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Education						
Subject	Institution		Year	Details		
B.A. (Hons)	Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University		1986	Subjects: Economics		
M. A.	Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University		1988	Subjects: Economics		
Ph. D in Economics	Boston University		1996	Thesis topic: School Systems, Educational Attainment and Wages		
Career Profile						
Organisation / Institution		Designation	Duration	Role		
Emory University		Visiting Assistant Professor	September 1995- July 1998	Teaching and Research		
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor		Assistant Professor	August 1998- October 2005	Teaching and Research		
Delhi School of Economics		Reader in Economics	November 2005- December 2007	Teaching and Research		
Delhi School of Economics		Professor	Jan 2008-present	Teaching and Research		
Research Interests / Specialization						
Economic Development, Political Economy, Public Economics						
Teaching Experience (Subjects/Courses Taught)						
<p><i>Delhi School of Economics:</i> The Economics of Health and Education, Special Topics in Development, Econometrics.</p> <p><i>University of Michigan:</i> Development Economics, Empirical methods in Development and Public Policy, Public Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics.</p> <p><i>Indian Statistical Institute:</i> Development Economics, Statistics, Sample Survey Methods.</p> <p><i>Emory University:</i> Introductory Microeconomics, Introductory Macroeconomics, Industrial Organization, Economic Development and Public Policy.</p>						
Honors & Awards						
Publications (LAST FIVE YEARS)						
Books / Monographs						

<u>Year of Publication</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Co-Author</u>
2017	Poverty and Income Distribution in India	Juggernaut	Co-edited Abhijit Banerjee, Pranab Bardhan and T.N. Srinivasan
<u>In Indexed/ Peer Reviewed Journals</u>			
<u>Year of Publication</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Journal</u>	<u>Co-Author</u>
2007	The Political Economy of Public Goods: Some Evidence from India	<i>Journal of Development Economics</i>	Abhijit Banerjee
2008	Quantifying Misallocation in Centrally Provided Public Goods	<i>Economics Letters</i>	Siva Athreya
2008	Micro-finance Lifespans: A Study of Attrition and Exclusion in Self-Help Groups in India	<i>India Policy Forum</i>	Jean-Marie Baland and Lore Vandewalle
2009	Racial Inequality and Segregation Measures: Some Evidence from the 2000 Census	<i>The Review of Black Political Economy</i>	Rajiv Sethi
2009	Climate Change: Challenges Facing India's Poor	<i>Economic and Political Weekly</i>	E. Somanathan
2009	Mapping Indian Districts Across Census Years, 1971-2001	<i>Economic and Political Weekly</i>	Hemanshu Kumar
2011	The application of nonparametric tests to poverty targeting	<i>Economics Letters</i>	Isha Dewan
2013	Back on the Rails: Competition and Productivity Change in State-owned Industry	<i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i>	Sanghamitra Das, Kala Krishna, Sergey Lychagin
2013	Repayment incentives and the distribution of gains from group lending	<i>Journal of Development Economics</i>	Jean-Marie Baland, Zaki Wahhaj
2014	Aid and Agency in Africa: Explaining Food Disbursements Across Ethiopian Households, 1994-2004	<i>Journal of Development Economics</i>	Nzinga Broussard, Stephan Dercon
2015	Caste, corruption, and political competition in India	<i>Research in Economics</i>	John Roemer and Avidit Acharya
2016	Fuel Choices and Respiratory Health in India	<i>Indian Journal of Economics</i>	PP Krishnapriya
2017	Repayment and exclusion in a micro_finance experiment	<i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i>	
	Creating Long Panels using Census Data: 1961-2001	<i>Economic and Political Weekly</i>	Jean-Mari Baland, L. Gangadharan, P. Maitra
	Improving learning outcomes through information provision: Experimental		Hemanshu Kumar

<p>2018</p>	<p>evidence from Indian villages</p> <p>Socially Disadvantaged Groups and Microfinance in India”</p> <p>A behavior-based approach to the estimation of poverty in India</p>	<p><i>Journal of Development Economics</i></p> <p><i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i></p> <p><i>Scandinavian Journal of Economics</i></p>	<p>Farzana Afridi and Bidisha Barooah</p> <p>Jean-Marie Baland and Lore Vandewalle</p> <p>Ingvild Almås and Anders Kjelsrud</p>
<p><u>Articles</u></p> <p>1) "Poverty and Exclusion" in <i>The Oxford Companion to Economics in India</i>, Kaushik Basu (ed.) Oxford University Press, February, 2007.</p> <p>2) "Public Action for Public Goods", with Abhijit Banerjee, and Lakshmi Iyer, <i>Handbook of Development Economics</i> vol. IV, T. Paul Schultz and John Strauss (ed), 2008.</p> <p>3) "The Demand for Disadvantage" , in Jean-Philippe Platteau and Robert Peccoud (ed.) Culture, Institutions, and Development: New Insights into an Old Debate, (Routledge: 2010)</p>			
<p><u>Conference Presentations</u></p> <p>Ethical issues in Empirical Research, Ethics in Comparative Politics Experiments Conference. University of California San Diego, May 2, 2013.</p> <p>Some Distributional Consequences of Microfinance, Kalam Scholars Conference for Indian Business and Economic Research Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, May 7, 2013.</p> <p>Incorporating public transfers into the measurement of poverty, Seminar at the International Growth Centre Conferences, Delhi, July 18 and Patna, July 20, 2013.</p> <p>Scheduling Caste: Its historical roots and economic implications, in Workshop on "Caste and Inequality: Social, Political and Economic Reflections", Centre for the Study of Social Sciences, Kolkata, March 28-29, 2014.</p> <p>Caste, Corruption and Political Competition in India, Theoretical Research in Development Economics Conference, Barcelona, June 27-28, 2014.</p> <p>Workshop on 'Caste and Inequality: Social, Political and Economic Reflections', Centre for Studies of Social Sciences, Calcutta, March 28-29, 2014.</p> <p>Advance Graduate Workshop, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, January 9, 2014.</p> <p>Aggregation, Ideology and Social Orderings, Princeton University, September 13, 2014.</p> <p>School Meals and Student Outcomes in Delhi, NEUPA, Delhi, November 5, 2014.</p>			

Aggregation, Ideology and the Ordering of Caste, Centre for the Study of Social Sciences, Calcutta, December 15, 2015.

Community Contracts: An Experimental Investigation of Rule Formation in Indian Villages, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, January 8, 2015.

Social Divisions and Exclusions in the Political Economy of Public Goods, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, February 23, 2015.

An Experimental Investigation of Rule Formation in Indian Villages, Graduate Institute, Geneva, April 14, 2015.

An Experimental Investigation of Rule Formation in Indian Villages, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, April 21, 2015.

Caste Connections and Government Transfers: The Mahadalits of Bihar, Paris School of Economics, June 18, 2015.

An Experimental Investigation of Rule Formation in Indian Villages, University of Goettingen, July 6, 2015.

An Experimental Investigation of Rule Formation in Indian Villages, University of Warwick, July 10, 2015.

Technology and Economic Growth in India, Prins Bertil Seminar, Gothenburg, October 26, 2016.

Economic Explanations for Social Phenomena, Saroj Gupta Memorial Lecture, Lady Shri Ram College, March 2, 2017.

The Impact of Temperature on Productivity and Labor Supply: Evidence from Indian Manufacturing, Nordic Development Conference, Gothenburg, June 12, 2017.

The Measurement of Social Difference, Keynote Address, DIAL Development Conference, University of Paris, Dauphine, June 29, 2017. A shorter version was delivered as the Keynote Address at the EADI Nordic Conference, Bergen, August 21, 2017.

Total Publication Profile [optional](#)

Books

In Indexed/ Peer Reviewed Journals

Articles

Conference Presentations

Public Service / University Service / Consulting Activity

Member of:

- 1) **Research Panel, India Policy Forum, NCAER**
- 2) **Chair of the Board of Trustees, SRIJAN.**
- 3) **Board of Management, IGIDR**
- 4) **Board of Governors, IEG.**

Professional Societies Memberships
Projects (Major Grants / Collaborations) 3 grants from the International Growth Centre, London School of Economics:
Other Details