

APARAJITA DASGUPTA

Department of Economics, Ashoka University
Office No. 323, New Academic block,
Ashoka University, Sonapat, India

Email: aparajita.dasgupta@ashoka.edu.in

Phone: +919871481684

[Personal Website](#)

[Ashoka University Faculty Profile](#)

RESEARCH FIELDS

Health Economics, Labor Economics, Development Economics.

WORK EXPERIENCE/ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

Assistant Professor, Economics, Ashoka University (August 2015-present)

Fellow, Global Labor Organization (2018-)

Evaluation Specialist, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) March-July 2015

Fred H. Bixby Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Council, July 2013- Feb 2015

Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, Riverside, 2013

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- [Disease environment, infant mortality and fertility response: Evidence from malaria eradication in India](#) (with Shampa Bhattacharjee), *The Journal of Development Studies*, 2022
- [Unintended consequences of Indian groundwater preservation law on crop residue burning](#) (with Meghna Agarwala and Shampa Bhattacharjee), *Economics Letters*, 2022
- [Preferences or expectations: Understanding the gender gap in major choice](#) (with Anisha Sharma), *Oxford Economic Papers*, 2022
- [Gender based discrimination in health: A review of cross-country evidence](#), *Handbook of Economics of Discrimination and Affirmative Action*, Springer, 2022
- [Missing women: A review of underlying causes and policy responses](#) (with Anisha Sharma), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance*, Oxford University Press, 2022
- [Identity and Learning: a study on the effect of student teacher gender interaction on student's learning](#) (with Sukanta Bhattacharya, Kumarjit Mandal and Anirban Mukherjee), *Research in Economics*, 2021
- [Class or caste? A study on the role of caste and wealth status in school choice decision](#) (with Sukanta Bhattacharya, Kumarjit Mandal and Anirban Mukherjee), *Review of Development Economics*, 2020
- [Systematic Measurement Error in Self-Reported Health: Is Anchoring Vignettes the way?](#) *IZA Journal of Development and Migration*, June 2018
- [Can the Major Public Works Program in India Serve as Buffer against Negative Shocks? Evidence from Andhra Pradesh, India](#), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 2017, Volume 65, Number 4
- [Understanding the Intergenerational Transmission of Human Capital: Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment in China](#) (with Dong Zhou), *Review of Development Economics*, 2016

SELECT WORKING PAPERS

- The nutritional cost of beef bans in India_(with Farhan Majid and Wafa Orman Hakim) [conditionally accepted, *Journal of Development Economics*]
- Infections Averted by a Comprehensive HIV Prevention Intervention and its Cost-effectiveness: A Prospective Cohort Study of Persons Who Inject Drugs in Delhi, India (with Lopamudra Ray Saraswati, Indrani Gupta, Julie Pulerwitz, Avina Sarna) [Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Development Effectiveness*]
- How does a ban on sex-selective abortions affect child health? (with Anisha Sharma) [under review]
- Road Access, Fertility and Child Health in Rural India (with Anahita Karandikar and Devvrat Raghav) [under review]
- Gender-Gap in Learning Outcomes under Rainfall Shocks: The Role of Gender Norms (with Anahita Karandikar)
- Are gender norms systematic to caste institutions? Examining preferences around female work participation in North Indian Villages (with Ashokankur Datta) [under review]
- Shifting gendered social norms: Impact of a mass media campaign on child health in India [under review]
- Effect of Teacher Transfers on Student Learning: Evidence from Haryana (with Akanksha Aggarwal and Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Department of Economics Grant, Ashoka University, “Labour saving agricultural mechanisation and its impact of the ‘non-labour’ time allocation of Indian women” (2021)
- Azim Premji University Grant: Declining Female Labour Force Participation in India (2018)
- Azim Premji University Grant: Crop Residue Burning (CRB) and child health (2018)
- CMGGA, Ashoka University on Examining Teacher transfer drive in Haryana on Pupil Teacher Ratio and Learning Outcomes (2018)
- The Centre for Social and Behaviour Change Research Grant (CSBC) on Understanding declining child sex-ratio and the role of communication programs in India(2017)
- Privatisation in Education Research Initiative, University of Oxford research grant on School Quality, School Choice and Educational Outcome, External consultant May 2014-March 2015

TEACHING

Advanced Topics in Health Economics (Monsoon 2021,2020,2018); Health Economics (Monsoon 2022, 2021, 2020, 2018, 2017); Economy, Politics and Society [Foundation Course] (Spring 2022); Introduction to Economics (Spring 2019, 2020,2021);MA Development Economics (Spring 2022, 2019, 2018); Statistics for Economics (Monsoon Semester 2015, 2016); Undergraduate Development Economics (Monsoon 2016); Foundations of Economic Reasoning (Spring 2016, 2017, Monsoon 2017); Microeconomics for PPE (Spring 2016);Mathematics Bridge Course for Economics (Monsoon 2015)

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS:

MA Dissertation supervision (2022, 2021,2019); Ashoka Scholars Programme (ASP) Thesis supervision (2022,2021,2020); UG Dissertation supervision (Spring 2017, Spring 2018)

POPULAR PRESS/ POLICY WRITING

- [The perils of tackling skewed sex ratios through a crackdown on sex-selective abortions](#) - CEDA Data Narrative, Centre for Economic Data and Policy Jan 2021. (with Anisha Sharma)
- [Preferences or expectations? Understanding the gender gap in choice of college majors](#), with Anisha Sharma, Ideas for India, October 2020
- [INDIA: Surmounting the economic challenges of COVID-19](#). Counterpoint, Arthur D. Little's Report (with Ashwini Deshpande and Anisha Sharma), May 2020.
- [The Coronavirus Pandemic: Are we ready for the long haul?](#) Ashoka University Policy Brief No. 1. Also published in [Ideas for India](#), [The Wire](#) and [Scroll](#). (With Abhinash Borah, Sabyasachi Das, Ashwini Deshpande, Kanika Mahajan, Bharat Ramaswami, Anuradha Saha and Anisha Sharma), April 2020.
- [Child health, fertility, and sex ratio: India vs. Bangladesh](#), Ideas for India, 2018
- [So that Mothers Can Work](#), The Indian Express, September 2, 2016
- [Self-reported health data: Issues and solutions](#), Ideas for India, 2016
- [Nutrition for kids: Why Early Investment Matters](#), [The Indian Express](#), 2015
- [Can MNREGA Buffer Negative Shocks in Early Childhood?](#) Ideas for India, 2014

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS

- 16th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, 20-22nd Dec 2022 (scheduled)
- IEA WB UNDP Conference on Gender and Climate Nexus, 15 Nov 2022
- 16th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, 20-22nd Dec 2021
- Women in the Economy Workshop, IWWAGE and ISI Delhi, 11-13th March 2021
- Essen Health Conference, 3rd October 2020
- Research seminar at Indian Institute of Management Kolkata ,27 September 2019
- Research seminar at Institute of Economic Growth, 16 August 2019
- Research Seminar at Centre For Development Economics and Sustainability, Monash University, 11 June 2018
- Research Seminar at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, May 2018
- [International Economic Association, World Congress](#), Mexico, June 19-23 2017
- [Annual International Conference of the Research Group on Development Economics, University of Göttingen](#), June 1-2, 2017
- Building Capacity to use Research Evidence (BCURE), Harvard Kennedy School, Feb 2016
- [Transparency and Reproducibility Methods for Social Science Research](#), UC Berkeley, 2015
- [9th IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development](#), June 25-26, Peru 2014
- [18th International Economic Association World Congress](#), Jordan, June 6-10, 2014, 2013
- [Health Economics in Developing Countries](#): CSWEP, AEA Meetings, San Diego, Jan 5, 2013

REFEREE ACTIVITY

American Journal of Agricultural Economics; Chronic Poverty Research Centre; Climate Change; Economic Modelling; Economics of Education Review; Environment and Development Economics; European Journal of Social Sciences; Health Economics; Health Systems Research Initiative Grant; Indian Growth and Development Review; Journal of Applied Economics; Journal of Asian Economics; Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics; Journal of Comparative Economics; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Public Economics; PLOS One; Research Policy; Review of Development Economics; Review of Income and Wealth, Social Science and Medicine; Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare; South African Journal of Economics; World Development.