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CURRENT POSITION

Max Weber Fellow in Economics, European University Institute, 2024–present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Pennsylvania State University, 2018–2024

Masters in Quantitative Economics (MSQE), Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, India, 2016–2018

B.A (honors) in Economics, University of Delhi, India, 2013–2016

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Economic Theory, Mechanism Design, Organizational Economics, Evidence Games, Public Economics

WORKING PAPERS

"When Improving the Public Option Backfires" (Job Market Paper)

"How Markets Disrupt Mediated Trade" (revision requested at the *American Economics Journal, Microeconomics*)

"The Art of Waiting," with Ece Teoman (Conditionally accepted at the *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*)

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Optimal Test Design: Screening vs Investment"

"Optimal Return Policy" with Matan Gibson and Zvika Neeman

HONORS AND AWARDS

Fellowship of the Indian Statistical Institute, 2016–2018
Graduate Fellowship, Penn State, 2018–present
Max Weber Fellowship, EUI

PRESENTATIONS

34th Stony Brook International Conference on Game Theory, PETCO 2022 (Poster presentation), Women in Economic Theory Conference, 2022 (presented by co-author), Theory lunch (Penn State), University of Bristol (2024), University of Barcelona (2025), EUI Working group (2024), EEA Conference, Bordeaux (2025), Indian Statistical Institute (2025), Ashoka University (2025), Junior Italian Theory Workshop, Anacapri (2026), Theros Economic Theory Conference, Spetses (2026).

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

- Nageeb Ali, 2020, 2023

Instructor

- Microeconomics Summer Course, Penn State, 2022
- Topics Course on Auctions, EUI, 2025

Teaching Assistant

- Graduate Micro Theory (Masters) (Nageeb Ali), 2019
- Graduate Micro Theory (PhD) (Vijay Krishna), 2022
- Graduate Game Theory (Masters) (Nima Haghpanah), 2023
- Graduate Game Theory (Masters) (Kalyan Chatterjee), 2024
- Undergraduate Game Theory (Ran Shorrer), 2021

REFEREE SERVICE

American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Journal of Mathematical Economics, American Economic Review: Insights

REFERENCES

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