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Education

- Sept. '24–Current **University of Oxford** — PhD Candidate in Public Policy, *Clarendon Scholar*
Supervisors: Prof. **Julien Labonne** and Prof. **Anandi Mani**
- July '23 **Paris School of Economics** — M.Res. in Economics, *High Honors (GPA: 15.27/20)*
Thesis: "The Impact of CCT on Women's Household Decision-Making"
Supervisors: Prof. **Elena Stancanelli** and Prof. **Suanna Oh**; Discussant: Prof. **Liam-Wren Lewis**
Highest Honor (17/20)
- Spring '18 **London School of Economics** — Summer Exchange
- May '20 **Universitas Gadjah Mada** — B.Sc. in Economics, *Valedictorian*
GPA: 3.98/4.00

Affiliation

- 2024–Current The Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE), University of Oxford

Research

Research Interests: Development, Labor, Gender, and Political Economy

Work in Progress

- *Sport Shock, Masculinity Norms, and Online Misogyny*
- *What is in Childcare: Childcare Attributes and Mothers' Employment* (with Daniel Halim)
- *Broadcasting Norms: State Media, Intrahousehold Dynamics, and Child Welfare* (with Fadhil Nadhif Muharam)
- *LinkinOut Harassment: A targeted social media experiment to reduce workplace harassment towards women in India* (with Anaya Dam & Diego Dabed)
- *Promoting Home Based Affordable Childcare for Low Income Households in Urban Dhaka* (with Shaila Ahmed, Diva Dhar, Anandi Mani, Munshi Sulaiman, & Sakila Yesmin)

Experience

- Sept. '23–July '24 **Pre-Doctoral Fellow**, NHH FAIR — Development Economics
Supervisors: Prof. **Vincent Somville**, Prof. **Ingvil Almås**, and Prof. **Kjetil Bjorvatn**
Field visit, project design, data cleaning, and literature review for three ongoing field experiments in Tanzania and Ghana
Projects: World of Work (Tanzania); Income Volatility (Ghana); Sexual Harassment and Female Occupational Choices (Tanzania)
- June '22–Sept. '22 **Research Assistant**, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford
Literature review, issue briefs, synthesis of research content, and topical mapping of RISE Working Papers
- Jan. '21–June '21 **Research Assistant**, Asian Development Bank
Piloting, bench-testing, and baseline survey for an RCT on COVID-19 and well-being in Indonesia
- July '20–Dec. '20 **Evaluation Specialist**, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs
Data analysis of 5.6 million beneficiaries of the Pre-employment Card, reports, and policy briefs for the Indonesian Ministry of Finance
- Jan. '20–July '20 **Consultant**, President Staff Office
Prepared the launch of the Pre-employment Card Program and memos for high-level presidency meetings
- July '19–Aug. '19 **Research Intern**, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab Southeast Asia
Data cleaning of 80,000 Indonesian villages for an unconditional cash transfer RCT, data matching, and policy brief

Conferences and Presentations

June '26	Asian Economic Development Conference (ADB/HKUST)
June '26	Nordic Conference in Development Economics, Sweden
June '26	Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries (SEEDEC)
July '20	Indonesian Regional Science Association (IRSA)
Jan. '20	Financial Inclusion Conference, Indonesian Financial Authority
June '19	ASEAN Economic Conference, Malaysia

Teaching

Spring '25	<i>Economics for Public Policy</i> , Seminar Leader – Graduate, MPP, University of Oxford
Summer '25	<i>Labor Economics</i> , ASYL Dubai Summer Mentor – High School
Summer '25	<i>Behavioral Economics, Data Analysis</i> , Oxbridge Summer Mentor – High School, Oxford
Spring '20	<i>Advanced Econometrics, R Programming</i> , Teaching Assistant – Graduate, Universitas Gadjah Mada
Spring '19	<i>Econometrics I, Statistics, Development Economics</i> , Teaching Assistant – Undergraduate, Universitas Gadjah Mada
Spring '18	<i>Statistics</i> , Teaching Assistant – Undergraduate, Universitas Gadjah Mada

Skills

IT	Stata, \LaTeX , Microsoft Office, Python, R
Languages	Indonesian (native), English (fluent), French (basic)

Scholarships and Certificates

2025–2028	<i>Clarendon Scholarship</i> , University of Oxford
2021–2023	<i>Eiffel Scholarship</i> , Campus France
2019	<i>Winner of Indonesia's Financial Services Authority Paper Competition</i>
2019	<i>Indonesian Second Most Outstanding Student</i>
2018	<i>2nd Winner, Indonesia Challenges on Economic Ideas</i>
2018	<i>2nd Winner, ECONOMIX International Competition</i>
2018	<i>Winner, Indonesian Economic Debate</i>
2018	<i>Winner, Jogjakarta International Paper Competition</i>
2017	<i>Best Delegate, Youth Economic Conference</i>
2017	<i>Best Position Paper, Asia Pacific Model United Nations Conference</i>

Fellowship

2025–2026	<i>Project Development Fellow</i> , University of Zurich
2025–2026	<i>Ronald Coase Fellowship</i> , George Mason University

Extracurricular Activities

2021–2023	<i>Student President</i> , Paris School of Economics Student organization and social events
2019–Present	<i>Co-founder</i> , ARJUNA Research Community Student-run think tank conducting research on vulnerable groups in Indonesia