

# Abhinav Chattaraj

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## Education

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**Rutgers University** Aug 2023  
*PhD in Economics*

**Rutgers University** Aug 2022 – May 2023  
*M.A. in Economics*  
Thesis - *Modeling Migration: Policy Interventions & Economic Shocks*  
Supervisor - Ira Gang

**University of Delhi** July 2019 – May 2022  
*B.A. (Hons) in Economics*

## Research Interests

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Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Game Theory, Industrial Organization

## Publications

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Chattaraj, Abhinav. "Should OTT Providers Pay the Telecom Industry?" *Competition Commission of India Journal on Competition Law and Policy*. Vol. 4, No. 2, 159-185. (April 2023) [362 downloads as of January, 2025]

Chattaraj, Abhinav. "Migration & Growth: Solow Analysis of the American Economy" *International Journal of All Research Education and Scientific Methods (IJARESM)*. vol. 11, no. 5, 1809-1819. (May 2023)

## Working Papers

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"The Rationality of Gifts Over Cash: Misconceptions and Type-Conformity"

## Works in Progress

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"Investigating the Effects of Agricultural Policies on Health Outcomes of Delhi"

"Transitioning of Minimum Wage from Daily Rate to Hourly Rate in India" (With Shaurya Narang)

## Teaching

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Teaching Assistant at Rutgers University  
Public Economics (ECON 460) Fall 2024  
Forecasting & Big Data (ECON 421) Spring 2025

## Conference and Workshop Presentations

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Rutgers Conference for Rising Stars in Graduate Research March 2025

## Research and Work Experience

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**Research Assistant** New Brunswick, NJ, USA  
*Rutgers University* February 2025  
PI: Prof. Daniel Maggio

- Cleaned individual level, and labor market level data from Banxico's "Local Labor Markets" (LLM) project
- Cleaned administrative boundary designations and merged the data with Progresa enrollment
- Created municipality and labor-market level variables measuring Progresa enrollment intensity
- Created municipality and labor-market level variables for covariates such as the marginality index, school density, and homicide rate

**Research Intern** New Delhi, India

Advisor: Dr. Atul Verma (Director General, CCI)

- Evaluated real cases assigned by senior officers. Gained significant experience in the fields of Competition Law and Economics
- Conceptualized and created a framework for shortcomings diagnosed in vertically integrated markets through a research paper
- Published in “Competition Commission of India Journal on Competition Law and Policy”
- Presented before senior officers of the commission as part of internship requirements
- Administered policies and amendments in the draft of the Telecommunications Bill, 2023
- Cited as significant addition to existing literature on vertically integrated markets and ongoing conflict(s) within Indian telecommunication markets

**Research Intern**

New Delhi, India

Cosmo Films Ltd.

August 2021

- Evaluated inflation in resin market, authored a research project for same
- Advised policy suggestions to research and development department based on research findings.

**Refereeing**

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Asian Journal of Probability and Statistics

2025

**Honors and Awards**

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**Recognition of Merit**

2022

University of Delhi

Recognized for exceptional scores in the following subjects:

- HC52: Development Economics I
- HE52: International Trade (Highest scorer)
- HC62: Development Economics II
- HE66: Comparative Economic Development
- HC33: Statistical Methods for Economics

**Technologies**

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Stata, R, MATLAB, Google Earth Engine, Dynare, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X