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Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Reading, 10/2011 - 12/2015.

Dissertation Title: “Essays on the Political Economics of Development: Evidence from India”.

Committee: Uma Kambhampati (supervisor), Andi Nygaard, Toke Aidt, Samantha Rawlings.

M.Sc. Economics, Madras School of Economics, 6/2006 - 6/2008.

B.A. Economics, Fergusson College, University of Pune, 5/2003 - 5/2006.

Research Interests

Development Economics, Political Economics, Empirical Industrial Organization, Applied Microeconometrics.

Academic Experience

University of Warwick, Economics

- Teaching Fellow, 7/2019 – present

University of Reading, Economics

- Postdoctoral Research Assistant, 9/2015 - 6/2019

- Sessional Lecturer, 10/2012 - 8/2015

- Research Assistant, 12/2013 - 6/2014

Madras School of Economics, Teaching Assistant, 8/2010 - 5/2011.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Kailthya, S. and Kambhampati, U.(2022) Political competition and public health-care: Evidence from India, *World Development*, 153, 105820, [\[link\]](#)
2. Kailthya, S. and Kambhampati, U.(2021) Road to productivity: Effects of roads on total factor productivity in Indian manufacturing, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 50(1), 174-195. [\[link\]](#)
3. Hui, N., Kailthya, S. and Kambhampati, U.(2015) Infrastructural Development and Firm Efficiency in India (1999–2007), *Review of Development and Change*, Vol XX, No. 2. [\[link\]](#)

Conference Papers/ Working Papers/ Book Chapters

1. Kailthya, S. and Kambhampati, U., The Heterogeneous Effect of Political Competition on Government Responsiveness in India [*forthcoming* in Indian Economy in the 21st Century - Essays for Professor V N Balasubramanyam, *Springer Nature*]
2. Kailthya, S. Vulnerability of Households to Weather Shocks and the Mitigating Role of Workfare Programs [presented at the Royal Economic Society (RES), Warwick (2019) and Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Brussels (2019)]
3. Kailthya, S. and Nygaard, A., Political Competition, Associational Lobbying and Legal Status: The Political Economics of Public Provision in Urban Slums [earlier version presented at the Royal Economic Society (RES), Manchester (2015), European Public Choice Society (EPCS), Groningen (2015)]
4. Kailthya, S. and Kambhampati, U., Spatial Interactions and the Political Economics of Public Provision: Evidence from India [presented at the European Public Choice Society Meeting (EPCS), Zurich (2013)]
5. Kailthya, S. and Kambhampati, U., Political Competition and Government Responsiveness: Evidence from Rural India [presented at Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE), Oxford (2018)]

Work in Progress

1. Productivity Disrupted: Evidence from a Policy Experiment in India
2. Protest Voting and Economic Welfare: Evidence from India (with Minh Le Tung)
3. The Non-Linear Effect of Weather Shocks on Household Living Standards

Honours & Awards

- Conference Grants: South Asian Economic Development (2019), European Public Choice Society (2015), Royal Economic Society, 2015
- Felix Scholarship, fully-funded 3 year PhD Scholarship, 2011-2014
- Master's Scholarship, Madras School of Economics, 2008

Conference Presentations

2021 Royal Economic Society (online)

2020 Royal Economic Society, Belfast

2019 ISI Growth and Development Conference, New Delhi
 Royal Economic Society, Warwick
 Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford
 South Asian Economic Development, New Delhi
 Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Brussels

- 2018** Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford
- 2016** ISI Growth and Development Conference, New Delhi
- 2015** European Public Choice Society Conference, Groningen
Royal Economic Society Conference, Manchester
- 2013** European Public Choice Society Conference, Zurich
- 2011** Second European Microfinance Research Conference, Netherlands
47th Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society, Bhopal

Teaching

University of Warwick

- Statistical Techniques A (EC122, UG) [module leader]
- Econometrics A (EC902, PG) [with Manuel Bagues, lecturer & tutor]
- Econometrics (EC976, PG) [with Tom Martin, lecturer & tutor]
- Development Economics (Macroeconomics) (EC205, UG) [tutor]
- Research in Applied Economics (EC331, UG)
- MSc Dissertation Supervision

University of Reading

- Development Economics (ECM171, PG) [module leader]
- Microfinance (IDM075, PG) [module leader]
- Macroeconomics for Developing Countries (IDM063, PG) [module leader]
- Microeconomics for Developing Countries (IDM070, PG) [module leader]
- Graduate TA (UG): Macroeconomics, Intro Econometrics, & Mathematical Economics.

Non-Academic Experience

- Research Associate, Centre for Microfinance (IFMR), 6/2011 - 10/2011
- Jr. Consultant and Project Co-ordinator, Madras School of Economics, 10/2010 - 5/2011
- Economist, Nathan Economic Consulting India Pvt. Ltd., 6/2008 - 7/2010
- Research Analyst, Roulac India Investments Advisory Pvt. Ltd., 5/2007 - 7/2007

Software Skills

Stata, R, GIS (with R), Matlab (basic), Python (basic), Git, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office