

KAJARI SAHA

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EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara	2021–present
Ph.D. in Economics	Expected 2026
M.A. in Economics (Distinction in Econometrics)	2022
Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR)	2018–2021
Mumbai, India	
M.Phil. in Development Studies	June 2021
Jawaharlal Nehru University	2016–2018
New Delhi, India	
M.A. in Economics	July 2018
Jadavpur University	2013–2016
Kolkata, India	
B.A. in Economics	July 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor Economics, Development Economics, Applied Econometrics

PUBLICATIONS

Saha, K. (2024). "The China trade shock and the gender wage gap in India: A district-level analysis." *Indian Economic Review*, 59(1), 169-200.

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s41775-024-00223-1>

Presented at: First Biennial Conference on "Trade and Development", IGIDR (December 17-19, 2020)

WORKING PAPERS

"Weathering Violence in India: Climate Shocks and Spousal Abuse"

Presented at: Agriculture and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Conference, 2025 (Full Paper)

"Forced Sterilization and Healthcare Avoidance: Evidence from India's Emergency (1975-77)"

"Reshaping Roles: How Marriage Shapes Gender Role Attitudes in Egypt"

(with Shraddha Yadav and Koustuv Saha)

Presented at: AAEA Conference 2024 (Poster); All-CA Labor Economics Conference (ACLEC) 2025 (Poster)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Santa Barbara

Associate Instructor

- Statistics with Economics and Business Applications (Undergraduate) Winter 2025, Fall 2025, Winter 2026

Teaching Assistant

- Statistics with Economics and Business Applications (Undergraduate) Summer 2024, Fall 2024
- Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate) Winter 2024, Spring 2024, Spring 2023
- Introduction to Economics (Undergraduate) Fall 2023
- Econometrics (Ph.D. First Year) Fall 2022
- Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (Undergraduate) Fall 2021, Winter 2022, Spring 2022, Winter 2023

Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research
Mumbai, India

Teaching Assistant

- Game Theory (Masters Level) 2020
- Microeconomics (Masters Level) 2019

PEER-REVIEW EXPERIENCE

Reviewer for the journal *Population and Environment*, November 2025

HONORS AND AWARDS

Research Quarter Fellowship Spring 2025, Spring 2026
University of California, Santa Barbara

Best Second Year Paper Award 2023
Gretler Foundation Fund in Economics Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara

Outstanding Graduate Course TA Award 2022–2023
University of California, Santa Barbara

Distinction in Ph.D. Preliminary Examination in Econometrics 2021
University of California, Santa Barbara

UGC NET and Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) Award 2018
University Grants Commission, India
Eligibility for Assistant Professor in the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in India

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Statistical Software

- STATA
- R (tidyverse, dplyr, ggplot2, fixest, and other packages)
- Python (Basic), QGIS (Basic)

Geospatial Analysis in R

- Packages: terra, exactextractr, sf, sp, raster
- Importing and analyzing raster data (rainfall, temperature)
- Extracting spatial information onto polygons within shapefiles

Scripting and Typesetting

- R Markdown, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)