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### Current Position:

- *Teaching Fellow* in Economics at the **University of Warwick, UK**, *Department of Economics*, September 2018-

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### Past academic positions:

- *Post-Graduate Teaching Assistant* in Economics at the **University College London, UK**, *Department of Economics*, October 2017- July 2018
- *Graduate Teaching Assistant*, at the **University of Exeter**, September 2014-May 2018
- *Research Associate*, **Indian Council for Research in International Economic Relation (ICRIER)**, New Delhi, India, September 2013-June 2014
- *Part-time Lecturer in Economics*, **Rutgers University (USA)**, September 2012-July 2013
- *Research Assistant to Dr. Ruby Henry*, **Rutgers University (USA)**, September 2012 – 2013

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### Education:

- *Ph.D. in Economics (E.S.R.C South West Doctoral Programme fellowship)*, (2014 – 2018), University of Exeter, United Kingdom

**Dissertation title: Three Essays on Immigration and Institutions**

**Dissertation supervisors: Prof. Benjamin Zissimos and Dr. Pradeep Kumar**

- *M.A in Economics (specialisation in Econometrics)* (2011 – 2013), **Rutgers University**, New Jersey, U.S.A.

**Masters' Dissertation Title:** *Effect of English language skills on household income in India, using IHDS data* .

**Masters' Supervisor :** *Prof. Ira Gang*

- *M.A in Economics* (2009–2011), Centre for International Trade and Development, **Jawaharlal Nehru University**, India.
- *Bachelor of Science with Honors in Economics* (2006–2009), **Presidency College (University of Calcutta)**, Kolkata, India.

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**Research Interests:**

International Migration, Labor Economics, Political Economy, Public Economics

**Working Papers**

- *Turning an Institution from Inclusive to Extractive: The Case of the European Union's Free Movement of Persons* [with Ben Zissimos]

**Abstract:** This paper shows how an elite can turn an institution from being inclusive to extractive, in the context of the European Union's free movement of persons (FMP). In an international labor market, integrated by FMP across a number of member countries, we consider expansion of the market through the addition of new members. Each member government can control only immigration from non-members. The main result is that if new members are decreasing in total factor productivity, then expansion at first benefits but later hurts workers, whilst first hurting but later benefiting an economic elite, and benefiting a political elite throughout.

- *The Role of Institutions in Determining Immigration and Investment* [with Ben Zissimos]

**Abstract:** This paper shows how a government sets immigration policy in the presence of entrepreneurs who undertake investment. The government and the entrepreneurs engage in Nash Bargaining to determine the quota of immigration and the amount of contribution to be paid to the government. This paper also shows how a government may be willing to tie its hands to an institution that constrains the immigration policy it can set. We identify conditions such that by tying its hands to such an institution, the government can increase investment in the economy.

- *Public Goods and Immigration: England and Wales* (with Pradeep Kumar)

**Abstract:** This paper analyses the effect of public good provision on the location choice of immigrants in the UK. In particular, we investigate the impact of a change in the number of schools on the location choice of immigrants by exploiting an exogenous shock provided by the Academies Act of 2010 in the UK. We first employ a difference-in-difference strategy to analyse the effect of the Academies Act on immigration levels by comparing North West England and Wales, since the act was only applicable to England. We construct the dataset of immigrants using Annual Population Survey data. In a separate analysis, we estimate a discrete choice model to examine the location choice of immigrants using a panel data of London boroughs. This model reports that a 1% increase in the number of schools in a London borough increases the number of immigrants by 1.4%, on average.

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**Teaching interests:**

Microeconomics, Public Economics, International Trade, Macroeconomics, Money and Banking, Development Economics,

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**Teaching Experience:**

- **The University of Warwick**
  - **EC320: Economics of Public Policy (Fall 2018)**, *Lecturer*
  - **EC9011: Economic Analysis (PG): Microeconomics**, *Tutor*
  - **EC109: Microeconomics 1 (Fall 2018)**, *Tutor*
  - **EC331: Research in Applied Economics (2018)**, *Dissertation Supervisor*
- **Rutgers University**
  - **Labour Economics (Fall 2012, Summer 2013)**, *Lecturer*

- Money and Banking (Spring 2013), *Lecturer*
- Teaching Assistant, University College London
  - ECON1001-Economics (CORE Project) (2017 – 18)
  - Economics of Information (Fall 2017)
- Teaching Assistant, University of Exeter
  - Macroeconomics I (2014 – 2015)
  - Money and Banking 1 (Fall 2015, Fall 2016)
  - Money and Banking II (Spring 2016, Spring 2017)
  - Economic Principles (Spring 2016)
  - Economic Principles and Policy (Fall 2015, Fall 2016)
  - Policy Issues in the Global Economy (Spring 2018)
  - Microeconomics I (Fall 2017)
  - Microeconomics II (2015 – 2016)

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**Language and Skills:**

- English, Bengali (native).
- Stata, MATLAB, LaTeX.

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**Scholarships and Awards:**

- *E.S.R.C South West Doctoral Programme fellowship for doctoral studies.*  
2014

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**Presentation and attendance at conferences/workshops:**

- GEP Conference 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Postgraduate Conference (2018), University of Nottingham.
- RES PhD Conference (2017), Westminster Business School, London
- Staff Development Workshop in Structural Econometrics (2017), University of Portsmouth Business School
- GW4 Conference (2016), University of Bristol
- World Congress of the Econometric Society (2015), Montreal (**attendee only**)

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**References:**

- Prof. *Benjamin Zissimos*  
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- Dr. *Pradeep Kumar*  
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