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WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

University of Chicago

📅 October 2022 – March 2024 📍 Chicago, U.S.A

- Statistics for Data Analysis (Master's).
- Program Evaluation (Master's).
- Advanced Microeconomics (PhD).

Doctoral Research Assistant

University of Chicago

📅 June 2022 – October 2022 📍 Chicago, U.S.A

Research Assistant to Prof. Jeffrey Grogger, on projects related to domestic abuse and criminal justice. Analysed large-scale police data, linking perpetrator-victim dyads over time, using quasi-experimental and causal machine learning methods.

Pre-doctoral Research Assistant

University of Chicago

📅 July 2019 – July 2021 📍 Chicago, U.S.A

Research Assistant to Prof. Oeindrila Dube, working on design and data analysis of experimental as well as quasi-experimental projects around conflict, violence and gender. Co-authored a policy note on farmer-herder conflict in Nigeria, compiling findings from a sample of 288 villages.

Evaluation Intern

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

📅 March 2019 – July 2019 📍 Rome, Italy

Synthesised findings from 30 IFAD projects on community-driven development (CDD). Identified advantages and limitations of CDD in various contexts, using both quantitative and qualitative methods.

Data Consultant

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) & Universitat Pompeu Fabra

📅 June 2018 – December 2018 📍 Chennai, India

Research associate on a project on women's and children's health in Tamil Nadu, India. Cleaned and analysed raw survey data from over 10,000 households in 223 villages. Streamlined workflow for real-time data quality checks, error correction and report generation.

Intern- Crime Statistics

UN Office on Drugs and Crime

📅 January 2018 – April 2018 📍 Vienna, Austria

Assisted with compilation of data on violence against women in various countries, and contributed to the 2019 report "Global Study on Homicide". Was also responsible for managing and updating global databases on illicit drugs.

Research Intern

Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics and Public Policy

📅 February 2016 – May 2016 📍 Milan, Italy

Worked under the Gender department. Conducted literature reviews and data analysis on topics like impact of flexible working on labour productivity and comparisons of parental leave policies across countries.

EDUCATION

PhD. in Public Policy

University of Chicago

📅 Oct 2021 – Ongoing 📍 Chicago, USA

PhD scholarship by The Pearson Institute

- Qualifying paper - "Policing Intimate Partner Violence: Curbing Abuse or Shifting it?"

MSc. Economics and Social Sciences

Bocconi University

📅 Sep 2015 – Mar 2018 📍 Milan, Italy

Admitted with a merit scholarship.

- Thesis - "Tackling violence against women: can laws change perceptions?"

B.Com. Accounting and Finance

H.R. College of Commerce and Economics

📅 Jun 2012 – May 2015 📍 Mumbai, India

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2023: \$5000, Development Economics Research Fund, University of Chicago – "Sexual Violence in South Africa".
- 2021: PhD scholarship by the Pearson Institute.
- 2021: \$3000, Research funds by the Pearson Institute.
- 2015: Merit scholarship for Master's degree by Bocconi University.

CONFERENCES

European Conference on multi-agency response to gender-based violence: practices, opportunities and challenges

📅 May 16-17, 2019 📍 Vilnius, Lithuania

Second International Symposium on Gender, Law and Constitutions

📅 Apr 12-13, 2017 📍 Washington DC, USA

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Stata, R & LaTeX



MS Excel, Word & PowerPoint



NVivo & Python



LANGUAGES

English

Hindi & Tamil

Italian & French

