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Academic Appointments

- Isaac Newton Trust Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge, UK (since 2007)
- Official Fellow, Director of Studies and Lecturer in Economics (with tenure), St. Catharine's College, University of Cambridge, UK (since 2000)
- Faculty Research Fellow, Centre for Research in Microeconomics (since 2007)

Visiting Positions

- Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Harvard University (Fall 2004-05)
- Visiting Scholar, National Bureau of Economic Research (Fall 2004-05)

Previous Academic Positions

- Lecturer in Development Economics, University of Cambridge (2003-2004)
- British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Cambridge (2000-2003)
- Research Associate, Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge (2000)

Education

- Ph.D. Economics, University of Cambridge (2000)
- M.Phil. Economics, University of Cambridge (1995)
- BA. Economics, University of Cambridge. First class honours (1993)
- BA. Honours Economics, St. Stephen's College, Delhi. First class honours (1991)

Prizes and Awards

- W. Parker Mauldin Award, Population Council (1998)
- Laurie Hart Memorial Prize for Outstanding Work, Newnham College (1993)
- Arvind Gandotra Memorial Prize, St. Stephen's College (1991)
- Lloyds Bank Research Studentship
- Marion Kennedy Entrance Research Studentship
- Mary Anne Ewart Research Studentship
- Cambridge Commonwealth Trust Scholarship
- Oxford and Cambridge Society of India Scholarship
- St. Stephen's College Centenary Scholarship
- Pew Trust Grant (1993-1994)

Major Research Grants and Research Fellowships

- Isaac Newton Trust Research Grant, Isaac Newton Trust, Cambridge, UK for project on 'Modernising the *Madrasa* in India' (2009-2012)
- Metanexus Institute on Religion and Science, and the John F. Templeton Foundation, USA, Spiritual Capital Research Program Open RFP Research Grant Award for project on 'Innovation and the Resilience of Religion' (2006-2009)
- British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship, The British Academy, UK (2000-2003)

- Population Council Research Fellowship in the Social Sciences, Population Council, New York, USA (1998-1999)

Publications

Books

- (2002) *Demography and Religion in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Papers and Book Chapters

- 'The Economics of Consanguineous Marriages' (with S. Joshi and Q. Do) forthcoming in *The Review of Economics and Statistics*.
- (2012 forthcoming) 'Dominance and Innovation: A Returns-Based Beliefs Approach' (with Chander Velu and Jonathan Gair), in *Applied Stochastic Models in Business and Industry*.
- (2012 forthcoming) 'Why Marry a Cousin? Insights from Bangladesh' (with Q. Do and S. Joshi). In: *Marriage in Globalizing Contexts: Exploring Change and Continuity in South Asia*, Orient Black Swan.
- (2009) 'Gender, Religion, and the Age at Marriage in India'. In M. Pal, P. Bharati, B. Ghosh and T.S. Vasulu eds. *Gender and Discrimination: Health, Nutritional Status and Role of Women in India*, Oxford University Press.
- (2008) 'Religion and Economic Development'. In Steven N. Durlauf and Lawrence E. Blume eds. *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics, Second Edition*. Basingstoke and New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- (2007) 'The Effectiveness of Jobs Reservation: Caste, Religion and Economic Status in India' (with V. K. Borooah and A. Dubey), *Development and Change*, Volume 38, Number 3, May, pp. 423-445.
- (2006) 'Human Capital'. In David A. Clark ed. *The Elgar Companion to Development Studies*. North-Holland.
- (2006) 'Real Options and Demographic Decisions' (with C. Velu), *Journal of Development Economics*, Volume 80, Number1, June, pp. 39-58.
- (2005) 'The Decomposition of Inter-Group Differences in a Logit Model: Extending the Oaxaca-Blinder Approach with an Application to School Enrolment in India' (with V. Borooah), *Journal of Economic and Social Measurement*, Volume 30, Number 4, pp. 279-293.
- (2005) 'Vidya, Veda and Varna: The Influence of Religion and Caste on Education in Rural India' (with V. Borooah), *The Journal of Development Studies*, Volume 81, Number 4, November, pp.1369-1404.

- (2005) 'Social Capital, Economic Growth, and Regional Development' (with M. Kitson and B. Toh), *Regional Studies*, Volume 39, Number 8, November, pp. 1015-1040.
- (2005) 'Religion, Literacy, and the Female-to-Male Ratio in India', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Volume 40, Number 5, pp. 419-427.
- (2004) 'The Risk of Child and Adolescent Mortality among Vulnerable Populations in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil', (with M. Monteiro), *Journal of Biosocial Science*, pp.1- 24.
- (2003) 'Religion, Reproduction and Development in Contemporary India', *Development*, Volume 46, Number 4, December.
- (2002) 'Religion and the Decision to use Contraception in India', *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Volume 4, Number 1, pp. 711-722.

Other Writing

- (2003) 'Faith, Fertility, and the Field Economist', *The British Academy Review*, Number 7, Jan-June.
- (2010) 'The Marshall Lectures 2009-10: Drew Fudenberg - Learning and Equilibrium in Games' (with Tony Cockerill). *Cambridge Economics Alumni Newsletter*, Volume 3, September.
- (2011) 'The Marshall Lectures 2010-11: James J. Heckman - The Economics and Psychology of Human Development and Inequality' (with Tony Cockerill). *Cambridge Economics Alumni Newsletter*, Volume 4, September.

Working Papers

- (2011) 'Divine Innovation: Religion and Service Provision by Religious Organizations in India' (with Chander Velu, Jun Xue and Tirthankar Chakravarty). *Cambridge Working Papers in Economics* 1135.
- (2010) 'Dominance and Innovation' (with Chander Velu), *Cambridge Working Papers in Economics* 1009.
- (2010) 'The Communication and Marketing of Services by Religious Organisations in India' (with Chander Velu and Abdul Mumit). *Cambridge Working Papers in Economics* 1008.
- (2009) 'Missing Women and India's Religious Demography' (with Q. Do and S Joshi) *World Bank Policy Research Working Papers*, WPS 5096, November.
- (2009) 'Social Interactions, Ethnicity and Fertility in Kenya' (with Melvyn Weeks), *Cambridge Working Papers in Economics* 0903.
- (2009) 'Returns-Based Beliefs and the Prisoner's Dilemma' (with Chander Velu), *Cambridge Working Papers in Economics* 0854.

- (2008) 'The Rationality of Irrationality for Managers: Returns-Based Beliefs and the Traveler's Dilemma' (with Chander Velu), *Cambridge Working Papers in Economics* 0826.
- (2004) 'Religion and Fertility in India: The Role of Son Preference and Daughter Aversion' (with V. Borooah). *Cambridge Working Papers in Economics*, 0436.
- (2002) 'Understanding Religion and the Economics of Fertility in India.' *Centre of South Asian Studies Occasional Paper* 2. Centre for South Asian Studies, Cambridge.
- (1994) 'Demographic and Economic Explanations for the Resurgence of Communalism in India since 1984', *Centre for History and Economics Working Paper*, Cambridge.

Papers Under Review and Revision

- 'Divine Innovation: Religion and Service Provision by Religious Organizations in India' (with Chander Velu and Tirthankar Chakravarty).
- 'The Communciation and Marketing of Services by Religious Organizations in India' (with Chander Velu and Abdul Mumit).
- 'A Reason for Unreason: Returns-Based Beliefs In Game Theory' (with Chander Velu and Jonathan Gair).
- 'Social Interactions, Ethnicity and Fertility in Kenya' (with Melvyn Weeks).
- 'Missing Women and India's Religious Demography' (with V. Borooah and S. Joshi).
- 'The Evolution of Cooperation through Communication: A Field Experiment in Cambridge' (with Chander Velu and Abdul Mumit).

Research in Progress

- *The Economics of Religion in India* (Book manuscript in preparation).
- Religious Riots and Economic Growth in India (with Gernot Doppelhofer)
- Voting Systems (with Chander Velu and Jonathan Gair)

Media coverage of research

March-April 2011: The research project on 'Divine Innovation' was widely reported in the press in India, and also mentioned in the UK, China, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Brunei. An article on this research entitled 'Divine Innovation: The Economics of Religion' was featured in the Spring 2011 issue of the University of Cambridge's main research publication *Research Horizons* as also in the University of Cambridge April/May 2011 University newsletter.

Reviewer

Journals

Review of Economic Studies; The Economic Journal; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A; *Economica*; Economic Inquiry; Journal of Economic Growth; Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking; Journal of Development Economics; Applied Economics; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Oxford Economic Papers; World Development; Journal of Population Economics; European Journal of Political Economy; Economics of Education Review; Economic History Review; Cambridge Journal of Economics; Demography; Population and Development Review; Studies in Family Planning; Population Studies; European Journal of Population; Journal of Population Research; Regional Studies; Oxford Development Studies; Journal of Asian Studies; Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Oxford University Press.

Grant-Giving Bodies and Research Councils

The Royal Society and The British Academy, UK; National Science Foundation, USA (Economics Program); John F. Templeton Foundation, USA; Arts and Humanities Research Council/Economic and Social Research Council, UK; Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research (WOTRO); The Wellcome Trust, UK; Nuffield Foundation.

Grant Panels

The Royal Society and The British Academy, Newton Fellowships Panel (2011-2014)

Economic and Social Research Council Commissioning Panel Member (2012)

Economic and Social Research Council/ Arts and Humanities Research Council academic Commissioning Assessment Panel Member (2008)

Invited Lectures and Panels

- Keynote Address: Panel with Vernon Smith, Larry Iannaccone and Roger Finke, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture (ASREC) 2012 Annual Meetings, Chapman University, California, 9 March 2012 (forthcoming).
- St. Catharine's College Cambridge Lecture Series, 'How Do Economists Think About Religion?' 16 November 2010.
- 'Spiritual Capital: Global Perspectives on Economics and Religion', Opening Plenary Session of the Metanexus Institute Annual Conference, Philadelphia, 3 June 2006.
- Opening Session, Religion, Economics and Culture 2005 Conference, Rochester, 4 November 2005.
- Economic and Social Research Council Workshop on 'Demography and Religion', Lancaster, 14 April 2005
- Guest Lecture on 'Education, Religion and Caste in India', Department of Economics, Harvard University, 16 November 2004.
- 'Faith, Fertility, and the Field Economist', Joan Robinson Society, Girton College, Cambridge, 19 November 2003.

- 'Religion and Fertility in Contemporary India', International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, India, 25 March 2003.

Conferences and Seminars

2009-2011

- Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture 2012 Annual Meeting, Chapman University, California, 10 March 2012 (forthcoming).
- American Economic Association/ ASSA Annual Meetings, Denver, Colorado, 9 January 2011.
- Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture 2011 Annual Meeting, Washington DC, 9 April, 2011.
- Invited session at the International Symposium on Business and Industrial Statistics, Portoroz, Slovenia, 5-9 July 2010.
- Invited participant, Workshop on 'From Game Theory to Game Engineering', Oxford Man-Institute, 17-19 September 2009.
- Cambridge conference on 'Fertility declines in the past, present and future: What we don't know and what we need to know', Chair for Developing Countries breakout group session, University of Cambridge, 15-17 July 2009.
- Invited participant, Third Annual Research Conference on Population, Reproductive Health and Economic Development, Hewlett Foundation and Population Reference Bureau USA, 16-18 January 2009.
- 2009 North American Econometric Society Winter Meetings, San Francisco, 3-5 January 2009.

2006-2008

- Inter-disciplinary Religion Workshop, 'How do Economists think about Religion?' University of Cambridge, 23 April 2008.
- Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference 2007, Harvard University, 26 October 2007.
- American Economic Association Annual Meetings (AEA/ ASSA), Chicago, 6 January 2007.
- Spiritual Capital Research Group Meeting, John F. Templeton Foundation, Philadelphia, 3 June 2006.
- University of Cambridge, 25 October 2006.

2000-2005

- Religion, Economics and Culture 2004 Conference, Kansas City, 22 October 2004.
- Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Boston, 2 April 2004.
- Religion, Economics, and Culture 2003 Conference, Norfolk, Virginia, 26 October 2003.
- European Society for Population Economics Annual Meetings, New York, 13 June 2003.
- Annual Post-Doctoral Fellowship Symposium of The British Academy, 11 April 2003.
- School of Oriental and African Studies, London, 8 March 2005
- University of Warwick, 4 March 2005
- University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin, USA, 9 December 2004.
- George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, USA, 1 December 2004
- University of East Anglia, Norwich, 12 June 2002.

- St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, 11 November 2002.
- Cambridge Centre of South Asian Studies, Cambridge, 7 November 2001.
- Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Washington D.C., 30 March 2001.

Conference Organisation

- Conference on 'Population, Gender and Well-Being in China and India', University of Oxford, 15 July 2005.

Current Teaching

For the PhD programme in Economics

PhD 15. *How to Do Economics?*

For the Cambridge Economics Tripos

Part 1, Paper 4. *Analysis of Economic Development*

Part 2B, Paper 8. *Demography and Development*

For the MPhil in South Asia Studies

Option Paper (ii) *Modern Indian Society: Politics, Development and Ecology*

For the Cambridge History Tripos

Part 2, Paper 6. *The Demographic Transition in India 1750-2010*

Courses lectured previously

Part 2A. *Principles of Economic Development* (2003-2004)

Part 2B. *Development and Poverty Traps: Institutions, Incentives and Economic Growth* (2003-2004)

Current University, Faculty, and College Committees

- The Faculty Board of Economics (2008-present); Member appointed by the Council of the Senate of the University
- Editorial Team and Committee Member, The 'Cambridge Economics Alumni Newsletter' Committee (2008-present)
- Adjudicator, Gladstone Memorial Prize Committee, (2008-2011)
- The Education Committee, St. Catharine's College (2000-2005; 2009-present)
- The Finance Committee, St. Catharine's College (2000-2008; 2009-present)
- The Development Campaign Group, St. Catharine's College (2008-present)
- The Development Advisory Committee, St. Catharine's College (2008-2011)
- Director of Studies in Economics, St. Catharine's College (2004- present)

2000-2009

University and Faculty

- University Joint Committee on Academic Performance (2004-2006)
- University Steering Group for the Research Project on Students from Certain Ethnic Minorities at the University of Cambridge (2004-2005)
- Management Committee, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Center (2008-2009)
- Development Studies Committee (2008-2009)

- The Marshall Library of Economics Review Committee (2006-2007)
- The Teaching Committee, Faculty of Economics (2005-2008)
- Faculty Co-ordinator of the Faculty of Economics' response to the Teaching Quality Assessment (January 2000 - December 2000).

College

- Tutor for Natural Scientists, St. Catharine's College (2001-2004)
- The Strategic Policy Committee, St. Catharine's College (2005-2009)
- The Overseas Bursary Committee, St. Catharine's College (2005-2007)
- The Mastership Election Committee for the Appointment of the Master, St. Catharine's College (2005-2006)
- The Appointments Committee for the Appointment of the Senior Bursar, St. Catharine's College (2005-2006)
- The Master's Role Committee (2006)
- Secretary, Working Party on Admissions, St. Catharine's College (2002)

Affiliations

- American Economic Association
- Royal Economic Society
- Econometric Society
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture

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