

SOYRA GUNE

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EDUCATION

University of Warwick

2019 - 2020

MSc in Economics (with distinction and ranked 4th in cohort of 121 students), Marks: 79.5%

Jointly awarded Shiv Nath prize for best performance in Development Economics

Azim Premji University

2016 - 2019

BA in Economics (with honours) with minor in Development and Sustainability , CGPA: 9.27/10

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Analyst, International Food Policy Research Institute, New Delhi

Nutrition, Diets, and Health Unit

Feb 2021 - Present

- Supported data creation and analysis of large-scale datasets on maternal and child nutrition in India
- Led and supported manuscripts related to maternal and child nutrition, and methods in health sciences
- Conducted literature reviews on nutrition-relevant policies in India
- Supported creation of data products at national- and state-level on maternal and child nutrition
- Coordinated and supported partnerships with nutrition-relevant government and non-government stakeholders at the national- and state-level
- Supporting Sustainable and Health Diets (SHiFT) CGIAR initiative in Vietnam. Working on evaluation of innovation of school feeding program and supporting secondary data analysis on adolescent nutrition status.

Part-time roles:

- Research assistant to Bishnupriya Gupta and James Fenske, University of Warwick *Nov 2020 - Jan 2021*
- Research assistant to Arianna Ornaghi under Warwick Internship Scheme in Economics *Jan - Jul 2020*
- Research assistant, Foundation to Aid Industrial Recovery, Bangalore *2019*
- Legal and Policy Research Assistant, Safecity, India *2017 - 2018*

DISSERTATIONS

Master's dissertation: Long Term Impacts of Indigo Cultivation in British India

Supervised by Yannick Dupraz

Estimated long term impact of indigo cultivation in British India on agricultural employment, human capital, public goods, and law enforcement by linking district-level colonial data from 1897 and 1911 with contemporary data from 2011. Paper was presented at the annual Young Scholars Initiative plenary session (2020) and the 17th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, ISI Delhi (2022)

Undergraduate dissertation: Returns to Political Connectedness for Indian Firms

Supervised by Arjun Jayadev and Anand Shrivastava

Estimated returns to political connectedness for Indian firms during election periods by developing a novel index to measure political connectedness of Indian firms. Political connectedness index was constructed using firm-level donation data and information of political connections of firm board members.

PUBLICATIONS

Shadow Banking in India: Nature, Trends, Concerns and Policy Intervention

Sashi Sivramkrishna, Soyra Gune, Kasturi Kandalam, Advait Moharir

Review of Economic and Business Studies, 2019

WORKING PAPERS

- *Assessing progress on the coverage of interventions delivered by India's Integrated Child Development Services: equity and district support mechanisms* (being revised)
- *Stunting Reduction in Bihar: The role of state, programs, and civil society*: Presented at IFPRI's annual retreat (2022)
- *Assessing progress on the coverage of interventions in the first 1,000 days in India: Role of national programs* (under review): Presented at Public Health Foundation of India's annual workshop on nutrition (2022)
- *Geographic crosswalk methods to address subnational boundary changes: Applications for coverage estimation, regression analysis, and tracking disparities in health services* (under review)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Strengthening Delivery Platforms of National Nutrition Programs in Subnational Geographies in India Improved Coverage of Interventions and Child Growth (presented at Delivering for Nutrition 2023 conference)
- Developing a method to estimate the number of women and children covered by health and nutrition services under India's National Nutrition Mission.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation on *Reconciling NFHS and HMIS data for Anemia Mukht Bharat* at annual Anemia Mukht Bharat master trainers workshop (2022)
- Presentation on *Evaluating progress in convergence: Creating measures of convergence using nutrition and health data* at IFPRI's annual retreat (2021)
- *Nine to Five No More: Future of Labour in Gig Economies* co-authored with Anora Lobo and presented at the 60th Annual Indian Society of Labour Economics conference (2018) and Jindal Undergraduate Research Conference (2017)
- *Agriculture in India after 1991 Reforms* co-authored with Hashitha Pothula was chosen as one of the top ten undergraduate papers nationally at the National Conclave organized by Christ University (2016)

PANELS, COMMITTEES, AND WORKSHOPS

- Attended Difference-in-differences workshop organized by IFPRI
- Attended Meta-Analysis Workshop for Systematic Reviews organized by Campbell South Asia (2023)
- Attended Oxford Summer School in Economic Networks jointly organized by Oxford Mathematical Institute and Institute for New Economic Thinking (2021)
- Attended Advanced Macroeconomics workshop organized by Azim Premji University (2018)
- On student panel of Rethinking Undergraduate Economics workshop hosted by Azim Premji University (2018)
- Founding and core committee member of International Relations Club at Azim Premji University (2016-2018)
- Member of orientation committee to welcome new undergraduate students at Azim Premji University (2017)

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Software: Stata, QGIS, Latex, MS Office, R

Languages: English, Marathi (native), Hindi