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EMPLOYMENT

Economist Africa Gender Innovation Lab, The World Bank 2020-present

RESEARCH FIELDS

Development Economics, Economics of the Family and Gender, Economics of Crime

EDUCATION

PhD Economics, George Washington University 2015-2020
MSc. Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science 2012-2013
B. A. Honors Economics, Miranda House, University of Delhi 2009-2012

WORKING PAPERS

Sahay, Abhilasha (2021) "[The Silenced Women: Can Public Activism Stimulate Reporting of Violence against Women?](#)" WB PRWPS9566

Dervisevic, Ervin; Perova, Elizaveta; Sahay, Abhilasha (2021) "[Long-Term Impacts of Short Exposure to Conditional Cash Transfers in Adolescence: Evidence from the Philippines](#)" WB PRWPS9617

SELECT WORK IN PROGRESS

Conditional Cash Transfers and Gender Based Violence – Does Type of Violence Matter? (*with Ervin Dervisevic and Elizaveta Perova*)

Parent Engagement in Girl Empowerment Programs: Experimental Evidence from Mozambique (*with Joao Montalvao*)

Designing Policy in Weak States: Unintended Consequences of Alcohol Prohibition in Bihar (*with Aaditya Dar*)

Dynamics and Chronicity of Multidimensional and Monetary Poverty: A Multi-Country Study (*with Diana Ngo*)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Rapid Social Response Adaptive and Dynamic Social Protection Umbrella, The World Bank (*USD 300,000; with Joao Montalvao and Sara Troiano*) 2020-2021

Sigur Center Grant for Asian Field Research, George Washington University (*USD 6000*) 2019-2020

Mariam K. Chamberlain Award, International Center for Research on Women (*USD 10,000*) 2019-2020

William R Waters Research Grant, Association for Social Economics, AEA (*USD 5000*) 2019-2020

Sigur Center Grant for Asian Field Research, George Washington University (*USD 6000*) 2018-2019

Women's Rights and Gender Equality Award, GWU Research Days 2018-2019

First Prize for Research on Behavioral, Social and Cultural Studies, GWU Research Days 2018-2019

JN Tata Scholarship (*USD 4000*) 2012-2013

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC); Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA); Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (SEA); Economics of crime field seminar 2021

North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC); Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev); Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (SEA); Midwest 2020

International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC); International Center for Research on Women (ICRW; *invited talk*)
 Washington Area Development Economics Symposium (WADES); Development and Political Economics Graduate Student Conference (DEVPEC), 2019
 North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC); Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting (UEA) 2018

MEDIA COVERAGE

[The Silenced Women: What works in encouraging women to report cases of gender-based violence?](#) *Let's talk Development*, March 2021

[The Silenced Women: can Public Activism Stimulate Reporting of Violence Against Women?](#) *Policy Implications Podcast*, February 2021

“Public activism led to increase in reporting of crimes against women, says study”, *Times of India*, December 2020

[The Silenced Women](#), *Association for Social Economics Podcast*, March 2020

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Research Consultant, East Asia and Pacific Gender Innovation Lab, The World Bank 2019-2020
 Graduate Research Assistant to Prof. Stephen Smith, George Washington University 2018
 Research Consultant, Poverty Global Practice, The World Bank 2017
 Research and Program Consultant, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India 2014-2015

LANGUAGE, TECHNICAL SKILLS AND FIELD EXPERIENCE

Language: English and Hindi (bilingual proficiency), German (limited working proficiency)

Programming: Stata (proficient), Python (basic), GIS/ArcMap (intermediate)

Field Experience: Andhra Pradesh (India), Chhattisgarh (India), Chandigarh (India), Delhi (India), Madhya Pradesh (India), Manila (Philippines), Tamil Nadu (India), Tripura (India), Uttar Pradesh (India)