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APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

Associate Professor, Central European University (CEU), August 2023 -
Senior Researcher, University of Vienna, July 2024 -
Senior Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies Vienna, July 2022 -
Research Affiliate, Democracy Institute Budapest, September 2022 -
Affiliate Faculty, Social Mind Center, CEU, November 2016 -

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Maryland, College Park, 2015
Dissertation: "Economics of Society: Essays on Health, Marriage and Child Adoption"
M.S., University of Arizona, Tucson, 2008
M.A., Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2003
B.Com., Bangalore University, 2001

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

"[Markets for Children: International Adoption, ART, and U.S. Foster Care](#)," with Innes, R., *Review of Economics of the Household*, forthcoming.
"Leader and citizens participation for the environment: Experimental evidence from Eastern Europe," with Centofanti, T., *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 2022
"Drain on your health: Sanitation externalities from dirty drains in India," with Rahman, T., & Dayal, V., *Review of Development Economics*, 2022
"Air pollution trade-offs in developing countries: An empirical model of health effects in Goa, India," with Das, S., Dayal, & Uma, R., *Environment and Development Economics*, 2021.
"Use of Weather Information for Agricultural Decision Making," with Frisvold, G., *Weather, Climate and Society*, 5(1), 55-69, 2013.

Book

[Demystifying causal inference: Public Policy Applications with R](#), with Dayal, V., Springer, 2023.

Working Papers and Other Publications

From Enlightened Cameralism to Tax Compliance: Building Fiscal Capacity through Reciprocity, with Dorsch, M.
"Paying Cash-for-Votes," with Tyran, J-R., in C. Bjornskov and R. Jong-A-Pin (eds.), *Elgar Encyclopedia of Public Choice*, 2025.
"Electoral clientelism and vote buying," *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, 2020.

Greening the margins: Evidence of amplifying investments in local environmental restoration, with Centofanti, T.

Works-in-Progress

Votes are (not) for sale: Evidence from an Institutional Discontinuity in Southern India, with Tyran, J-R.

Fighting Cash-for-Votes: Information interventions, with Tyran, J-R.

Voice and Vote: Measuring democratic resilience, with Tyran, J-R.

Holy Cow! Vigilante violence, markets and social costs, with Singh J.

Give or Take: Experimental examination of bribery vs. extortion, with Innes, R.

PAST EMPLOYMENT[†] / SERVICE[‡] / VISITS

Visiting Scholar, Sciences Po, October 2024

Visiting Scholar, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, August 2023

[‡] [CIVICA](#) (WP3 subtask lead), Collaborative Experimental platform, Feb. 2021 - Dec. 2023

Visiting Scholar, King Center on Global Development, Stanford University, USA, July 2023

Visiting Professor, Center for Development Studies, India, December 2022

Visiting Professor, Università Bocconi, Italy, November 2022

[‡] Lead Author (Economics), *Enlightenment 2.0*, EC (JRC) Flagship Report, 2018 - 2019

Visiting Professor, Dept. of Economics, Ashoka University, India, August - December 2018

Visiting Scholar, Dept. of Economics, University of Bologna, Italy, May 2018

Visiting Scholar, Dept. of Economics, University of Vienna, January - February 2018

[‡] Program Director, School of Public Policy, CEU, Hungary, August 2016 - December 2017

Visiting Professor, Azim Premji University, India, Summer 2016

[†] Assistant Professor (consultant), Minerva University, USA, August 2016 - July 2017

[†] Lecturer & Research Scholar, University of California, Merced, USA, August 2012 - June 2015

[†] Consultant Economist, World Bank, July - September 2011, March 2013 - February 2014

[†] Research Associate, The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi, June 2003 - May 2006

TEACHING

Central European University, Vienna (graduate)

Microeconomics, Behavior and Policy, Fall 2023, 2025

Causal Inference (MethodsNet with CEU), Summer 2025

Advanced Impact Evaluation, Winter 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Impact Evaluation: Policy Applications with R, Winter 2020, 2021, 2022, 2025 & Fall 2023

Economic Analysis for Public Policy, Fall 2021 & Winter 2023, 2025

Data and Development, Winter 2020

Institutional and Behavioral Economics, Winter 2020, 2021, 2022

Central European University, Budapest (graduate)

Data 1: Statistics for Executives (w/ A. Reguly), Summer 2020

Economic Analysis for Public Policy (w/ C. Brown & M. Dorsch), Fall 2019

Economic Analysis for Public Policy II, Winter 2019

Institutions, Culture and Economic Development, Winter 2016, 2019

Cognitive Science and Policy Making (with Heintz, C.), Fall 2017 & Winter 2019
 Economic Analysis I, Fall 2017
 Poverty, Health and Development, Winter 2016 & Spring 2017
 Consumer and Firm Behavior (Dept. of Economics & Business), Winter 2017
 Economic Analysis (with Dorsch, M.), Fall 2015 & Winter 2017
 Quantitative Methods (with Diamond, A.), Fall 2016

University of California, Merced (undergraduate)
 Statistical Inference Lab, Spring 2015
 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Summer 2014
 Econometrics Lab, Fall 2013, Spring and Fall 2014

Advising

Central European University, Budapest (graduate)
 Aderoju Alao, Daniel Szugyi and Jonathan Vega (*Applied Policy Project, 2015 - 2016*)
 Hanh Nguyen, Michele Massaccesi and Faryal Sajjad (*APP, 2016 - 2017*), Client: EBRD
 Michele Massaccesi, (*Thesis, Winter and Spring 2017*)
 Saheem Khizar (*Thesis, Winter and Spring 2019*)
 Reena Burathoki (*Thesis, Winter 2019 - Summer 2020*)
 Akshay Ahuja and Teresa Giedel (*Thesis, Winter - Spring 2020*)
Central European University, Vienna (graduate)
 Mia Karabegovic (*Ph.D. Committee member*)
 Tanja Burjel and Lou Manalo (*Thesis, Winter - Spring 2021*)
 Maciej Drwal, Maryna Lebid, Grace Linczer & Nina Melkonyan (*Applied Policy Project, 2019 - 2021*), Client: International Institute for Sustainable Development
 Timur Naushirvanov, Gabija Siaulytyte and Marius Frankenhorst (*Thesis, Winter - Spring 2022*)
 Gulsun Alca (*Ph.D. Committee member, Fall 2022 -*)
 Natalia Esquenazi, Fanni Kontro & Aizada Omen (*Applied Policy Project, 2023 - 2024*), Client: Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic
 Kornel Denes & Alena Teplyshova (*Thesis, Winter - Spring 2024*)
 Natalia Esquenazi, Fanni Kontro & Aizada Omen (*Applied Policy Project, 2023 - 2024*), Client: Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic
 Nu Thuy Duong Ton (*Ph.D. Committee member, Fall 2021 -*)
 Vlad Surdea-Hernea (*Ph.D. Committee member, Fall 2024*)
 Itgelt Bat-Ochir, Shkelqim Berisha, Chisato Maezawa & Yuko Yamashita (*Applied Policy Project, 2024 - 2025*), Client: World Bank
 Olle Rehnfeldt (*Undergraduate Thesis Supervisor, Winter - Spring 2025*)

GRANTS, AWARDS AND HONORS (*selected*)

EU Horizon Grant, “The emotional politics of democracies” with Jorg Matthes & Tyran, J-R [June 2024 - May 2027, 750,000€]
 CEU Research Excellence Support Fund, “Voter’s dilemma: Experimental study of cash-for-votes” [April 2023 - August 2024, 17,000€]
 CEU ACRO, “Demystifying causal inference” [January 2022 - December 2022, 5,000€]
 CEU Intellectual Themes Initiative (ITI) Grant, “[Just Data](#)” (w/ team) [2017 - 2019, 100,000€]
 CEU ACRO grant, “Greening the Margin: Building Cooperation and Public Goods I & II” (w/ Centofanti, T.) [2018 - 2019, 10,000€]

CEU ITI Grant, “[Beliefs Fostering Dishonesty](#)” (w/ team) [100,000€, 2016 - 2019]

Best Student paper (second place) “Betrothal Testing, Beliefs and Bad Behavior: Effect of Testing Rules on HIV Transmission,” Institutional and Behavioral Economics Section, AAEA, 2013

Complex Systems Summer School scholarship, Santa Fe Institute, 2011

Pass with Distinction, Ph.D. qualifying paper, University of Maryland, 2010

Ray Cowden Scholarship (GPA 4.0), University of Arizona, 2007

Bangalore University Top Ranker, 2001

Best Outgoing Student, St. Joseph’s College, Bangalore, 2001

LANGUAGES

Fluent: English, Hindi, Kannada and Tamil (*native*)

Basic: Bengali, German, Italian, Urdu

Beginner: Hungarian, Spanish

PERSONAL

Male, *Indian Citizenship*