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EDUCATION

PhD Scholar, Land Economy (Development Economics), Cambridge University 2025-
• Proposed research work on: Economics of Infrastructure and identifying spatial issues in assessing economic growth impacts of infrastructure investments in Indian states.

MSc in Economic Development (Distinction), London School of Economics ***(Rank 2)*** 2022
- Relevant coursework: Applied quantitative methods, Techniques of Spatial economic analysis, Economics of Local and Regional Development, Economics of Urbanisation.
- Highest mark secured in modules of Economics of Urbanisation (88/100) and Applied quantitative methods (87/100) among a cohort of 40+ students.

MSc Economics (Distinction), Queen Mary University of London ***(Rank 2)*** 2019
• Relevant coursework: Econometrics, Micro and Macro-economics, Development economics.
- Highest Mark secured in modules of Micro Economics (100/100) and Econometrics (85/100) among a cohort of 60+ students in the school of Economics and Finance.

BSc Economics (Honors) (Distinction), St. Xavier's College, Kolkata ***(Rank 4)*** 2018
• Relevant coursework: Statistics, Mathematical economics, Econometrics, Development economics.
- Highest mark secured in mathematical economics and development economics (on aggregate) across 6 semesters.

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant (TA), Cambridge University *2025-*
• Teaching undergraduate students at Cambridge across modules of Urban Economics and Land Economy, Regional Economics and Policy. Also, supervised Undergraduate students on Micro foundations of agglomeration economies during the academic year 2025-26.

Economic Analyst/Research Economist, Social Investment Business Groups of UK, London 2022-2024
- Performed economic analysis on existing and new datasets pertaining to the social Investment climate across regions of UK, by employing econometric methods to arrive at meaningful insights on the value of social investment and its role within the social economy.
- Headed the team that is delivering the impact assessment project for Future-builders England (FBE) social investment fund worth £142 million contracted by HM treasury, Government Inclusive Economy Unit (GIEU) of Department for Culture, Media and Sports (DCMS), Government of UK.

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, UMass, Amherst, USA 2020-21
• Assisted professor Mohapatra and professor Mullins in a research project. Used spatial economic techniques in QGIS to geocode and map locations of primary agricultural cooperative societies in India and compute geographical distance of the societies from the district headquarters. The overarching research aim was to understand price variations in agriculture commodities across 30 districts in the state of Odisha with a focus on paddy production.

Research Associate, Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi 2020
- Led team of 10+ researchers and field officers for policy evaluations of 'Credit enhancement guarantee scheme' and 'Assistance for skill development' and 'Ayushman Bharat Yojna' Scheme.
- Interviewed key beneficiaries and stakeholders such as Government Ministries and Member Lending Institutions.
- Engaged with senior most cabinet officials in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and produced quantitative evaluation reports leading to scrapping of 'Credit enhancement guarantee scheme' and successful continuation of 'Assistance for skill development' scheme.

Research Affiliate, NITI Aayog, Department of Economics and Finance, New Delhi 2019

- Assisted Mr. Ajit Pai (OSD, Head of the economics and finance unit) in preparing reports on: (1) Travel and tourism sector of India and its impact on economic growth; (2) FDI and trade relations of India with its South Asian neighbours; (3) Performance of Indian states across key development and health financing indicators such as government health expenditure and out of pocket expenditure per capita.

LEADERSHIP / EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Economics Society, St.Xavier's College, Kolkata 2015-18

- Authored cover story of the Annual departmental magazine 'Eco Echoes' (12th edition).
- Co-convenor of the 12th Economics summit 'Confluence' (hosted over 1500 participants from over 90 colleges across India).

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Nehru Trust Cambridge University (NTCU) and Malaysian Commonwealth Studies Centre (MCSC) Joint Scholarship (2025-28), towards my PhD studies at Cambridge University.
- Queen Mary University of London, School of Economics and Finance Scholarship (10,000 GBP)
- Queen Mary University of London, Semester Prize Money (200 GBP, highest mark in Econometrics)
- Queen Mary University of London, Semester Prize Money (200 GBP, highest mark in Micro Economics)
- London School of Economics, Semester Prize Money (250 GBP, highest mark in Economics of Urbanisation)
- London School of Economics, Semester Prize Money (250 GBP, highest mark in Applied quantitative Methods)
- All India Senior School Certificate Examination (2015), Jagyasani Memorial Award for outstanding performance

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Languages: English, Hindi and Odia
- Skills: Stata, QGIS, R, Python, Power BI, MS Access
- Interests: Quantitative analysis, playing with survey and geographical data, reading autobiographies
- Website: https://www.landecon.cam.ac.uk/person/arijit-dash