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Dissertation

Title:

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Dissertation Abstract:

Job Market Paper

Title: Female Heads of the Village Councils and Water Borne Diseases

Abstract: This paper examines the relation between prevalence of water- borne diseases among children and gender of the head of the village councils by exploiting a 'natural experiment' in local governance in India. A constitutional amendment in early 1990s ensured that only women could be the head in at least one- third of the village councils selected randomly. Utilizing a unique sample survey, we show that having a woman as the council head seems to have no effect on prevalence of water borne diseases. But if we look into the sub- categories of women council heads, we find that the women council heads from the General category have indeed been able to reduce the prevalence of water borne diseases significantly, while villages which have women as the council heads from the Schedules Castes/ Scheduled Tribes and the Backward Classes show no such effect.

Publications:

“Structural Breaks in India’s Growth: Revisiting the Debate with a Longer Term Perspective”, (with N. Hatekar), *Economic & Political Weekly*, 2005, Vol. 40, No. 14, pp 1432-1435.

“Poverty and Malnutrition in India” (Marathi), (with N. Hatekar), *Samaj Prabodhan Patrika*, 2005, Year 43, Issue 72, pp 194- 203.

Education:

Ph.D. (International Economics), University of California Santa Cruz, 2005 to Present

M.A. (Economics), University of Mumbai, Mumbai (India), 2004

B.A. (Economics & Statistics), University of Mumbai, Mumbai (India), 2002

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Economics Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, UCSC, Fall 2006, Spring 2008

UC (University of California) Graduate Fellowship, 2005- 06

Merit Based Tuition Fellowship (2006- Contd.)

'J. N. Tata Endowment Fellowship' for pursuing Higher Education Abroad, 2005

Gold Medal for securing First Rank at M. A. (Economics), Univ. of Mumbai, 2004

"The Shield of Honor" for Distinction in Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities, Ramnarain Ruia College, 2001

Third Rank in the Merit List, Higher Secondary Certificate Examination (Arts Faculty), Mumbai Division, Maharashtra State Board, 1999

Seminar / Conference Participation:

Brown Bag Seminar, Dept. of Economics, UCSC, October 21, 2009

The 5th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development at Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Delhi, 16th- 18th December, 2009 (Paper Submitted)

Teaching Experience:

Teaching Assistant, Dept of Economics, UCSC

Introductory Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Truth in Numbers, Advanced International Economics, Mathematical Methods for Economists, Introduction to Econometrics

Visiting Faculty, Vartak College (Affiliated to Univ. of Mumbai), Mumbai, India.

‘Quantitative Methods I’ for the ‘B.Com (Banking & Insurance)

Research Experience:

Research Assistant (September 2007 - March 2008) for Prof. Michael Hutchison, Dept. of Economics, UCSC.

- Worked for Creation and Analysis of multi- country database for studying the relation between Finance and Economic Growth.
- Assisted in '*International Capital Controls and Exchange Rate Stability*', the paper presented at the 2nd Research Meeting, NIPFP- DEA Research Program, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy Conference, New Delhi, India, 27- 28 March, 2008.

Research Assistant (July & August 2007) for Prof. Federico Ravenna, Dept. of Economics, UCSC (Solving and simulating DSGE models using DYNARE)

Research Assistant (2004- 05) for Dr. Neeraj Hatekar University of Mumbai (Project on Analysis of District- level Inequality and Co-operative Banking, Dept. of Economics, Univ. of Mumbai & Reserve Bank of India)

Skills:

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Software: R, STATA, SAS, SPSS, LaTeX

Other Activities:

Attended ‘Third Summer School in Development Economics’, organized by BREAD, CEPR and University of Verona, Alba Di Canazei, Italy (June 30- July 4, 2008)

Two Lectures for the Students of ‘Chintamanrao Deshmukh Institute of Administrative Careers’, Thane Municipal Corporation, Thane (West), Maharashtra (February, March 2009)

Occasional Articles in Marathi Newspapers on Current Issues