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## Research Interests

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**Primary:** Development Economics, Economics of Law and Institutions, Macro Development

**Secondary:** Applied Spatial Econometrics, Machine Learning in Causal Inference

## Education

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<b>Deakin University</b> <i>Ph.D. in Economics, High Distinction</i>	2024 Melbourne, VIC, Australia
<b>Pompeu Fabra University</b> <i>Geo-Spatial Computation; Quantitative Methods for Impact Evaluation</i>	2022 Barcelona, Spain
<b>Korea University</b> <i>Master's in Economics and Statistics (Applied Econometrics)</i>	2019 Seoul, South Korea
<b>Quaid-i-Azam University</b> <i>Bachelor of Science in Economics and Finance</i>	2015 Islamabad, Pakistan

## Research

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### Job Market Paper

**"Efficiency without Efficacy: Do Efficient Courts Hinder Formal Employment Growth in India?"**

This paper presents causal evidence of the effect of local courts on the formal–informal labor divide in India’s manufacturing sector. Employing a dataset of 80 million district court trials and microdata on manufacturing establishments for the years 2010–2018, we construct a novel empirical setting employing an Instrumental Variable model. We analyze how judicial efficiency influences establishments decisions to hire formal labor. The findings indicate that higher judicial efficiency reduces formal labor employment, particularly in larger establishments that are subject to labor laws. Further, we find that in states with worker-friendly regulations, the impact of higher judicial efficiency is more pronounced, leading to a relative decrease in marginal permanent workers hired when compared to states with employer-friendly regulations. This study contributes to understanding the interaction between legal institutions and labor laws in employment dynamics in India. While judicial efficiency is crucial, it may not alone promote labor formalization under strict job security regulations.

## Research Underway

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"Money Matters: Uncovering the Employment and Output Impacts of Demonetization in India’s Manufacturing Sector" (Joint with Yan Liang, and Prasad Bhattacharya)

"CES Production Function and Extent of Resource Misallocation" (Joint with Debdulal Mallick)

"Bush Fires and the Knock-on Effects on the Economy: Evidence from Australian Firms (Joint with Prasad Bhattacharya, )

## Academic Experience

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### Research

<b>RMIT University</b> Department of Economics, Finance & Marketing Research Assistant for Dr. Sveta Angelopoulos	<i>2024</i> Melbourne, Australia
<b>Deakin University</b> Department of Finance Research Assistant for Dr. Tze Ang	<i>2024</i> Melbourne, Australia
<b>Deakin University</b> Department of Economics Research Assistant for Dr. Yan Liang & Dr. Prasad Bhattacharya	<i>2023–2024</i> Melbourne, Australia
<b>Deakin University</b> Deakin Business School Research Assistant for Dr. Jeffrey Rotman & Assoc. Prof. Joshua Newton	<i>2022</i> Melbourne, Australia
<b>Korea University</b> Department of Economics and Statistics Research Assistant for Dr. Choong Lyol Lee	<i>2018–2019</i> Seoul, South Korea

### Teaching

<b>Teaching Associate, The University of Melbourne (2024)</b> <i>Undergrad:</i> Sustainable Commerce (CMCE-10001)	Melbourne, Australia
<b>Teaching Associate, Monash University (2023-present)</b> <i>Undergrad:</i> Trade Finance and Foreign Exchange (ECC2721), Macroeconomic Policy (ECF2331), Macroeconomics Principles (ECC1100) <i>Grad:</i> International Macroeconomics (ECF5921), Macroeconomic Theory and Policy for Developing Countries (ECF5580) <i>Undergrad &amp; Grad:</i> Managerial Economics (ECF2731/5927), Business in Asia (ECX3550/5550)	Melbourne, Australia
<b>Academic Staff, Deakin University (2021-Present)</b> <i>Undergrad:</i> Microeconomics Principles, Analytical Methods in Economics and Finance, National Economic Policy, Competition and Industry <i>Grad:</i> Decision Modeling for Business Analytics	Melbourne, Australia
<b>Korea University</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i> <i>Undergraduate Courses:</i> Global Economy, Micro Econometrics	<i>2018–2019</i> Seoul, South Korea

## Non-Academic Experience

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<b>Research Analyst</b> <i>Accounting and Finance Department, Futuristic Pvt. Ltd.</i>	<i>2021-2022</i> Islamabad, Pakistan
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## Awards, Honors & Fellowships

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<b>Deakin University Postgraduate Research Scholarship</b> <i>Ph.D. Fellowship</i>	2020-2024
<b>Korean Government Scholarship</b> <i>Master's in Economics and Statistics, Korea University</i>	2016-2019
<b>Punjab Government Fellowship</b> <i>Bachelor's of Science, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan</i>	2011-2015
<b>Federal Government Fellowship</b> <i>Bachelor's of Science, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan</i>	2011-2015

## Conference Presentations

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“Econometrics Society Australasia Meeting” (ESAM), Monash University, Australia (Upcoming)	December 2024
Brown Bag Seminars, Deakin University, Australia	August 2024
“Australian Conference of Economists” (ACE), University of Adelaide, Australia	July 2024
“North American Summer Meeting”, Vanderbilt University, USA	June 2024
“Conference on Empirical Legal Studies” (CELS), Federal University of São Paulo, Brazil	June 2024
“16th RGS Doctoral Conference in Economics”, Ruhr-University, Germany	March 2023
“Financial Economics Meeting”: Post-Crises Challenge, FEM 2019, Hammamet, Tunisia (Best Paper Award)	2019
“PSAK International Conference on Science and Technology”, Seoul, South Korea	2018
“Annual Banking Conference” (ABC), Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management, Dhaka, Bangladesh	2018

## Competitions & Prizes

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<b>United Energy-Deakin University Big Data Competition</b>	2022
<i>Third Position (\$3,000 AUD)</i>	

*Designed and implemented computationally efficient machine learning algorithms to detect electric vehicles on the electric grid by analyzing household electric meter data across the State of Victoria.*

## Affiliations

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The Econometric Society  
The European Economic Association  
The Economic Society of Australia

## Skills

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### **Econometrics and Data Analysis**

STATA(Proficient), R(Proficient), Python (Basic), MATLAB(Intermediate), QGIS (Basic)

### **Scientific Documentation**

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office Suite

### **Languages**

English (Bilingual Proficiency), Korean (Professional Working Proficiency), Urdu/Hindi (Native), Arabic (Limited Working Proficiency)

## Certifications

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**IELTS:** Overall Band Score 7.5

**TOPIK:** Korean Language Certificate - Proficiency Level 4

## Media Coverage

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### **Deakin Electric Vehicle (EV) Challenge 2022**

Deakin University Business Newsroom

ESD News: United Energy Using Big Data for EV Charging Patterns

Utility Magazine: Trials to Measure EV Charging Behaviours

### **Talk on the Role of Banking Sector in Economic Growth at ABC Conference 2018**

Dhaka Tribune: Role of Banking Sector in Economic Growth

## References

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