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Employment

2018 - 20 Director of Research, Brookings India, New Delhi
Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, Washington D.C.
2016- 18 Senior Fellow, Governance Studies Program, Brookings Institution
2014-16 Fellow, Brookings India and Brookings Institution
2008-14 Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Indian School of Business
2006-08 Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Indian School of Business

Education

2006 Ph.D. Economics, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University
1998 M.A. Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
1996 B.A. Economics (Honors), LSR College, University of Delhi
Schooling across India, with most years in Kerala and Bihar

Languages

Hindi, English, Malayalam

Research and Teaching Fields

Core: Development Economics, Managerial Economics & Game Theory

Field: Health Economics, Development Finance, Impact Evaluation, Property Rights, Gender & Democracy, Welfare & Poverty

Professional Affiliations

Visiting Professor of Economics. BITS School of Management. Mumbai. 2021 onwards

Honorary Professor of Economics & Management. ABVSME, JNU. Delhi. 2020 onwards

Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India, October 2017 – 2019

Member, Working Group on Revision of WPI series. Ministry of Commerce & Industry. Govt of India. 2019-20

Member, Working Group on Social Stock Exchange, SEBI. September 2019- 2020

Member, Academic Advisory Group. Indian School of Public Policy. New Delhi. 2019 onwards

Member, Academic Advisory Group. Kautilya Fellowship Program, India Foundation. 2019 onwards

Visiting Professor of Economics. Indian School of Business, 2015 onwards

Member, Board of Directors. MCRIL-Inclusive Microeconomics, December 2016-19

Principal Investigator. Ease of Doing Business in India study, IDFC/NITI Ayog, Government of India, 2015/17

Principal Investigator. UN Global Study on Violence in Childhood, UNDP, 2015/16/17

Visiting Research Scholar. Finance Department, Kellogg School of Management, September 2016

Visiting Research Scholar. GRIPS, Tokyo Japan. 2012, 2014

Visiting Research Scholar, Finance Department, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania Nov 2010
Member, Institutional Review Board, IFMR, Chennai, 2009, 2010
Member, Board of Director, KBS Local Area Bank, BASIX Group, Hyderabad, 2011
Fellow, Microfinance Management Institute, Open Society Institute, New York, 2005-2009
Advisor, National Disaster Management Authority, Government of India, 2006
Consultant, Development and Research Group, World Bank, Washington D.C., 2001, 2003
Consultant, *Seva Mandir* (NGO working towards integrated rural & tribal development), Udaipur, 1998-1999
Research Assistant to Abhijit Banerji and Esther Duflo, MIT, 1998-'99

Research Grants and Honors

2020 Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Recognition for Reengineering India. Think India Foundation.
 Research Grant, Population Foundation of India. (Adolescent health Policy)

2019 Research Grant for Property Rights Initiative. Omidyar Network.
 Research Grant. BIRAC Grand Data Challenges. DBT, Government of India.
 Research Grant to support Health Monitor. HCL Foundation. India.

2018 International Leadership Programme, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK

2016-17 Rubenstein Strategic Initiative Fund Award (Regulating Sharing Economy), Washington D.C.
 Rubenstein Strategic Initiative Fund Award (Indian Smart Cities- 2), Washington D.C.

2015-16 Rubenstein Strategic Initiative Fund Award (Indian Smart Cities - 1), Washington D.C.

2011-12 Wharton School-ISB Research Grant

2009-10 IMFR Trust Research Grant for 'Product Design of Micro-Savings in India' study

2008-09 Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation) for 'Impact Assessment of Financial Literacy'

2007-10 Ford Foundation Research Grant for doing Impact Assessment of Ultra Poor Program

2006 Research Grant to study social enterprises. Open Society Institute, New York.

2002, 2004 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) Outstanding Teaching Award, NYU

2004 Research Grant, C.V. Starr Center for Applied Economics, NYU
 Research Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS), NYU

2003 Research Grant, C.V. Starr Center for Applied Economics, NYU

2002 Dean's Pre Doctoral Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS), NYU

2000-'05 Graduate Scholarship, New York University

1996-'97 Merit Scholarship, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University

1995-'96 President, Economics Association, Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University
 President, Chess Club, Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University

Teaching Experience

Impact Evaluation, Executive Education, ISB-UNICEF, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015

Microfinance (Impact Investing), MBA Elective, ISB, 2006 - 2020

Market Failures, Indian School of Development Management, 2020

Economics for Managers, PGPMAX, (Senior Executives), Indian School of Business, 2012-13

Managerial Economics (Game Theory), MBA Core Course, ISB, 2008 – 2015

Indian Financial System, MBA Elective, Indian School of Business 2006

Principles of Economics, New York University, 2001-05

National Social Service: Teaching Blind students, Delhi University 1993-96

Academic Publications and Papers under Peer Review (Selected/Publicly available)

1. 'Health and Economic Impact of Air Pollution in the States of India: the Global Burden of Disease Study 2019' *The Lancet. Planetary Health*. (with L. Dandona et. al.). December 2020
2. "Poverty, Pandemic and Elections: Analysis of Bihar Assembly Elections 2020." *Indian Journal of Human Development*. Sage Publications. March 2021. *Forthcoming*
3. "Authoritarian Governments Appear to Manipulate COVID-19 Data" (with A. Malani, M. Kapoor, A. Agarwal) under review. *PLOS One*. August 2020
4. "Impact of National Lockdown on COVID-19 Deaths Using Changes in Changes Model" (with M. Kapoor and S.V. Subramaniam). Under Review. *The New England Journal of Medicine*. November 2020
5. "Women in Indian Democracy: A Systematic Analysis from 1951 to 2020" (with M. Kapoor). Under Review. *Journal of Democracy*. December 2020
6. "Maternal History of Neonatal Deaths in India". *JAMA Network Open*. April 2020
7. "The Association of Biomass Burning and Hypertension in North India" (with P. Singh, M. Kapoor, S. Dey and A. Roy). Revised & Resubmitted. *Social Science & Medicine Population Health*. January 2020
8. "Too Slow for the Urban March: Litigations and Real Estate Market in Mumbai" (with S. Gandhi, A. Tabarrok & V. Tandel). Revised & Resubmitted. *Journal of Urban Economics*. November 2020
9. "Medicines in India: Accessibility, Affordability and Access" (with P. Singh & D. Dam). *Brookings India Report*. March 2020
10. "Reviving Higher Education in India" (with N. Gupta and P. Nagaraj). *Brookings India Report*. November 2019
11. "Missing Female Patients: An analysis of tertiary care in New Delhi" (with AIIMS faculty: D. Agarwal, R. Guleria, M. Kapoor and A. Roy) *British Medical Journal Open*, 2019
12. "The Promise of Impact Investing in India" (with Emily Gustafsson-Wright, Prerna Sharma and Izzy Boggild-Jones). *Brookings India Report*. July 2019
13. "Difficult Dialogues: A Compendium of Contemporary Essays on Gender Inequality in India". *Difficult Dialogues – Brookings India Report*. March 2019
14. "Accelerating Financial Inclusion in India". *Brookings India Report*. March 2019

15. "Why India is Ready for a Universal Basic Income: How it would cut poverty and bureaucracy" *Foreign Affairs*, 2017
16. "Is India Ready to J.A.M.?" *Brookings India Report*. August 2018
17. "Restructuring the Medical Council of India" *Brookings India Impact Paper*, August 2017
18. "The Current and Future State of the Sharing Economy" *Brookings India Impact Paper*, (with N. Yaraghi), March 2017
19. "What Explains Childhood Violence? Global Macro and Micro Correlates" (with R. Ahluwalia), forthcoming in *The Journal of Psychology, Health and Medicine*, February 2017
20. "Elasticity of Intertemporal Substitution in Consumption: Empirical Evidence from a Natural Experiment", (with M Kapoor). *Management Science*, 2016
21. "Nutrition in India: Targeting the First 1000 Days of a Child's Life" *Brookings India Impact Paper*, 2017
22. "Building Smart Cities in India: Allahabad, Ajmer and Visakhapatnam" (with Adie Tomer, A. Bhatia and Joseph Kane), *Brookings India – Brookings Institution Report*, August 2016
23. "Health and Morbidity in India (2004 – 2014)" (with R Ahluwalia and S. Bergkvist), Under Review at *The Lancet Global Health*
24. "The Impact of Electronic Voting Machines on Democracy and Development" (with S. Debnath and M. Kapoor), Under Review at *Review of Economic and Statistics*
25. "Building a Design Economy in India" (with Darrell West), *Brookings India Impact Series Paper*, 2016
26. "Priorities for India's National Health Policy" (with R Ahluwalia), *Brookings India Impact Series Paper*, 2015
27. "Spectrum Policy in India" (with Darrell West), *Brookings India Impact Series*, 2015
28. "A Reality Check on Suicides in India" *Brookings India Impact Series Paper*, 2015
29. "Advancing Financial Inclusion in India beyond the Jan Dhan Yojana" (with S. Gakhar), *Brookings India Impact Series Paper*, 2015
30. "Workfare in Low Income Countries: An Effective Way to Fight Poverty? The Case of NREGS in India" (with M. Engler), *World Development*, 2015
31. "What Drives Entrepreneurship? Some Evidence from India" *Brookings India publication*, 2015
32. "Failure vs. Displacement: Why an Innovative Anti-Poverty Program Showed No Net Impact", (with Jonathan Morduch, and Jonathan Bauchet), *Journal of Development Economics*, 2015
33. "The Right to Education Act: Increasing Access while Limiting Quality" in *Accelerating Access to Quality Education* (2015). S. Gokarn and R. Sandhu (edited), *Brookings Institution India Center*
34. "Are Publicly Financed Health Insurance Schemes Working in India?" (With S. Bergkvist) *Brookings-NCAER India Policy Forum 2015*, Sage Publications
35. "Women in Political Parties: Evidence from India" (with R. Sandhu), *Brookings India publication*, 2015
36. "The Impact of NREGS on Urbanization in India" (with M. Kapoor and R. Ahluwalia). Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2019
37. "Access to Credit as Insurance". Under Review at *Journal of Risk and Insurance*, 2019
38. "Why So Few Women in Politics? Evidence from India" (with M Kapoor), under review, *American Political Science Review*

39. "Women Voters as Agents of Change in Indian Democracy" (with M. Kapoor) under review *JHR*
40. "Growth of Entrepreneurship in MSME Sector in India: A State-wise Policy Analysis", chapter in book titled '*Entrepreneurship in India*' (with RAND Corporation and Legatum Institute)
41. "Women Voters in Indian Democracy: A Silent Revolution", (with M. Kapoor), *Economic and Political Weekly*, Volume - XLIX No. 12, 22 March 2014
42. "Repay as You Earn: Loan Repayment Frequency, Cash Flows and Savings of Households", *Journal of International Development*, 2012
43. "Determinants of Corruption: Government Effectiveness vs. Cultural Norms", (with Mudit Kapoor), *The BE Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, Vol.12, Issue 1, 2012
44. "Do Spouses Make Claims? Insurance and Health Seeking in India" (with Ashok Rai), *World Development*, Vol. 39, No.6, pp. 913-921, 2011
45. "At the Crossroads: Microfinance in India" (with Rajesh Chakrabarti), *Money and Finance*, May 2011
46. "From Microfinance to m-Finance" (with Jonathan Morduch and Mudit Kapoor), *Innovations- MIT Press Journal*, Volume 2, number 1, June 2007
47. "Risk Management in Agriculture", Vol. 22 in *State of the Indian Farmer: A Millennium Study*, Published by *Academic Foundation* and Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, New Delhi, 2004 (with B. Ramaswami, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi)

Completed Working Papers (manuscripts available on request)

- "Employment and Unemployment in India: Cross State Analysis" (with P. Sharma)
- "Graduation within Microfinance" (Prof. M. Puri, Duke University, and Prof. E. Breza, Columbia University)
- "India's Women: From Violence to Empowerment" (with A. Sajjanhar)
- "The Impact of Flexible Labor Laws on employment in India"
- "Lessons from India's Smart Cities Experiment: Poverty and Opportunity" (with Adie Tomer and Elizabeth Kneebone)
- "The Ease of Doing Business in India" (with NITI Aayog, Government of India)

Selected Newspaper Articles, Blogs & Interviews (2014 - 2020)

1. "From Debt to Unemployment, Punjab's entire economy needs reform, not just agriculture." The Print. December 2020
2. "Farmers and Labourers over a Privileged Few" The Print. October 2020
3. "Impact of COVID-19 on State Economies" Hindustan Times. September 2020
4. "India's COVID-19 Balancing Act" East Asia Forum, Australian National University, July 2020
5. "COVID-19 in India: Time for Bold Experimentation" – Hindustan Times. June 2020
6. "India's War Against the Corona Pandemic" The Jerusalem Post. June 2020
7. "COVID-19 Trends from Germany show Impacts by Gender & Age" TechTank. Brookings May 2019
8. "COVID-19 – Fight Uncertainty with Data" – Hindustan Times. May 2020

9. *"A New Phase of COVID Fightback"* – [The Indian Express](#). April 2020
10. *Interview: "Trade-offs between Lives and Livelihood"*. [The Print](#). April 2020
11. *"Is India's Health Infrastructure Equipped to Handle and Epidemic?"* [Brookings UpFront](#). March 2020
12. *"How EVMs have Improved India's Democracy"* [TechTank, Brookings Institution](#). Dec 2020
13. *"Exisiting Govt Infrastructure is not Conducive to Launch NRC"* [The Indian Express](#). Dec 2019
14. *"It is time to return to structural reforms in India"* [Swarajya Magazine](#). Nov 2019
15. *"We Need More Women in the Field of Economics"* [The Indian Express](#) Oct 2019
16. *"Economic Growth Requires Protection from Expropriation of Property by Individuals and State."* [The Indian Express](#). Oct 2019
17. *"Our Students are not Learning. But are our Teachers teaching?"* [Hindustan Times](#). June 2019
18. *"A Problem of measurement"* [The Indian Express](#). May 2019
19. *"India 2024: policy priorities for Modi 2.0"* [Brookings UpFront](#). May 2019
20. *"The Debate over Jobs in India is missing the point."* [Bloomberg Opinion](#). April 2019
21. *Interview: "Missing women in Indian democracy."* Patrick French, Stepwell Podcast. [The Indian Express](#). March 2019
22. *"Debt is not killing India's farmers."* [Bloomberg Opinion](#). December 2018
23. *"Heavy Debts alone are not driving farmers to suicide"* [The Print](#) December 2018
24. *Interview: " It is crucial for young girls to see female mentors"* [SheThePeople TV](#). December 2018
25. *Interview: "North-South binary is too simplistic for mapping economic performance of state in India"* [Fortune India](#). Oct 2018
26. *"For Farm Distress, India needs more effective solutions than loan waivers."* [Business Standard](#). Dec'18
27. *"Building a Culture of Growth in India."* [Mint](#) August 2018
28. *"How a development impact bond is helping improve girl's education in Rajasthan"* [Mint](#). August 2018
29. *"Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics in India"*. [Brookings Institution Blog](#). May 2018
30. *"Is the national health protection scheme good public policy?"* [The Hindustan Times](#). March 2018
31. *"Outcome based financing in India"* .[Mint](#). March 2018
32. *"How ADHAAR can help shape India's health policy"*. [Swarajya Mgazine](#). February 2018
33. *"India Healthcare Reforms: compendium of 4 op-eds"* (with M. Kapoor). [Mint](#) . September 2018
34. *"Restructuring MCI to eliminate corruption."* [Mint](#). September 2018
35. *"Important Lessons for Smart Cities Mission"* [Mint](#). July 2017
36. *"Advancing Co-operation in Higher Education"* (with D. West). [Mint](#). July 2017
37. *"Farmer Distress Beyond Loan Waiver"* [Bloomberg Quint](#), July 2017
38. *"From Labour Pains to Labour Gains"* Reflections, [NarendraModi.in](#) , May 2017
39. *"Why EVMs are a Win-Win"* [The Indian Express](#), April, 2017
40. *"The Fight against Hidden Hunger"* [Mint](#) , January 2017
41. *"Demonetization push to labour reforms"* [Mint](#), December 2016

42. *"Demonetization: effect on interest rates, inflation and policy action"* with Eshwar Prasad, CNBC
43. *"Municipal Bond Markets Could be the Answer to Financing Woes of Smart Cities"* The Wire, Sept 2016
44. *'For Smart Cities to Succeed, Strengthening Local Governance is a Must'* The Wire, August 2016
45. *'Farmer Suicides in India'* interview by CCTV America, May 2016
46. *'The Urgent Need for India to Build a Design Economy'* (with Darrell West). Mint, April 2016
47. *'Tie Women's Reservation Bill to Gender Ratio of Constituency'* Times of India, March 2016
48. *'Marginal Revolutions in Union Budget 2016'* Mint, March 2016
49. *'Accounting for Rain Gods: Indexed Crop Insurance will Help Farmers'* Huffington Post, February 2016
50. *'Women Who Rose to the Top and Shattered Stereotypes'* The Tribune, February 2016
51. *'A Dream Budget for India'* IBN LIVE, Times of India, February 2016
52. *'The Data is Unambiguous: Odd-Even Policy Failed to Lower Pollution'* Huffington Post, February 2016
53. *'Health Reforms can Save Indian Farmers'* interview by NDTV, February 2016
54. *'Support Research as Corporate Social Responsibility'* Times of India, January 2016
55. *'Delhi's Odd-Even Policy Unsustainable'* Times of India, December 2015
56. *'Priorities for India's National Health Policy'* Citation in The Wall Street Journal, December 2016
57. *'A healthy society's return on investment'* The Economist Intelligence Unit Video, December 2015
58. *Uniqueness of India's smart cities* – Mint, December 2015
59. *Chennai floods: A 'Smart City' must also be a 'Resilient City'* – Times of India, December 2015
60. *Indian housewives: A cry for help* – Times of India, November 2015
61. *Why Inequality Needs a Radical Agenda* – Business Standard, October 2015
62. *Farmer suicides is not just issue of debt* – The Economic Times, September 2015
63. *Spectrum sharing in India: confident baby steps* – The Economic Times, August 2015
64. *Women voters can tip the scales in Bihar* – The Hindi, August 2015
65. *"A Reality Check on Farmer Suicides in India"*, op-ed in The Indian Express, July 2015
66. *'The Inclusion Project'* op-ed in The Indian Express, May 2015
67. *'Band Aid Solutions for Health Problems'* op-ed in The Hindu, April 2015
68. *'Think beyond Health Insurance'* op-ed in Mint, March 2015
69. *'Making it Work'* op-ed in the The Indian Express, 22 September 2014
70. *'For New Ideas, a Clean Break with the Past'* op-ed in The Hindu, August 2014
71. *'Missing Women Leaders'*, op-ed in the The Indian Express, July 2014
72. *'Beginning a New Conversation on Women'* op-ed in The Hindu, June 2014
73. *"No Monkey Business"* -- lead op-ed in The Indian Express, May 2014
74. *"Why so few women in Parliament"* Insight column, Times of India, May 2014
75. *"Women can Impact Outcome, They Vote Differently from Men"* interview in Live Mint and The Wall Street Journal, May 2014

76. 'India's Missing Women'-- lead op-ed in The Hindu, March 2014

Major Speaking Engagements: Conference and Seminar Presentations (Selective list)

- Speaker at International Financial Inclusion Summit. January 2021
- Keynote speaker, OPPI Annual Summit. December 2020
- Keynote speaker and Chief Guest, Annual Summit, IIM Indore, December 2020
- Speaker at Diamond Jubilee Webinar, National Defense College, India, November 2020
- Sushma Swaraj Lectures 2020, Foreign Services Institute, MEA. October 2020
- Faculty Seminar, ABVSME at Jawaharlal Nehru University, September 2020
- Keynote speaker, Laissez Faire, Vasant Valley School, July 2020
- Seminar, XV Finance Commission on COVID-19 preparedness for India. May 2020.
- Speaker, Watson Institute seminar, Brown University, May 2020
- Seminar, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health. Harvard Medical School. May 2020
- Scheduled Speaker, IMF Spring Meetings 2020. Washington DC. April 2020
- Speaker – India Conference @ Harvard University, Boston. February 2020
- Keynote Speaker – SARTTAC, IMF. New Delhi. February 2020
- Keynote speaker – Tokyo Fiscal Forum, IMF. Tokyo. November 2019
- Keynote speaker – South Asia Economic Summit. Colombo 2019
- New India Manthan Leadership Talk. Organized by MoHRD, Gol. Hyderabad Central University, IISER Chandigarh 2018/19
- Keynote speaker, Ideas Conclave, 2017, 18, 19. India Foundation
- Keynote speaker- Northeast Economic Association of India. 2018, 19
- Keynote speaker -“Gender and Indian Politics” North Eastern Hill University, Shillong June 2017
- German Marshall Fund India-EU-US Trilateral Conference, New Delhi, April 2017, 18, 19
- Speaker, IDFC Political Economy Dialogues, 2016, 17, 18, 19
- “State of Indian Economy” IIM Shillong, ISB Hyderabad, Ashoka University,
- “Building Smart Cities in India” Foreign Service Institute, MEA Gol, New Delhi, 2017
- “The Political Economy of Gender Inequality in India” NMML, New Delhi, March 2017
- “Women in Indian Politics” Ashoka University, Sonapat, April 2017
- “Raisina Dialogues” MEA-ORF conference 2017, 18, 19
- “Financial Inclusion Summit” New York, 2017, 2016, 2015
- “SAARC – Think Tank Summit” Goa, December 2017, 2016
- ESG Investing – JOIM-Kellogg Conference, Chicago, 2016
- WHO-MoHFW Conference on Health Data 2016

- ‘Impact of EVM on democracy and development’ Seminar at Finance Department, Kellogg School of Management, September 2016
- ‘Spectrum Policy in India: Challenges Ahead’, seminar at IIT Delhi, 20 August 2016
- ‘Health and Morbidity in India: 2004-2014’ Ministry of Health-WHO conference, 3 August 2016
- ‘The Political Economy of Gender Inequality’, Research Seminar at the IMF, Washington DC, June 2016
- ‘Gender Inequality in Indian Democracy’ Public lecture at Ashoka University–CPR, Delhi, March 2016
- ‘Recasting Women’s Health Agenda in India’ Lecture at The George Institute for Global Health, March 2016, August 2017
- ‘Farmer Suicides in India: What does the data say?’ Conference on Agrarian Crisis, JNU, March 2016
- ‘External Validity Concerns in Social Science Research’ 3IE seminar, March 2016
- ‘Gender Inequality and Development’ IDFC-Carnegie Political Economy Conference, Goa, March 2016
- ‘Implications of Indian Government Budget 2016” Uber Dialogues at Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, March’16
- Research Seminars at Delhi University Colleges: St. Stephen’s, Hindu, LSR, Sri Venkateshwara and JMC January, February, March 2016
- Speaker ‘Uber Dialogues’ at Delhi School of Economics, March 2016
- “Bridging Theory and Practice - Women's Economic Participation”, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. December 2015
- “Delivering on the Promise of Smart Cities in India” Govt of Telangana and ISB, Hyderabad, 2015
- Microfinance - Inclusive Finance India Summit, New Delhi, 2008-15
- “Famer Suicides in India” IDFC Institute Seminar, Mumbai, October 2015
- India Economic Conclave, India Foundation and ICC, New Delhi, October 2015
- US-EU-India Trilateral Forum, Stockholm, September 2015
- “India’s Health Reforms” University of Chicago Delhi Center, New Delhi, August 2015
- NYU-National Stock Exchange Indian Financial Markets Conference, Mumbai, July 2015
- VIF Public Policy Boot camp, Sonapat, Haryana, July 2015, July 2016, June 2017
- Financial Literacy Conference, CAB, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai, June 2015
- Indian Institute of Mass Communication, seminar to IAS probationers, New Delhi, May 2015
- ‘Women in Indian Democracy’ Brookings Institution, Washington DC. April 2015
- Inclusive Business Summit, Bellagio, Rockefeller Foundation and Fletcher School, Lake Como, Italy
- ‘Balancing GDP Growth and Inclusive Growth: A Dialogue between Private and Public Sector’, Fletcher School Tufts, Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Retreat Center, Como, Italy September 2014
- Indian Policy Forum, NCAER and Brookings Institution, Delhi, 2014
- FIBAC 2014, FICCI and IBA conference on Digital Revolution: Accelerating Productivity Excellence, Mumbai, 2014
- “Health Financing in India” American Center, USIEF and Brookings Institution, India, April 2014

- Seminars, Center for Policy Research, New Delhi, 2014, 2013, 2011
- Inclusive Democracy, Chicago University, Delhi Center and Brookings India
- Economics seminar, GRIPS, Tokyo University, Tokyo, March 2014, 2013, 2012
- Speaker and Faculty Mentor, Oikos Young Scholars Economics Academy, St. Gallen University, Switzerland, September 2013, 2014, 2016
- Seminar, Economics Department, New York University, NY, June 2013
- Seminars, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, New Delhi, 2013, 2015
- 'Poverty, Inequality and Social Protection', Harvard University, May 2013
- UNICEF Evaluation Conclave, March 2013, Kathmandu
- 'Employment Guarantee' at South-South Forum, World Bank Group, Jakarta, October 2012
- Growth and Development Conference, ISI, Delhi, December 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008
- World Bank – CGAP Conference on Ultra Poor Program, Paris, July 2012
- Department seminar, Finance, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, November 2010
- Research Workshop on NREGS, CSSS-NIPFP-Erasmus University, CSSS, Kolkata, July 2010
- Department of Economics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2009
- Northeast Universities Development Consortium (Dartmouth, 2012), (Yale, 2011), (Tufts 2009), (Harvard 2007), (Brown 2005), (HEC Montreal 2004), (Yale 2003)
- Reserve Bank of India, CAB, January 2011, 2008
- UNDP Conference on Micro-Insurance, Delhi, December 2009
- Minnesota International Development Conference, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, April 2007, 05, 04
- 'Growth of Entrepreneurship in the Micro Small and Medium Enterprise Sector in India' Conference presentation and panel discussion, RAND Corporation, June 2009
- IPA-FAI Conference, Yale University, New Haven, October 2012, 2008
- Indian Financial Inclusion Summit, Delhi, August 2011, 2008
- CGAP and Ford Foundation Workshop on Microfinance, Calcutta, April – May 2008
- Ford Foundation 'Young Researchers Conference', New Delhi, March 2008
- Institute of Financial Management and Research, Chennai, Research Seminar, 2009, 2005
- University of Groningen, Department of Economics and Business, The Netherlands, December 2007
- Financial Education Summit, Citi Foundation and Financial Times, New York City, December 2007
- 'Microfinance and Disaster Management', NDMA, Home Ministry, Government of India, September 2006, January 2007
- Annual Conference of Microfinance Management Institute, Rabat, Morocco, January 2006
- Center for Global Development, Washington DC, Economic Development and Growth Seminar, March, 2005

Referee: Journal of Finance, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Economic Journal, World Development, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Financial Services Research

Professional Service

Regular briefings and roundtables with Departments/ministries of Government of India, State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala and Maharashtra, Industry Associations, Government Training Institutions, Multilateral Institutions (IMF, World Bank, UN), International Foundations, Research Institutions and Embassies in New Delhi. Academic seminars across Indian and international universities and multilateral institutions. Regular media interactions in print, TV and radio.

Brookings India Health Monitor

Creator and Lead researcher of this online platform which brings together real time data, research and powerful analytics on India's healthcare sector – at a highly disaggregated level. The Monitor uses publicly available data from across all states and Union Territories of India. It enables policymakers and researchers to access, monitor and analyze real time health measures at local level. It has been used by NITI Aayog, several research institutions and state governments over time. This has also become a popular tool for media and scholarship on India's health infrastructure and major health outcomes.

COVID-19 Daily Analysis and Data Visualization

Scarcity of information on spread of COVID-19 in India was leading to widespread fear among common people. So together with Prof M. Kapoor (ISI), I began daily rigorous analysis of the data to bring out simple, easy-to-comprehend visualizations using sophisticated statistical tools and disseminated publicly over Twitter and other social media platforms. The statistics (outcomes of interest) grew from 5 key statistics to over 50 within few weeks. Our daily analysis has been used and shared widely by Government of India, several state governments, media houses (national & international), industry associations, researchers, students and common people across many countries – but overwhelmingly among Indians.