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**AREAS OF INTEREST**

Urban Economics, Development Economics, Transportation Economics, Industrial Organization, Public Economics

**PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS**

- Shah, Nilopa and Brueckner, Jan K. (2012): “A Model of Price and Frequency Competition in Freight Transportation”, *Transportation Research Part A*, 46, pp. 938-953
- Shah, Nilopa (2014): “Squatting on Government Land”, *Journal of Regional Science*, 54-1, pp. 114-136
- Shah, Nilopa (2012): “Characterizing Slums and Slum Dwellers: Exploring the Indonesian Family Life Survey Data”, *Working Paper*

**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Ph.D. Economics (2012), School of Social Science, University of California, Irvine
- Ken Small Award for Best PhD Student in Transportation and Urban Economics (2008), UC Irvine
- M.S. Economics (2009), Department of Economics, University of California, Irvine
- M.A. Economics (2004), Econometrics & Mathematical Economics, University of Mumbai, India
- B.A. (Honors) Economics and Statistics (2002), St. Xavier’s College, Mumbai, India

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Rena Sivitanidou Annual Research Symposium on Global Cities, April 2012
- ASSA Meeting, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association Session, Jan 2012
- Kuhmo Nectar Conference on Transportation Economics, Jul 2010
- International Industrial Organization Conference, May 2010
- University of California Transportation Center Student’s Conference, Apr 2010
- METRANS National Urban Freight Conference, Oct 2009

## **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of California Irvine**

*since January 2014*

Teach upper-division undergraduate classes - Urban Economics, Industrial Organization

### **Peer Reviewer for Academic Journals**

*since June 2012*

Served as a peer-reviewer for following publications - Transportation Research Part E: Logistics and Transportation Review; Environment and Planning A; and Economics Research International

### **Consultant Economist, World Bank Group, Washington DC**

*August 2012 - November 2012*

Researched and authored a policy-oriented report on the freight transportation industry in Tunisia as part of the Urbanization Review series published by the Finance, Economics and Urban Development Department

### **Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of California, Irvine**

*September 2007 - June 2012*

Lead undergraduates discussions sessions at UCI for courses in Intermediate Microeconomics, Basic Macroeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Quantitative Economics, Game Theory, Global Economy, Economics of Accounting, Urban Economics

### **Research Assistant, Institute of Transportation Studies, University of California, Irvine**

*September 2009 - August 2010*

Assisted Dr. Jan Brueckner in research on various projects in Urban and Transportation Economics; specifically, in the publication of his book *Lectures on Urban Economics*, MIT Press 2011

### **Research Associate, Economic and Political Weekly Research Foundation (EPWRF)**

*August 2005 - August 2007*

Edited the in-house publication *Monthly Economic Review* of sectoral macro-economic indicators of the Indian economy; authored monthly essays on topics in industrial and infrastructure sectors of the Indian economy; assisted in compiling a massive database on the Power Sector in India

### **Lecturer (Part-time), Department of Economics, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, India**

*November 2005 - February 2006 and January 2007*

Taught classes on Introduction to Basic and Advanced Economic Theory, Linear Programming and Quantitative Economics to undergraduate students; designed and taught a first-time course on Elementary Game Theory for Honor's students

### **Research Assistant, Praja Foundation and Center for Civil Society, NGOs, Mumbai, India**

*December 2004 - July 2005*

Authored chapters on education, health, housing, transportation, solid waste management in Mumbai to be included in a *Handbook on the State of Governance in Mumbai* aimed to spread awareness among citizens about the city's administrative mechanism

### **Research Associate, Center for Women's Studies, Department of Economics, Mumbai University**

*June 2004 - September 2004*

Assisted Dr. Ritu Dewan in conducting field surveys across Mumbai slums and interviewing government and non-government officials in the production of a report on *Decent Employment for Women in India: Needs Assessment for Vocational Training and Skill Upgradation of Women in Greater Mumbai*, a project commissioned by the International Labor Organization