deliberative Democracy*, Andre Bachtinger, John Dryzek, Jane Mansbridge, and Mark Warren (eds), Oxford and New York, Oxford University Press, 2018
5. "Conducting Ethical Economic Research: Complications from the Field," (with Harold Alderman and Jishnu Das), *Oxford Handbook on Professional Economic Ethics*, George Demartino and Dierdre McCloskey, editors, Oxford University Press, 2016
6. "Deliberation and Development, An Introduction," (with Patrick Heller) in *Deliberation and Development* (Patrick Heller and Vijayendra Rao editors), World Bank, Washington DC, 2015
7. "The Challenge of Promoting Civic Participation in Poor Countries," (with Ghazala Mansuri) in *Civic Studies*, edited by Peter Levine and Karol Soltan, Bringing Theory To Practice Monographs, Washington DC. 2015
8. "Sex Work" (With Manisha Shah) in Kaushik Basu and Annemie Maertens (edited), *Oxford Companion to Economics in India*, Second Edition, Oxford University Press, Delhi (2011)
9. "History and Development Policy, (with Michael Woolcock and Simon Szreter)," Chapter 1 in *History, Historians and Development Policy: A Necessary Dialogue* (edited by CA Bayly, Vijayendra Rao, Simon Szreter and Michael Woolcock), University of Manchester Press 2012

10. "Using Mixed Methods in Monitoring and Evaluation: Experiences from International Development," (with Michael Bamberger and Michael Woolcock), *Handbook of Mixed Methods Research* (C. Teddlie and A. Tashakkori, editors), Sage Publishers (forthcoming), 2010
11. "El valor de la evaluación interdisciplinar: el análisis de programas de desarrollo basados en la comunidad" Chapter 5 in José García Montalvo (editor), *El Análisis Experimental de la Ayuda al Desarrollo*, Fundación BBVA, Madrid, 2008
12. "The Great Motivator," Chapter 25 in *A Passionate Humanitarian: VKRV Rao*, SL Rao, N Jayaram, VM Rao, MV Nadkarni, RS Deshpande (editors), Academic Foundation Press, New Delhi, 2008
13. "Decentralization and Elite Capture: The Selection of Leaders and Beneficiaries in Community-Driven Projects in Indonesia." (with Victoria Beard, Menno Pradhan, Randi Cartmill, Rivayani, and Yulia Herawati), in *Planning and Decentralization: Contested Spaces for Public Action in the Global South* edited by Victoria Beard, Faranak Miraftab & Christopher Silver, Routledge, 2008
14. "Symbolic Public Goods and The Coordination of Collective Action: A Comparison of Local Development in India and Indonesia," Chapter 10 in Pranab Bardhan and Isha Ray (editors) *Contested Commons: Conversations Between Economists and Anthropologists*, Wiley-Blackwell Publishers, 2008
15. "Assessing the Karnataka Model of Development," Chapter 1 in *Challenges of Karnataka's Development*, edited by Gopal K. Kadekodi, Ravi Kanbur and Vijayendra Rao, Academic Foundation Press, New Delhi, 2007
16. "Dowries" in Kaushik Basu (edited) *Oxford Companion to Economics in India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi (2006 and 2011)
17. "Mixing Qualitative and Econometric Methods: Community-Level Applications," Chapter 13 in *Measuring Empowerment* (Deepa Narayan, editor), The World Bank, Washington DC, 2005
18. "Culture and Public Action: Relationality, Equality of Agency and Development," (with Michael Walton), Chapter 1 in *Culture and Public Action: A Cross-Disciplinary Dialogue on Development Policy*, (Vijayendra Rao and Michael Walton, editors) Stanford, Stanford University Press, 2004
19. "Conclusion," (With Michael Walton), Chapter 16 in *Culture and Public Action: A Cross-Disciplinary Dialogue on Development Policy*, (Vijayendra Rao and Michael Walton, editors) Stanford, Stanford University Press, 2004
20. "Integrating Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches in Program Evaluation," (with Michael Woolcock), in Francois Bourgingnon and Luiz Pereira Da Silva (edited) *Tool Kit for Evaluating the Poverty and Distributional Impact of Economic Policies*, World Bank and Oxford University Press, 2003
21. "Potters and Slums: Two Qualitative and Quantitative Projects in India," in Ravi Kanbur (editor) *Q Squared: Qualitative and Quantitative Poverty Appraisal--Complementarities, Tensions and The Way Forward*, Permanent Black Publishers, 2003
22. "Wife-Abuse, Its Causes and Its Impact on Intra-Household Resource Allocation in Rural Karnataka: A "Participatory Econometric" Analysis, in Gender, Population, and Development, M.Krishnaraj, R.Sudarshan, A.Sharif (ed.), Oxford University Press, 1998
23. "The Demand for Dowries and Bride Characteristics in Marriage: Empirical Estimates for Rural South-Central India," (with Anil Deolalikar, Univ. of Washington), in Gender, Population, and Development, M.Krishnaraj, R.Sudarshan, A.Sharif (ed.), Oxford University Press, 1998

WORKING PAPERS

- 1) "The Cycle of Hate, and What We Can Do About It," (with Victoria Esses, Allison Harell, Matt Lowe, Hazel Markus, Aaron Mills, Manasi Rao, Stephen Reicher and Prerna Singh), *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*, February 2026
- 2) "The Evolution of Local Participatory Democracy in Nepal" (with Thaneshwar Bhusal and Michael Breen), *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*, 2025
- 3) "Ten Consequential and Actionable "Social" Contributions to the Theory, Practice and Evaluation of Development" (with Michael Woolcock), *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*, 2025
- 4) "Two-Hundred and Fifty-Thousand Democracies: A Review of Village Government in India," May 2024 (with Siddharth George and MR Sharan) , *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*
- 5) "The Added Value of Local Democracy: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in India," (draft) (with Abhishek Arora, Siddharth George, and MR Sharan), August 2023 (Reject and Resubmit – *American Economic Review*).
- 6) "Recasting Culture to Undo Gender: A Sociological Analysis of the Jeevika Intervention in Bihar, India." (with Paromita Sanyal and Shruti Majumdar), *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*, August 2015
- 7) "The Political Construction of Caste in South India," (with Radu Ban) mimeo, World Bank, October 2007
- 8) "The Gift of a Virgin: The Social Context of Child Marriage in Rural North India," (with Sonalde Desai and B.L. Joshi), mimeo, University of Maryland, July 1999
- 9) "Does Prestige Matter? Compensating Differentials for Social Mobility in the Indian Caste System", Discussion Paper, 92-6 (PRC), Economics Research Center, University of Chicago, July 1992.
- 10) "The Link Between Female Sterilization and Domestic Violence" (with Anne Waters), University of Michigan, mimeo (May 1994)
- 11) Bargaining and Fertility in Brazil: A Qualitative and Econometric Analysis," (with Margaret Greene, Population Council), Williams College Research Memorandum Series, RM-153, February 1996. (Revised version of "Marital Instability, Inter-Spouse Bargaining and their Implications for Fertility in Brazil," Discussion Paper Series OSC (PRC) 91-3, Population Research Center, University of Chicago, 1991).

SELECTED ONGOING PROJECTS

- 1) Book Project - *The Ordinary Business of Democracy: Politics and Social Relations in North Karnataka's Gram Panchayats* Eleven-year ethnography of the working of everyday democracy in an extreme environment in India (Advance contract with Oxford University Press)
- 2) Using Natural Language Processing Methods to understand and measure "Narrative" Well-Being in Bangladesh and Peru

SELECTED OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. Advisor, World Bank – Federalism in Nepal, 2018-2025
2. Head, World Bank – Social Observatory for Anti-Poverty Projects, 2011-2021
3. Team Member: World Bank – Jeevika Livelihoods Project – Bihar, 2010-2017
4. Team Member: World Bank – South Asia Social Development Department – Local Government Accountability in India, 2006-2010
5. Team Member: World Bank, East Asia Urban Department (EASUR), Evaluation of the Urban Poverty Project II in Indonesia (UPP2), 2002-2007

6. Team Member, World Bank, South Asia Rural Development Department (SASRD), Analysis of Panchayat Reform in India, 2002-2006
7. *Member*: World Bank, Social Development Board – 2002-2014
8. *Member*: World Bank, Gender Board – World Bank, 2002-2007
9. World Bank, Operations Evaluation Division (OED), Team on Evaluation of Social Funds, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Zambia, Malawi, 2000
10. Co-Lead (with Michael Walton), World Bank's Engagement on Culture and Development (reporting directly to President James Wolfensohn), 2000-2004
11. *Mrichakatika* (NGO specializing in income generation among women potters in rural India), field assessments, evaluations, feasibility studies, 1992-94

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent – Read and Write), Hindi (Fluent – Read and Write), Kannada (Fluent – Spoken), Tamil (Moderately Fluent – Spoken)

GRANTS

- 1) Research Grant from Knowledge for Change Program (World Bank) to Develop Machine Learning Methods to Understand Well-Being with Qualitative Interviews at Scale (\$200,000), 2021-23
- 2) Research Grant from the World Bank Research Department to study village democracy in India (\$130,000) 2020-22
- 3) Grant from SAFANSI Trust Funds for the World Bank Social Observatory (\$2.5 million), 2012-2018.
- 4) Grant from SAGE Trust Funds for developing a Social Observatory for Rural Livelihoods Projects (\$150,000), 2011
- 5) Research Grant from International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) to the Social Observatory for a mixed methods evaluation of the Jeevika Livelihoods Project in Bihar, India (with Vivian Hoffmann and Paromita Sanyal) (\$400,000), 2012-2017
- 6) Research Grant from DFID for research on Deliberative Democracy (\$250,000), 2010
- 7) Research Grant from Knowledge for Change Program: To prepare the Policy Research Report on Local Development (with Ghazala Mansuri) (\$200,000), 2007
- 8) Research Grant from SIDA to study Village Governance in India (\$200,000), 2007
- 9) Research Grant from DFID via the World Bank's Communications and Development Unit to study Deliberative Democracy in India (\$250,000), 2005
- 10) Research Grant from BNPP (Dutch Government) to study Village Governance in India, 2002
- 11) Research Grant from World Bank Research Department and ASEM trust funds – (with Vivi Alatas, World Bank, Victoria Beard, Wisconsin, and Menno Pradhan, World Bank) To evaluate the impact of an urban CDD project (UPP2) in Indonesia using mixed-methods. (\$200,000)
- 12) Research Grants from World Bank Research Department and DFID – (with Tim Besley, LSE and Rohini Pande, Columbia University) To study the Impact of Village Decentralization (Panchayat Reforms) in India, 2000 (\$250,000)
- 13) Research Grant from Norwegian Trust Fund To Evaluate Impact of Social Funds in Zambia, Nicaragua and Jamaica, 2000 (\$100,000)
- 14) Research Grant from the Dutch Government – (With Mike Walton) To Edit Volume on Culture and Development, 2002 (\$100,000)

- 15) World Bank Research Grant and Dutch Trust Fund Grant, 1999 (joint with Michael Woolcock) A multi-disciplinary analysis of the relationship between urban poverty, risk protection and kinship in Delhi, India. (\$50,000)
- 16) Robert Schalckebach Foundation Grant, 1997. Grant to study the impact of property rights and cultural systems on inter and intra-household inequality in rural India. (\$30,000)
- 17) Rockefeller Foundation Grant, 1995-96. Grant (joint with Sonalde Desai) to study fertility and household decision making in India. (\$100,000)
- 18) Mellon Foundation Fellowship, University of Michigan, 1993-94. Fellowship to study women's status, decision making and demographic transitions in rural South India using economic, demographic and anthropological methods.
- 19) Hewlett Foundation Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1990-92. Fellowship to undertake post-doctoral training in Economic Demography.
- 20) Compton Foundation Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 1987-89.

KEYNOTES AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- 1) Hopkins India Conference 2025, Keynote Panel, Johns Hopkins University, May 2025
- 2) Public Lecture at Social Science Baha, Kathmandu, Nepal, June 2024
- 3) Public Lecture at the Madras Institute of Development Studies, February 2024
- 4) Keynote at the Pune Public Policy Festival, March 2024
- 5) Invited Speaker: Bangalore Literature Festival, January 2020
- 6) Keynote Panel Speaker: Sustainability and Development Conference, University of Michigan, October 2019
- 7) Co-organizer, South Asian Political Science Conference (as part of the American Political Science Meetings), World Bank, October 2019
- 8) Co-Organizer: International Conference on Globalization: Content and Discontent, World Bank, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, January 2019
- 9) Keynote Speaker, IDEA-GReThA Joint Conference, "A World United: Alliance and Collective Action for an Ethical Development," Bordeaux, France, June 2018
- 10) Presidential Panel: American Sociological Association, August 2017
- 11) Keynote Speaker, Harvard University, Conference on Social Inclusion and Poverty Eradication, November 2016
- 12) Public Lecture, Aga Khan Foundation, Ottawa, Canada, May 2016
- 13) Special Plenary Address, First International Conference on Territorial Peace, Bogota, Colombia, February 2016
- 14) Keynote Speaker, DIAL Development Economics Conference, Paris, June 2015
- 15) Keynote Speaker, Oxford University, Oxford Forum for International Development, February 2013
- 16) Keynote Speaker, Australasian Development Economics Workshop, Monash University, 2012
- 17) Special Keynote Address, Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association (UK), Belfast, 2012
- 18) Invited Lecture, Conference on New Frontiers in Global Justice, (with Amartya Sen) University of San Diego, 2012
- 19) Keynote Speaker, Conference on Mapping Local Landscapes: Community Approaches to Peace, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, January 2011
- 20) Organizer of Conference on *Deliberation and Development: New Directions*, World Bank, November 2010
- 21) Keynote Speaker, European Sociological Association conference on Culture and the Making of Worlds, Bocconi University, Milan, October 2010

- 22) Keynote Speaker, Aspirations and Poverty Conference, Warwick University, December 2009
- 23) Co-Organizer of Conference on *History and Development Policy*, Manchester University, UK.
- 24) Invited Speaker: Conference on Democracy in India, University of California, Berkeley, May 2007
- 25) Invited Speaker: Conference on Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India, 2006
- 26) Co-Organizer (with Ravi Kanbur and Gopal Kadekodi), Conference on *Development and Public Action In Karnataka*, Bangalore-India, November 2005
- 27) Co-Organizer – Conference on *Culture and Public Action* – World Bank, June 30-July 1st, 2002

SEMINARS and TALKS in 2021-26

University of Washington, Think City – Kuala Lumpur, World Bank, National Law School of India-Bangalore, Northwestern, Pittsburgh, WPI, Stella Maris College, Azim Premji University, IIT-Bombay, Oxford University, London School of Economics, Indian Institute for Public Administration, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Brown University, Martin Chautari Institute – Kathmandu

PhD COMMITTEES

- 1) Etienne Breton, (Demography), Princeton University, (placed at Cornell University)
- 2) Upamanyu Dutta (Agricultural and Resource Economics) University of Maryland, 2014 (placed in the Poverty Global Practice, The World Bank)
- 3) Saumitra Jha (Economics), Stanford University, 2006 (placed at Stanford GSB)