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### **Academic Appointments**

Isaac Newton Trust Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge (2007-present)  
Official Fellow, Bibby Teaching Fellow, and College Lecturer in Economics (with tenure), St. Catharine's College, Cambridge (2000-present)  
Faculty Research Fellow, Centre for Research in Microeconomics  
Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

### **Honorary Appointments and Visiting Positions**

Board of Directors, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture  
Distinguished Scholar, US India Policy Institute  
Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Harvard University (Fall 2004-05)  
Visiting Scholar, National Bureau of Economic Research (Fall 2004-05)  
Visiting Faculty, University of Texas at Austin (2012)

### **Previous Academic Positions**

Lecturer in Development Economics, University of Cambridge (2003-2004)  
British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Cambridge (2000-2003)  
Research Associate, Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge (2000)

### **Education**

Ph.D. Economics, University of Cambridge (2000)  
M.Phil. Economics, Newnham College, Cambridge (1995)  
BA. Economics, Newnham College, Cambridge. First class honours (1993).  
BA. Honours Economics, St. Stephen's College, Delhi. First class honours (1991)

### **Prizes and Scholarships**

Pilkington Prize for Teaching Excellence, University of Cambridge (2014)  
W. Parker Mauldin Award, Population Council (1998)  
Laurie Hart Memorial Prize for Outstanding Work (1993)  
Arvind Gandotra Memorial Prize (1991)  
Lloyds Bank Research Studentship  
Marion Kennedy Entrance Research Studentship  
Mary Anne Ewart Research Studentship  
Cambridge Commonwealth Trust Scholarship  
Oxford and Cambridge Society of India Scholarship  
St. Stephen's College Centenary Merit Scholarship

## **Research Fellowships**

2000-2003. British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship

1998-1999. Population Council Research Fellowship in the Social Sciences, USA

## **Research Grants**

2014. Faculty of Economics Summer Bursary. £1200.

2013. Cambridge-INET Seed Fund Grant. £2000.

2013. Centre for Research in Microeconomics Summer Student Bursary. £1200.

2009-2012. Isaac Newton Trust Research Grant, Isaac Newton Trust. £26,000.

2006-2009. Metanexus Institute on Religion and Science, and the John F. Templeton Foundation, USA, Spiritual Capital Research Program Open RFP Research Grant. \$150,000.

1993-1994. Pew Trust Grant and Centre for History and Economics, Cambridge

## **Publications**

### **Books**

2002. *Demography and Religion in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

### **Papers**

2015. 'The New Economics of Religion' forthcoming in the *Journal of Economic Literature*.

2014. 'Communication and Marketing of Services by Religious Organizations in India' (with C. Velu and A. Mumit) *Journal of Business Research*, 67: 59-67.

2013. 'Missing Women and India's Religious Demography' (with S. Joshi) *Journal of South Asian Development* 8(3): 301-331.

2013. 'Why Marry a Cousin? Insights from Bangladesh' (with S. Joshi and Q. Do). In *Marrying in South Asia*, edited by Ravinder Kaur and Rajni Parliwala, Orient Black Swan: 208-233.

2013. 'Missing Women in the United Kingdom' (with A. Adamou and C. Drakos) *IZA Journal of Migration* Volume 10, Issue 2.

2013. 'The Economics of Consanguineous Marriages' (with S. Joshi and Q. Do) *Review of Economics and Statistics*, July, Volume 95, Number 3: 904-918.

2012. 'Dominance and Innovation: A Returns-Based Beliefs Approach' (with C. Velu and J. Gair), *Applied Stochastic Models in Business and Industry*, Volume 28, Issue 3, 264–281, May/June.

2009. 'Gender, Religion, and the Age at Marriage in India'. In M. Pal, P. Bharati, B. Ghosh and T.S. Vasulu eds. *Gender and Discrimination: Health, Nutritional Status and Role of Women in India*, Oxford University Press.

2008. 'Religion and Economic Development'. In Steven N. Durlauf and Lawrence E. Blume eds. *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics, Second Edition*. Basingstoke and New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

2007. 'The Effectiveness of Jobs Reservation: Caste, Religion and Economic Status in India' (with V. K. Borooah and A. Dubey), *Development and Change*, Volume 38, Number 3, May: 423-445.

2006. 'Real Options and Demographic Decisions' (with C. Velu), *Journal of Development Economics*, Volume 80, Number 1, June: 39-58.

2006. 'Human Capital'. In David A. Clark ed. *The Elgar Companion to Development Studies*. North-Holland.

2005. 'The Decomposition of Inter-Group Differences in a Logit Model: Extending the Oaxaca-Blinder Approach with an Application to School Enrolment in India' (with V. Borooah), *Journal of Economic and Social Measurement*, Volume 30, Number 4: 279-293.

2005. 'Vidya, Veda and Varna: The Influence of Religion and Caste on Education in Rural India' (with V. Borooah), *The Journal of Development Studies*, Volume 81, Number 4, November : 1369-1404.

2005. 'Social Capital, Economic Growth, and Regional Development' (with M. Kitson and B. Toh), *Regional Studies*, Volume 39, Number 8, November: 1015-1040.

2005. 'Religion, Literacy, and the Female-to-Male Ratio in India', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Volume 40, Number 5: 419-427.

2004. 'The Risk of Child and Adolescent Mortality among Vulnerable Populations in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil', (with M. Monteiro), *Journal of Biosocial Science*: 1- 24.

2003. 'Religion, Reproduction and Development in Contemporary India', *Development*, Volume 46, Number 4, December.

2002. 'Religion and the Decision to use Contraception in India', *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Volume 4, Number 1: 711-722.

### **Other Writing**

2015. 'Temples and Economists' forthcoming in the St. Catharine's College, Cambridge 'WHEEL' alumni publication.

2013. 'The Marshall Lectures 2012-13: Esther Duflo – Paternalism Freedom and Hope in the Fight Against Poverty' (with Tony Cockerill). *Cambridge Economics Alumni Newsletter*, Volume 6, September.

2011. 'The Marshall Lectures 2010-11: James J. Heckman - The Economics and Psychology of Human Development and Inequality' (with Tony Cockerill). *Cambridge Economics Alumni Newsletter*, Volume 4, September.

2010. 'The Marshall Lectures 2009-10: Drew Fudenberg - Learning and Equilibrium in Games' (with Tony Cockerill). *Cambridge Economics Alumni Newsletter*, Volume 3, September.

2003. 'Faith, Fertility, and the Field Economist', *The British Academy Review*, Number 7, Jan-June.

2002. 'Understanding Religion and the Economics of Fertility in India.' *Centre of South Asian Studies Occasional Paper 2*. Centre for South Asian Studies, Cambridge.

1994. 'Demographic and Economic Explanations for the Resurgence of Communalism in India since 1984', *Centre for History and Economics Working Paper*, Cambridge.

## **Research in Progress**

**Book Under Contract.** *The Economics of Religion in India* (Harvard University Press: Cambridge, Massachusetts).

## **Papers**

'Divine Competition: Religious Organizations and Service Provision in India' (with C. Velu and M Weeks).

'The Evolution of Cooperation through Communication: A Field Experiment in Cambridge' (with C. Velu and A. Mumit).

'A Reason for Unreason: Returns-Based Beliefs In Game Theory' (with C. Velu and J. Gair).

'Religious Riots and Electoral Politics in India' (with Anand Shrivastava).

'Religiosity and Mental Health in Adolescence' (with Jane Fruehwirth and Anwen Zhang).

'Religion and Demography in Colonial India' (with Latika Chaudhary).

'An Evolutionary Study of Religious Fundamentalism' (with Daniel Friedman, Jonathan Gair, Bartosz Redlicki and Chander Velu).

'The Persistence of Religion: Field Experiments in India' (with Jared Rubin, Latika Chaudhary and Anand Shrivastava).

## **Conference Organisation**

Session organiser for 2 Special Contributed Sessions for the International Economic Association World Congress, Dead Sea, Jordan, 6-10 June 2014.

Program Chair 2014, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Chapman University, California, USA, 21-22 March 2014.

Program Chair 2013, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Washington DC, USA, 11-14 April 2013.

Conference on 'Population, Gender and Well-Being in China and India', University of Oxford, 15 July 2005.

## **Reviewer for Journals and Publishers**

*Journal of Economic Literature; Review of Economic Studies; Review of Economics and Statistics; The Economic Journal; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A; BE Journal of Macroeconomics; Economica; Economic Inquiry; Journal of Economic Growth; Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking; Journal of Development Economics; Applied Economics; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Oxford Economic Papers; World Development; Journal of Population Economics; European Journal of Political Economy; Economics of Education Review; Economic History Review; Cambridge Journal of Economics; Demography; Population and Development Review; Studies in Family Planning; Population Studies; European Journal of Population; Journal of Population Research; Journal of Biosocial Science; Regional Studies; Oxford Development Studies; Journal of Asian Studies; Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Oxford University Press.*

## **Reviewer for Grant-Giving Bodies and Research Councils**

National Science Foundation, USA (Economics Program)

The Royal Society and The British Academy, UK

John F. Templeton Foundation, USA

Arts and Humanities Research Council/Economic and Social Research Council, UK

Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research (WOTRO)

The Wellcome Trust, UK

Nuffield Foundation, UK

### **Membership of Grant Panels**

The Royal Society and The British Academy, Newton International Fellowships Social Sciences Panel (2011-2014)

Economic and Social Research Council, Rising Powers and Interdependent Futures Research Grant Commissioning Panel Member (2012)

Economic and Social Research Council/Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK Global Uncertainties Fellowships Academic Commissioning Assessment Panel Member (2008)

### **Invited Lectures and Panels**

St. Catharine's at The Royal Society, The Royal Society, London. Lecture on 'The Economics of Religion', 21 October 2014.

University of Cambridge 2014 Alumni Festival Lecture on 'The Economics of Religion', 27 September 2014.

Marshall Society Inaugural Conference, 'The Economics of Religion', 25 January 2014, Cambridge Union, Cambridge.

Cambridge University India Society, 'The Economics of Religion in India', 2 December 2013, Cambridge.

Faculty of Economics Alumni Event on Economic Perspectives, 'The Economics of Religion', 27 September 2013, Cambridge.

Panel Speaker, 'No Strings Attached? Questioning the Role of Religion in Development', Cambridge International Development Conference, 1 December 2012, Cambridge.

Keynote Address: Panel with Vernon Smith, Larry Iannaccone and Roger Finke, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture (ASREC) 2012 Annual Meetings, Chapman University, California, 9 March 2012.

St. Catharine's College Cambridge Lecture Series, 'How Do Economists Think About Religion?' 16 November 2010.

Opening Plenary Session: Panel with Robert Putnam, Timur Kuran and Theodore Malloch: 'Spiritual Capital: Global Perspectives on Economics and Religion', Metanexus Institute Annual Conference, Philadelphia, 3 June 2006.

Opening Session, Religion, Economics and Culture 2005 Conference, Rochester, 4 November 2005.

Guest Lecture on 'Education, Religion and Caste in India', Department of Economics, Harvard University, 16 November 2004.

'Faith, Fertility, and the Field Economist', Joan Robinson Society, Girton College, Cambridge, 19 November 2003.

'Religion and Fertility in Contemporary India', International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, India, 25 March 2003.

### **Conferences and Seminars**

**2015:** Yale University, New Haven, October 2015 (forthcoming). Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, Boston, March 2015.

**2014:** International Economic Association World Congress, Jordan, June 2014. University of Reading, May 2014. Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, April 2014. Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, March 2014. Centre for Commonwealth Education Seminar, Faculty of Education, Cambridge, February 2014.

**2011-2013:** Herriot-Watt University, May 2013. National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), March 2013. Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, Washington DC 2013. Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, California 2012. ASSA/American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Denver 2011. Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, Washington DC, 2011.

**2008-2010:** International Symposium on Business and Industrial Statistics, Slovenia, July 2010. Oxford Man-Institute, September 2009. ASSA/North American Econometric Society Winter Meetings, San Francisco 2009. Inter-disciplinary Religion Workshop, University of Cambridge, April 2008.

**2005-2007:** Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference, Harvard 2007. ASSA/American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Chicago January 2007. John F. Templeton Foundation, Spiritual Capital Research Group Meeting, Philadelphia June 2006. University of Cambridge, October 2006. Economic and Social Research Council Workshop, Lancaster, April 2005. School of Oriental and African Studies, March 2005. University of Warwick, March 2005.

**2000-2004:** Religion, Economics and Culture 2004 Conference, Kansas October 2004. Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Boston, April 2004. Religion, Economics, and Culture 2003 Conference, Norfolk, Virginia, October 2003. European Society for Population Economics Annual Meetings, New York, June 2003. The British Academy, April 2003. University of Wisconsin-Madison, December 2004. George Mason University, December 2004. University of East Anglia, June 2002. St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, November 2002. Cambridge Centre of South Asian Studies, November 2001. Population Association of America Annual Meetings, March 2001.

### **Teaching – Lecture Courses**

2007-2015. Part 1, Paper 4. *Analysis of Economic Development*

2000-2012. Part 2B, Paper 8. *Demography and Development* (same course was previously given as 'Population and Development' until 2007)

2009-2011. PhD 15. *How to Do Economics?*

2003-2004. Part 2A. *Principles of Economic Development*

2003-2004. Part 2B. *Development and Poverty Traps: Institutions, Incentives and Economic Growth*

2012-2014. Part 2A, Paper 4. *Development Theory*

2013-2015. Part 2A Paper 4. *Demography and Development*

### **MPhil in South Asia Studies**

2008-2011. Option Paper (ii) *Modern Indian Society: Politics, Development and Ecology*

### **History Tripos**

2007-2015. Part 2, Paper 6. *The Demographic Transition in India 1750-2014*

### **Teaching - College Supervisions**

180-240 hours per year of supervisions for papers in Microeconomics, Political and Sociological Aspects of Economics, Economic Development, Economics of Underdeveloped Countries, and Dissertations both for the Tripos and for the MPhil.

### **Examining**

Part 1 Paper 3. Statistics Project

Part 1 Paper 4. Political and Sociological Aspects of Economics

Part 2A Paper 4. Economic Development

Part 2B Paper 8. Economics of Underdeveloped Countries

Part 2B Dissertation Panel

Part 2B Dissertations

MPhil Dissertations

### **University, Faculty, and College Committees**

The Faculty Board of Economics (2008-2012); Member appointed by the Council of the Senate of the University

Founding Member, Editorial Team and Committee Member, 'Cambridge Economics Alumni Newsletter' Committee (2008-2014)

Adjudicator, Gladstone Memorial Prize Committee, (2008-2011)

Fellowships Committee, St. Catharine's College (2012-present)

Junior Research Fellowships Committee, St. Catharine's College (2013-2014)

Appointments Committee, Economics CTO, St. Catharine's College (2014-2015)



Education Committee, St. Catharine's College (2000-2005; 2009-2013)  
Finance Committee, St. Catharine's College (2000-2008; 2009-2012)  
Investments Committee, St. Catharine's College (2013-present)  
Development Advisory Committee, St. Catharine's College (2008-present)  
Director of Studies in Economics, St. Catharine's College (2004- present)

### **University and Faculty (2000-2011)**

University Joint Committee on Academic Performance (2004-2006)  
University Steering Group for the Research Project on Students from Certain Ethnic Minorities at the University of Cambridge (2004-2005)  
Management Committee, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Center (2008-2009)  
Development Studies Committee (2008-2009)  
Marshall Library of Economics Review Committee (2006-2007)  
Teaching Committee, Faculty of Economics (2005-2008)  
Faculty Administrative Co-ordinator of the Faculty of Economics' response to the Teaching Quality Assessment (January 2000 – December 2000)

### **College (2000-2011)**

Tutor for Natural Scientists, St. Catharine's College (2001-2004)  
Strategic Policy Committee, St. Catharine's College (2005-2009)  
Overseas Bursary Committee, St. Catharine's College (2005-2007)  
Mastership Election Committee for the Appointment of the Master, St. Catharine's College (2005-2006)  
Appointments Committee for the Appointment of the Senior Bursar, St. Catharine's College (2005-2006)  
Master's Role Committee (2006)  
Development Campaign Group, St. Catharine's College (2008-2011)  
Secretary, Working Party on Admissions, St. Catharine's College (2002)

### **Affiliations**

American Economic Association  
Royal Economic Society  
Econometric Society  
Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture