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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

2000 - Bibby Fellow and College Lecturer in Economics (with tenure), St. Catharine's College, Cambridge

2007 - Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge

2017 - Affiliated Senior Research Fellow, Cambridge-INET Institute

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, 2000
University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
Title: "Religion and the Economics of Fertility in South India"

M.Phil., Economics, 1994-1995
University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

B.A., (First Class Honours, 5th in Class List), Economics, 1991-1993
Newnham College, Cambridge, United Kingdom

B.A., (First Class Honours), Economics, 1988-1991
St. Stephen's College, Delhi, India

HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

Research Fellow, Institute for Labor Economics, IZA
Faculty Research Fellow, Centre for Research in Microeconomics
Board of Directors, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture
Distinguished Scholar, US India Policy Institute

VISITING POSITIONS

Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Harvard University (Fall 2004-05)
Visiting Scholar, National Bureau of Economic Research (Fall 2004-05)
Visiting Faculty, University of Texas at Austin (2012)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

General: Development Economics, Social Economics, Empirical Microeconomics
Specific: Religion, Demography, Education, Poverty, Inequality

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Isaac Newton Trust Affiliated Lecturer, University of Cambridge (2007-2016)
Temporary 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)

SCHOLARSHIPS

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 Merit Scholarship

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Pilkington Prize for Excellence in University Teaching, University of Cambridge (2014)
W. Parker Mauldin Award, Population Council (1998)
Laurie Hart Memorial Prize for Outstanding Work, Newnham College, Cambridge (1993)
Arvind Gandotra Memorial Prize, St. Stephen's College (1991)

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship (2000-2003)
Population Council Research Fellowship in the Social Sciences, USA (1998-1999)

RESEARCH GRANTS

2016. Funding for IEA Roundtable 2017 from the John F. Templeton Foundation, Cambridge-INET Institute, Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics and Society, Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences.

2015. Faculty of Economics Summer Bursary.

2014. Faculty of Economics Summer Bursary.

2013. Cambridge-INET Seed Fund Research Grant.

2013. Centre for Research in Microeconomics Summer Bursary.

2009-2012. Isaac Newton Trust Major Research Grant, Isaac Newton Trust.

2006-2009. Metanexus Institute on Religion and Science, and the John F. Templeton Foundation, USA, Spiritual Capital Research Program Open RFP Research Grant.

1993-1994. Pew Trust Grant and Centre for History and Economics, Cambridge.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

S. Iyer. 2018. *The Economics of Religion in India*. Harvard University Press (forthcoming).

S. Iyer. 2002. *Demography and Religion in India*. Oxford University Press.

Articles

S. Iyer. 2016. 'The New Economics of Religion' *Journal of Economic Literature*, June, 54(2): 395-441 (lead article).

S. Iyer, C. Velu and M. Mumit. 2014. 'Communication and Marketing of Services by Religious Organizations in India' *Journal of Business Research*, 67: 59-67.

S. Iyer and S. Joshi. 2013. 'Missing Women and India's Religious Demography' *Journal of South Asian Development*, 8(3): 301-331.

S. Iyer, S. Joshi and Q. Do. 2013. 'Why Marry a Cousin? Insights from Bangladesh' In *Marrying in South Asia*, edited by Ravinder Kaur and Rajni Parliwala, Orient Black Swan: 208-233.

A. Adamou, C. Drakos and S. Iyer. 2013. 'Missing Women in the United Kingdom' *IZA Journal of Migration*, 10(2).

Q. Do, S. Iyer and S. Joshi. 2013. 'The Economics of Consanguineous Marriages' *Review of Economics and Statistics*, July, 95(3): 904-918.

C. Velu, S. Iyer, J. Gair. 2012. 'Dominance and Innovation: A Returns-Based Beliefs Approach' *Applied Stochastic Models in Business and Industry*, May/June, 28(3): 264-281.

S. Iyer. 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.

S. Iyer. 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.

V. Boroah, A. Dubey and S. Iyer 2007. 'The Effectiveness of Jobs Reservation: Caste, Religion and Economic Status in India', *Development and Change*, May, 38(3): 423-445.

S. Iyer and C. Velu. 2006. 'Real Options and Demographic Decisions' *Journal of Development Economics*, June, 80 (1): 39-58.

S. Iyer. 2006. 'Human Capital'. In David A. Clark ed. *The Elgar Companion to Development Studies*. North-Holland.

V. Boroah and S. Iyer. 2005. 'The Decomposition of Inter-Group Differences in a Logit Model: Extending the Oaxaca-Blinder Approach with an Application to School Enrolment in India' *Journal of Economic and Social Measurement*, 30(4): 279-293.

V. Boroah and S. Iyer. 2005. 'Vidya, Veda and Varna: The Influence of Religion and Caste on Education in Rural India' *Journal of Development Studies*, November, 41(8): 1369-1404.

S. Iyer, M. Kitson and B. Toh. 2005. 'Social Capital, Economic Growth, and Regional Development' *Regional Studies*, November, 39(8): 1015-1040.

V. Borooah and S. Iyer. 2005. 'Religion, Literacy, and the Female-to-Male Ratio in India', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 40(5): 419-427.

S. Iyer and M. Monteiro. 2004. 'The Risk of Child and Adolescent Mortality among Vulnerable Populations in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil', *Journal of Biosocial Science*, September, 36(5): 523-546.

S. Iyer. 2003. 'Religion, Reproduction and Development in Contemporary India', *Development*, December, 46(4): 50-56.

S. Iyer. 2002. 'Religion and the Decision to use Contraception in India', *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 4(1): 711-722.

Other writing

S. Iyer. 2015. 'Temples and Economists' St. Catharine's College, Cambridge 'Wheel' alumni publication, July.

T. Cockerill and S. Iyer. 2013. 'The Marshall Lectures 2012-13: Esther Duflo – Paternalism Freedom and Hope in the Fight Against Poverty' *Cambridge Economics Alumni Newsletter*, Volume 6, September.

T. Cockerill and S. Iyer. 2011. 'The Marshall Lectures 2010-11: James J. Heckman - The Economics and Psychology of Human Development and Inequality' *Cambridge Economics Alumni Newsletter*, Volume 4, September.

T. Cockerill and S. Iyer. 2010. 'The Marshall Lectures 2009-10: Drew Fudenberg - Learning and Equilibrium in Games' *Cambridge Economics Alumni Newsletter*, Volume 3, September.

S. Iyer. 2003. 'Faith, Fertility, and the Field Economist', *The British Academy Review*, Number 7, January-June.

S. Iyer. 2002. 'Understanding Religion and the Economics of Fertility in India.' *Centre of South Asian Studies Occasional Paper 2*. Centre for South Asian Studies, Cambridge.

S. Iyer. 1994. 'Demographic and Economic Explanations for the Resurgence of Communalism in India since 1984', *Centre for History and Economics Working Paper*, Cambridge.

BOOKS UNDER CONTRACT AND PAPERS UNDER REVISION/REVIEW

J-P Carvalho, S. Iyer and J. Rubin (Eds.), *Advances in the Economics of Religion*, International Economic Association Series, Palgrave Macmillan. Under contract.

J. Fruehwirth, S. Iyer and A. Zhang. 2016. 'Religion and Depression in Adolescence'. Revision requested by the *Journal of Political Economy*.

S. Iyer and A. Shrivastava. 2016. 'Religious Riots and Electoral Politics in India'. Revision requested by the *Journal of Development Economics*.

D, Friedman, J. Fan, J. Gair, S. Iyer, B. Redlicki and C. Velu. 2016. 'How Fundamentalism Takes Root: A Simulation Study'. Cambridge-INET Working Paper Series wp 1628, December 2016.

WORKING PAPERS

S. Iyer, A. Shrivastava and R. Ticku. 2017. 'Holy Wars? Temple Desecrations in Medieval India'. Cambridge-INET Working Paper Series wp 1703, January 2017.

J. Gair, S. Iyer and C. Velu. 2016. 'Probabilistic Choice Models'.

S. Iyer, C. Velu and M. Weeks. 2016. 'Divine Competition: Religious Organizations and Service Provision in India'.

S. Iyer, C. Velu and A. Munit. 2016. 'The Evolution of Cooperation through Communication: A Field Experiment in Cambridge'.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

'Cultural Transmission in the Long, Long Run: Evidence from a Natural Experiment' (with Latika Chaudhary, Jared Rubin and Anand Shrivastava).

'Gender and Depression in Adolescence' (with Jane Fruehwirth and Anwen Zhang).

'Religion, Credit and Labour Markets in India' (with Girish Bahal, Anand Shrivastava and Amit Basole).

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

Organiser, International Economic Association Roundtable on the Economics of Religion, Cambridge, 10-11 July 2017.

Session organiser for 2 Special Contributed Sessions for the International Economic Association World Congress, Dead Sea, Jordan, 6-10 June 2014.

Program Chair 2014, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture 13th Annual Conference, Chapman University, California, USA, 21-22 March 2014.

Program Chair 2013, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture 12th Annual Conference, Washington DC, USA, 11-14 April 2013.

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

REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS AND PUBLISHERS

Journal of Economic Literature; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economic Studies; Review of Economics and Statistics; The Economic Journal; PLOS ONE; American Political Science Review; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A; BE Journal of Macroeconomics; Journal of Public Economics; *Economica*; Economic Inquiry; Journal of Economic Growth; Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking; Journal of Development Economics; Review of Development Economics; Applied Economics; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Oxford Economic Papers; World Development; Journal of Population Economics; European Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Comparative Economics; 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; Journal of Biosocial Science; 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; Princeton University Press.

REVIEWER FOR GRANT-GIVING BODIES AND RESEARCH COUNCILS

European Research Council (Reviewer; and Expert Evaluator); National Science Foundation, USA (Economics Program); The Royal Society and The British Academy, UK; 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, UK.

MEMBERSHIP OF GRANT PANELS

European Commission/ERC Horizon 2020 Evaluation Panel (March 2017)

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

Economic and Social Research Council, Rising Powers and Interdependent Futures Research Grant Commissioning Panel Member (2012)

Economic and Social Research Council/Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK Global Uncertainties Fellowships Academic Commissioning Assessment Panel Member (2008)

INVITED LECTURES AND PANELS

Austin Robinson Economics Society, Cambridge. 'Missing Women', 26 April 2017.

Cambridge Society for Economic Pluralism, Cambridge. 'The New Economics of Religion', 9 February 2016.

Joan Robinson Society, Cambridge. 'The Economics of Religion', 16 November 2015.

St. Catharine's at The Royal Society, The Royal Society, London. 'The Economics of Religion', 21 October 2014.

University of Cambridge 2014 Alumni Festival Lecture on 'The Economics of Religion', 27 September 2014.

Marshall Society Inaugural Conference, 'The Economics of Religion', 25 January 2014, Cambridge Union, Cambridge.

Cambridge University India Society, 'The Economics of Religion in India', 2 December 2013, Cambridge.

Faculty of Economics Alumni Event on Economic Perspectives, 'The Economics of Religion', 27 September 2013, Cambridge.

Panel Speaker, 'No Strings Attached? Questioning the Role of Religion in Development', Cambridge International Development Conference, 1 December 2012, Cambridge.

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.

St. Catharine's College Cambridge Lecture Series, 'How Do Economists Think About Religion?' 16 November 2010.

Opening Plenary Session: Panel with Robert Putnam, Timur Kuran and Theodore Malloch: 'Spiritual Capital: Global Perspectives on Economics and Religion', Metanexus Institute Annual Conference, Philadelphia, 3 June 2006.

Opening Session, Religion, Economics and Culture 2005 Conference, Rochester, 4 November 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.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2017: ASREC 2017, Boston, February 2017. ASSA 2017, Chicago, January 2017. Public Health Workshop, Cambridge, June 2017. International Economic Association Roundtable, Cambridge, July 2017.

2015-2016: ASREC 2016, Chapman California, March 2016. Yale University, New Haven, Economic Growth Center and Department of Economics, October 2015. Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, Boston, March 2015.

2014: International Economic Association World Congress, Jordan, June 2014. University of Reading, May 2014. Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, April 2014. Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, March 2014. Centre for Commonwealth Education Seminar, Faculty of Education, Cambridge, February 2014.

2011-2013: Herriot-Watt University, May 2013. National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), March 2013. Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, Washington DC 2013. Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, California 2012. ASSA/American

Economic Association Annual Meetings, Denver 2011. Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, Washington DC, 2011.

2008-2010: International Symposium on Business and Industrial Statistics, Slovenia, July 2010. Oxford Man-Institute, September 2009. ASSA/North American Econometric Society Winter Meetings, San Francisco 2009. Inter-disciplinary Religion Workshop, University of Cambridge, April 2008.

2005-2007: Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference, Harvard 2007. ASSA/American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Chicago January 2007. John F. Templeton Foundation, Spiritual Capital Research Group Meeting, Philadelphia June 2006. University of Cambridge, October 2006. Economic and Social Research Council Workshop, Lancaster, April 2005. School of Oriental and African Studies, March 2005. University of Warwick, March 2005.

2000-2004: Religion, Economics and Culture 2004 Conference, Kansas October 2004. Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Boston, April 2004. Religion, Economics, and Culture 2003 Conference, Norfolk, Virginia, October 2003. European Society for Population Economics Annual Meetings, New York, June 2003. The British Academy, April 2003. University of Wisconsin-Madison, December 2004. George Mason University, December 2004. University of East Anglia, June 2002. St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, November 2002. Cambridge Centre of South Asian Studies, November 2001. Population Association of America Annual Meetings, March 2001.

COURSES TAUGHT

Development Economics

2018 – Economics Tripos. Part 2B Paper 5. *The Economics of Religion*

2017- Economics Tripos. Part 1 Paper 4. *Political and Social Institutions*

2007-2016. Economics Tripos Part 1, Paper 4. *Analysis of Economic Development*

2013-2016. Economics Tripos. Part 2A Paper 4. *Demography*

2007-2012. Economic Tripos. Part 2B, Paper 8. *Demography and Development*

2000-2007 Economic Tripos. Part 2B. Paper 8. *Population and Development*

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

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

2012-2014. Economic Tripos. Part 2A, Paper 4. *Development Theory*

Economics Research Methods

2009-2011. PhD. PhD 15. *How to Do Economics?*

MPhil in South Asia Studies

2008-2011. MPhil Option Paper (ii) *Modern Indian Society: Politics, Development and Ecology*

History Tripos

2007-2018. Part 2, Paper 6. *The Demographic Transition in India 1750-2016*

College Supervision Teaching

2000-2017. 240 hours per year of College supervisions for papers in Microeconomics, Political and Sociological Aspects of Economics, Economic Development, Economics of Underdeveloped Countries, and Dissertations both for the Tripos and for the MPhil.

PHD STUDENT RESEARCH ADVISOR

Anand Shrivastava
Tobias Lunde

EXAMINING

Economics Tripos and Graduate Courses

Part 1 Paper 3. Statistics Project
Part 1 Paper 4. Political and Sociological Aspects of Economics
Part 2A Paper 4. Economic Development
Part 2B Paper 8. Economics of Underdeveloped Countries
Part 2B Dissertation Panel
Part 2B Dissertations
MPhil Dissertations

UNIVERSITY, FACULTY AND COLLEGE SERVICE

University and Faculty

The Faculty Board of Economics (2008-2012); Member appointed by the Council of the Senate of the University
Teaching Committee, Faculty of Economics (2005-2008)
Faculty Administrative Co-ordinator of the Faculty of Economics' response to the Teaching Quality Assessment (January 2000 – December 2000)
Adjudicator, Gladstone Memorial Prize Committee, (2008-2011)
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)
Marshall Library of Economics Review Committee (2006-2007)
Founding Member, Editorial Team and Committee Member, '*Cambridge Economics Alumni Newsletter*' Committee (2008-2014)

College

Director of Studies in Economics, St. Catharine's College (2004- present)
Tutor for Natural Scientists, St. Catharine's College (2001-2004)
Graduate Mentor for Economics MPhils (2015-present)
Secretary, Working Party on Admissions, St. Catharine's College (2002)
Overseas Bursary Committee, St. Catharine's College (2005-2007)
Mastership Election Committee for the Appointment of the Master, St. Catharine's College (2005-2006)
Appointments Committee for the Appointment of the Senior Bursar, St. Catharine's College (2005-2006)
Appointments Committee, Economics CTO, St. Catharine's College (2008-2009, 2014-2015, 2017)
Appointments Committee, Law CTO, St. Catharine's College (2008-2009)
Master's Role Committee (2006)
Junior Research Fellowships Committee, St. Catharine's College (2013-2014)

Education Committee, St. Catharine's College (2000-2005; 2009-2013)
Finance Committee, St. Catharine's College (2000-2008; 2009-2012; 2017-present)
Investments Committee, St. Catharine's College (2013-present)
Development Advisory Committee, St. Catharine's College (2008-present)
Development Campaign Group, St. Catharine's College (2008-2011)
Fellowships Committee, St. Catharine's College (2012-2016)
Strategic Policy Committee, St. Catharine's College (2005-2009)
Master's Stipends and Allowances Committee (2016)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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