Ajinkya Keskar

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Academic Positions

Binghamton University (SUNY), Department of Economics, Assistant Professor (2023 –)

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL South Asia) (2022 - 2023)

Research Interests

Family Economics, Gender, Marriage Markets, Early Childhood Education

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Rice University (2016-2022)

M.S. in Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2014-2016)

B.E. in Electronics and Communication (Distinction), PES University, India (2009-2013)

Publications

"Dowries, resource allocation, and poverty", *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, Vol. 192, pp. 268-303 (with Rossella Calvi)

'Til Dowry Do Us Part: Bargaining and Violence in Indian Families (with Rossella Calvi) ***Accepted, Review of Economics and Statistics***

Working Papers

Matching on Height in India

Selected Work in Progress

Stimulating Parental Investments In Early Childhood: Experimental Evidence On A Technology-Aided Preschool Intervention In India (with Karthik Muralidharan, Mauricio Romero and Abhijeet Singh)

Detecting Misreporting in Marital Transfers Data (with Rossella Calvi)

Teaching Experience

Ph.D. Teaching:

Economic Development Microeconomic Issues - Binghamton University

Undergraduate Teaching:

Economic Development - Rice University

Policy Writing

"'Til Dowry Do Us Part: Bargaining and Violence in the Indian Marriage Market" with Rossella Calvi

VoxDev (March 2021)

"Downside of Dowry Crackdown — Women's Decision-making Power Falls, Domestic Violence Goes Up" with Rossella Calvi

The Print (March 2021)

"Dowries and women's well-being post marriage" with Rossella Calvi

Ideas for India (April 2021)

Conferences and Workshops

2023: IIM Ahmedabad-RISE Research Conference on Education Economics, UCSD PIE Seminar Series, J-PAL Evaluating Social Programmes 2023

2022: Analysis Group, Binghamton University, Brattle Group, IIM Ahmedabad, IIT Kanpur, Stony Brook University, J-PAL Research Staff Training, J-PAL Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog

2021: European Society for Population Economics, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Australian Meeting of the Econometric Society, European Economic Association-Econometric Society Meeting, Globalization and Development Conference, Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics, Society of Economics of the Household, Annual Meeting - Population Association of America (Poster Presentation), Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, ACEGD ISI Delhi, Winter School 2021 Delhi School of Economics

2020: North East Development Consortium Conference at Dartmouth College, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

REFEREE SERVICE

Journals: *Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review: Insights, Economics Letters, Journal of Human Capital, PLOS One, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Review of Economics of the Household, Economics of Education Review, Journal of International Development*

Grants: *National Science Foundation*

Scholarships, Honors, and Awards

John R. Kelly Graduate Student Teaching Prize in Economics

Dagobert L. Brito Award for Best Performance by a Recitation Instructor in Economics, Rice University

Social Sciences Research Institute Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant

Rice University's Department of Economics Graduate Fellowship

Master's Program's Best Research Paper Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Distinction GPA Award, PES University

Mentorship Programs

2021: Association for Mentorship and Inclusion in Economics (*mentee*)