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Employment

- 11/2020– **Associate Professor** (with tenure)
 Department of Economics, Stockholm School of Economics
- 2017–20 **Assistant Professor**
 Department of Economics, Stockholm School of Economics
- 2016-17 **Post-doctoral Research Associate**
 Department of Economics, University College London
- 2010-16 **Research Officer**,
 Young Lives study , University of Oxford
 (Research Assistant, 2010-13)
- 2008–10 **Senior Economist (ODI Fellow)**
 National Bureau of Statistics, Government of South Sudan

Education

- 2015 **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ECONOMICS**
 University of Oxford (*Nuffield College*)
- 2008 **M.SC. IN ECONOMICS FOR DEVELOPMENT**
 University of Oxford (*Pembroke College*)
- 2007 **B.A.(HONS.) IN ECONOMICS**
 University of Delhi (*Hindu College*)

Editorial positions | Research Affiliations

- 2021– Associate Editor, *The Economic Journal*
- 2024– Board of Directors (Co-Chair, Education), J-PAL
- 2025– Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), Research Fellow
- 2025– ROCKWOOL Foundation Berlin (RFBerlin), Research Fellow
- 2024– Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), Affiliate
- 2023– What Works Hub for Global Education, Academic Leadership Team
- 2020– Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Affiliate
- 2019– European Development Network (EUDN), Associate Member
- 2019– Centre for Global Development, Washington D.C. (Non-resident Research Fellow)
- 2019– Mistra Centre for Sustainable Markets, SSE (Affiliate)
- 2015– CES-Ifo Economics of Education Network (Research Affiliate)

Publications

- 2025 “The productivity of public and private preschools (and schools): Evidence from India”,
 Forthcoming at *Economic Journal* (with Petter Berg and Mauricio Romero)
- 2024 “The Myths of Official Measurement: Limits to Test-based Education Reforms with Weak
 Governance”, *Journal of Public Economics*, vol 239 (with Petter Berg)

- 2024 “Improving administrative data at scale: Experimental evidence on digital testing in Indian schools”, *Economic Journal*, 134(661), 2207-2223.
- 2024 “COVID-19 Learning loss and recovery: Panel data evidence from India”, *Journal of Human Resources*, Forthcoming (with Mauricio Romero and Karthik Muralidharan)
- 2022 “Test Scores and Educational Opportunity: Panel evidence from five developing countries”, *Journal of Public Economics*, vol. 206 (with Jishnu Das and Andres Yi Chang)
- 2021 “India’s new National Education Policy: Evidence and challenges”, *Science*, 372(6537), 36-38 (with Karthik Muralidharan)
- 2020 “Learning More with Every Year: School year Productivity and International Learning Divergence” *Journal of the European Economic Association*, vol. 18(4), 1770-1813
- 2019 “Disrupting Education? Experimental evidence on technology-led education in India”, *American Economic Review*, vol. 109(4), April 2019, pp. 1426-60 (with Karthik Muralidharan and Alejandro Ganimian)
- 2018 “Accessing higher education in developing countries: Panel data analysis from India, Peru, and Vietnam”, *World Development*, 109, 261-278 (with Alan Sanchez)
- 2015 “Private School Effects in urban and rural India: Panel estimates at primary and secondary school ages,” *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 113, March 2015, pp. 16-32.
- 2015 “Child Development in a Changing World: Risks and Opportunities,” *World Bank Research Observer*, vol. 30(2), August 2015, pp. 193-219 (with Jo Boyden and Stefan Dercon)
- 2014 “School meals as a Safety Net: An Evaluation of the Midday Meals Scheme in India,” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, vol. 62(2) (with Albert Park and Stefan Dercon).
- 2014 “Test Score gaps between private and government school students at school entry age in India,” *Oxford Review of Education* vol. 40(1), Jan 2014.
- 2014 “Why are economic growth and reductions in child undernutrition so weakly correlated—and what can public policy do?,” *The Lancet Global Health*, 2 (4), e185-e186
- 2013 “From Nutrition to Aspirations and Self-Efficacy: Gender Bias over Time among Children in Four Countries,” *World Development*, vol. 45, May 2013 (with Stefan Dercon)

Chapters in Edited Books

- 2025 “Psychometric quality of measures of learning outcomes in low-and middle-income countries”, In *Handbook of Experimental Development Economics*, Edward Elgar Publishing (with Masha Bertling and Karthik Muralidharan)

Working Papers (selected)

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- “Adapting for scale: Experimental evidence on computer-aided instruction in India” (with Karthik Muralidharan), Revisions requested at the *Journal of Political Economy*
- “The incidence and effects of affirmative action: Evidence from quotas in private schools in India” (with Mauricio Romero), Revisions requested at the *Review of Economic Studies*
- “Improving Public Sector Management at Scale: Experimental Evidence on School Governance in India” (with Karthik Muralidharan), Revisions requested at *JPE: Microeconomics*
- “Improving preschool services: Experimental evidence on a technology-aided intervention in India” (with Ajinkya Keskar, Mauricio Romero and Karthik Muralidharan)

Research Grants and Awards

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- 2024 What Works Hub for Global Education, FCDO (co-lead PI)
- 2023 Juan Luis Londoño Prize for Best Paper presented at LACEA-LAMES (w/ Mauricio Romero)
- 2022 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (co-PI)

2022	European Research Council Starting Grant (2023-2028)
2022	Asian Development Bank Institute grant for COVID-19 Learning Loss and Recovery
2021	SSE Corporate Partners Research Award
2019	JPAL European Social Inclusion Initiative (with Martina Bjorkman-Nyqvist)
2018	Outstanding Pedagogical Achievements Award, Stockholm School of Economics
2017	Tore Browaldh Foundation Scholarship (through SSE Dept of Economics)
2016	DFID Research in Improving Systems of Education (with K. Muralidharan and A. Ganimian)
2016	ESRC-DFID grant on Improving Education in Developing countries (with Karthik Muralidharan),
2015	J-PAL Post Primary Education initiative pilot grants (x2, with Karthik Muralidharan)
2015	International Growth Centre grant (with Karthik Muralidharan)
2014	J-PAL Post Primary Education Initiative proposal development grant (with Karthik Muralidharan)
2011	Young Lives student research grant (for “Private school premium in India”)
2011	Nuffield College Studentship (three years)
2011	Doctoral Studentship, Department of Economics, University of Oxford
2008	Luca D’Aglano Prize for Best Extended Essay, University of Oxford
2008	Young Lives student research grant (for “School meals as a safety net”)
2007	Queen Elizabeth House Scholarship, University of Oxford

Teaching

2025 –	The Economic Approach to Policy Design , B.Sc. in Bus. and Econ. Stockholm School of Economics
2017–23	Thesis supervisor , B.Sc and M.Sc. in Economics Stockholm School of Economics (~ 6-8 theses per year)
2017–23	Econometrics (5304) , M.Sc. in Economics Stockholm School of Economics
2017–	Development Economics , Ph.D elective in Economics Stockholm School of Economics (co-taught with multiple colleagues)
2013–15	Co-supervisor , M.Sc. in Economics for Development dissertations University of Oxford
2011–12	College Tutor in Economics/Departmental Teaching Associate Exeter College, University of Oxford. Introductory Microeconomics (Ist year), Core Microeconomics (IIInd year) and Economics of Developing Countries (IIIrd year elective).

Ph.D. supervision

Main or co-supervisor

2026	Petter Berg, Brown University (postdoc) then Stockholm Uni (tenure-track AP), (Main supervisor)
2026	Avenia Ghazarian, tenure-track, Cattolica Milan (co-supervisor, w/ M Björkman Nyqvist)
2026	Gargi Dangwal (co-supervisor, with Martina Björkman Nyqvist)
2024	Cristina Clerici, Research Scientist, IPA (co-supervisor, with Martina Björkman Nyqvist)

Secondary supervisor

- 2026 Yifan Lyu, postdoc Örebro University (second supervisor, main: Johanna Wallenius)
- 2022 Erik Merkus, now at Swedish Board of Trade (co-supervisor, with Martina Björkman Nyqvist)

Main supervisor (ongoing): Nikhilesh Prakash, Giovanni Moscariello, Lucas Henriksson

Second supervisor (ongoing): Fadhil Nadhif Muharam, Dominik Wehr, Ahmet Giriskan, Katia Everke

Departmental Service

- 2022- PhD admissions committee, SSE Economics Dept (Chair, 2025-)
- 2024- B.Sc. Program Committee, SSE (school-wide)
- 2017-24 Seminar Organizer, SSE Economics seminar
- 2017-20 Organizer, SSE Brownbag series
- 2018-23 Placement Officer, SSE Economics Department
- 2019-21 Junior Faculty Recruitment Committee, SSE Economics Department

Invited seminars and conference presentations

- 2026 University of Oxford (Economics; ODID), ifo Institute Munich, University of Exeter, Jacobs Foundation Conference, German Development Economics conference (Invited Keynote). *Scheduled:* CES-ifo Econ of Ed conference, Max Planck Institute (Bonn), What Works Hub for Global Education Conference
- 2025 University of Essex, Aalto University (Helsinki), Harvard/MIT Development Economics seminar, Lund University, SSE Economics, IIPF Annual congress (Nairobi), CES-ifo Econ of Ed conference (Munich), University of Zurich, Tor Vergata University (Rome), Helsinki Economics of Education conference, Indian Statistical Institute (ACEGD)
- 2024 IIM Bangalore, Linköping University, Aarhus University, SOLE (Portland), Bristol University, Advances in Field Experiments Conference (LSE), Economic Science Association European Meetings (Helsinki), WWHGE conference (Oxford), Bocconi University, University of Warwick, Monash University, Univ. of New South Wales, University of Sydney, Indian Statistical Institute (ACEGD conference)
- 2023 Catholic University of Milan/LEAP, University of Naples, UC Louvain, EUDN conference (Geneva), IIM-RISE conference on Economics of Education in India (Ahmedabad), Monash development conference (Prato, Italy), Stellenbosch University (South Africa), Ashoka University, Indian Statistical Institute Delhi (ACEGD conference), UPenn (CASI)
- 2022 Institute for Fiscal Studies, NHH Bergen, Paris School of Economics, Columbia University, RISE conference (Oxford), CES-Ifo Summer Institute, Brunel University, CES-Ifo Economics of Education conference (Munich), National University of Singapore, Linnaeus University (Växjö, Sweden), Harvard Kennedy School (LEAPS)
- 2021 U Penn (CASI), IFN (Stockholm), CIES conference, CES-Ifo Economics of Education conference, CEPR Education Economics conference, RISE conference (Oxford), ASWEDE conference, New York University (Steinhardt School)
- 2020 HEC Lausanne, Bocconi University, GRIPS Tokyo, Uppsala University, New York University (Economics), IIES (Stockholm University), Williams College
- 2019 University of Maryland AREC, World Bank (DECRG), SREE conference (Washington DC), Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, Indian Statistical Institute Delhi, SIOE conference (Stockholm), ASWEDE conference (Stockholm), RISE Conference (CGD Washington DC), UKFIET (Oxford), CES-Ifo Econ of Edu conference (Munich), University of Oslo, University of Goettingen

2018	RISE Conference (Oxford), ASWEDE Conference (Uppsala), Tinbergen Institute (Amsterdam), Paris School of Economics, University of Copenhagen, Nova School of Business (Lisbon), Helsinki Center for Economic Research/Aalto University, UN University WIDER (Helsinki), CES-Ifo Economics of Education conference (Munich), Stellenbosch University (South Africa)
2017	Stockholm School of Economics, IIES Stockholm, Queen Mary University of London, University of Gothenburg, University of Nottingham, Paris School of Economics, University of Kent, CSAE Conference (Oxford), University of New South Wales, University of Technology Sydney, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi
2016	CSAE Conference (University of Oxford), University of Sussex, Institute for Fiscal Studies, University of Oxford, APPAM conference (LSE), CES-Ifo Economics of Education network (Munich), FAU Nuremberg, World Bank (Washington DC), University of Essex, UCL IoE
2015	CSAE Conference (University of Oxford); RISE Conference, Centre for Global Development (Washington DC); CES-Ifo Area Conference on Economics of Education
2014	NEUDC Boston University; UNICEF-Innocenti Centre (Florence, Italy); University of Oxford (CSAE Research Workshop); University of Sheffield; University of Goettingen (Germany); Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi
2012-13	NEUDC, Harvard University; University of Oxford (CSAE Research Workshop, Gorman workshop, CSAE Conference, Young Lives Conference), PERI Asia Conference (Kathmandu, Nepal), SLLS Conference (Paris, France), Indian Statistical Institute, Econometric Society Asia Meeting, Delhi, University of Oxford

Refereeing and other professional service

Economics: *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Econometrica*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Economics Letters*, *Economic Journal*, *Education Economics*, *European Economic Review*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *JPE:Microeconomics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Human Capital*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Development Economics*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*.

Other disciplines: *Comparative Education Review*, *COMPARE*, *Developmental Science*, *Education Finance and Policy*, *Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice*, *International Journal of Educational Development*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Nutritional Science*, *Lancet Global Health*, *Nature*, *Nature Human Behavior*, *Science*, *PLOS Medicine*, *World Development*

Grant reviewer: *3ie*, *Economic and Social Research Council(UK)*, *J-PAL*, *USAID DIV*, *Echidna*, *World Bank SIEF*, *European Research Council*, *Fund for Innovation in Development (AFD, France)*, *National Science Foundation (US)*, *SSHRC (Canada)*, *Weiss Fund*

Conference organizing committees: National Tax Association (2018, New Orleans), Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (2019, Stockholm), Society for Research on Education Effectiveness (2019, Washington DC), CEPR Development Economics conference (2022, Stockholm), European Econ. Assoc. Annual Meeting (co-Lead Development Economics: 2023, Barcelona; 2024, Rotterdam), IIM-RISE Conference on Economics of Education in India (2023, Ahmedabad), EUDN PhD Workshop (2023, Stockholm), Scaling Social Impact Conference (2024, Stockholm), Stockholm–Uppsala Economics of Edu workshop (2024, 2025, 2026), LACEA Annual Meeting (Lima, 2026)

PhD External examiner: Naveen Kumar (University of Illinois, Chicago), Catherine Michaud-Leclerc (University of Toronto), David Contreras (University of Nottingham), Marian Atallah (Paris School of Economics), Jakob Enlund (University of Gothenburg), Gabriella Smarelli (University of Oxford), Sharnic Djaker (NYU Steinhardt), Emilie Berkhout (University of Amsterdam), Sreyashee Sen (IIES), Sarthak Joshi (Warwick), Iacopo Bianchi (IIES), Sonia Giurumescu (Stockholm University, Econ dept)