

# SHASHANK SREEDHARAN

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## EDUCATION

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**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY.** New York City, NY

September 2021 - current

**PhD Candidate in Public Policy**

Advisor: Dr. Jonathan Morduch

- Research Associate, Financial Access Initiative (FAI)

**BROWN UNIVERSITY.** Providence, RI

June 2016 – May 2017

**Master of Public Affairs**

- Mixed specialization in Comparative & Global Policy & Data-Driven Policy
- Merit Scholarship recipient | GPA: 4.0
- Research Associate with Prof. Mark Blyth (September 2016 – December 2016)
- Research Associate with Prof. Yusuf Neggers (January 2017 – March 2017)
- MPA Coordinator for the Humanitarian Innovation Initiative, Brown University

**PANDIT DEENDAYAL PETROLEUM UNIVERSITY.** Gujarat, India

July 2012 - May 2016

**Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in Economics | Minor in IR**

- Recipient of the **Gold Medal** (equivalent of Class Valedictorian)
- GPA: 8.52/10 (3.88 WES) | MAJOR GPA: 9/10 (4 WES)
- Teaching Assistant for *Microeconomics 101*, *Introduction to International Relations*, and *Statistics 101*

## EXPERIENCE

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### IFMR LEAD

Senior Research Associate – Financial Inclusion vertical

July 2017 – May 2021

December 2019 – May 2021

Research Associate – Financial Inclusion vertical

July 2017 – November 2019

- Managed a Randomized Control Trial (RCT) measuring the impact of innovative microcredit products with repayment flexibility and parallel savings capabilities offered to SHG-affiliated women entrepreneurs with professors from Georgetown University and Trinity College, Dublin.
- Designed and leading a project studying household financial decision-making from a migration lens funded by Dvara Research (\$20,000 grant under the Dvara Household Finance Research Initiative).
- Co-lead on an RCT studying the effects of an information intervention about performance incentives on future performance of microfinance loan officers with professors from University of Groningen, University of Munich, and University of Essex.
- Managed a measurement experiment to test for gender bias in self-reported income measures with investigators from Stanford University.
- Worked on a variety of studies, including a dual field experiment studying the causes of gender gaps in microenterprise profitability with researchers from Stanford University (now at UC Berkeley and the World Bank).
- Proficient with quantitative research and analysis, including the use of econometric analysis and other statistical methods on experimental and quasi-experimental data, as well as with qualitative research methods.
- Wrote several successful research and grant proposals for a variety of donors, ranging from institutional, government, and development finance institutions.
- Co-authored several research reports, concept notes, articles and dissemination pieces, and presented our findings and recommendations to stakeholders and at conferences.
- Oversaw field work on end-to-end projects and smaller pilots, including delivery of training to field staff, designing of field and survey instruments, monitoring data quality, and supervising the implementation of interventions.

**UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS**

January 2017 – April 2017

Consultancy – Partnerships & Resource Mobilization Branch, UN Geneva

- Undertook a study exploring the scope and implication of multi-year financing (MYF) in the context of multi-year planning (MYP), including on work across the humanitarian-development nexus under the mandate of the Humanitarian

Financing Task Team (HFTT). The study was commissioned by (former) Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the World Humanitarian Summit 2016.

- Delivered the UN's first ever baseline on MYF on protracted crises. Designed a data collection template and ran a pilot with UN agencies and donors.
- Provided a critical analysis of the effects of MYF on humanitarian organizations and actors, budgeting, resource mobilization, relationships with donors, agreements between first-level funding recipients and implementing organizations, and field operations.
- Developed actionable policy recommendations on the implementation of MYF in the context of MYF, measuring efficiency gains and building capacity.
- Completed a UN certificate course under the 'Managing in the Humanitarian Sector' program.

## CONFERENCES AND PUBLICATIONS

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**PREFERENCES AND USAGE PATTERNS OF GOLD LINKED FINANCIAL PRODUCTS (GLFPs) ACROSS MIGRANT AND NON-MIGRANT HOUSEHOLDS (WITH JITHIN JOSE)** SUBMITTED FOR PEER REVIEW

**CALLING THE SHOTS: DETERMINANTS OF FINANCIAL DECISION-MAKING & BEHAVIOUR IN DOMESTIC MIGRANTS HOUSEHOLDS IN INDIA (WITH DR. FABRIZIO VALENTI & VINITH KURIAN)** SUBMITTED FOR PEER REVIEW

**SUPPORT FOR INDIA'S MIGRANTS DURING COVID-19: NAVIGATING POTENTIAL GAPS IN THE SYSTEM** May 2020  
Published by the Center for Financial Inclusion (CFI Accion).

**IS THE UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME A GOOD IDEA FOR INDIA?** August 2018  
Published by *Qrius* (formerly the *Indian Economist*)

**FINANCIAL INCLUSION IN INDIA: WHAT MUST CHANGE?** November 2017  
Published by *Qrius* (formerly the *Indian Economist*)

**THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT.** Ahmedabad, India  
Invited to present a paper titled "*The Nigerian Energy Dynamic in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*" ISBN: 978-93-85777-26-4 February 2016  
Organized by Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University

**THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STUDIES IN HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES.** Paris, France November 2015  
Invited to present an article titled "*Emerging Market Economies in Conflict: Growth Economics & an Econometric Model of Political Instability*" ISBN: 978-93-84468-42-2  
Organized by **Emirates Research Publishing (ERPUB), La Rochelle Business School and University of Montreal, Quebec**

**THE 9<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECONOMICS & SOCIAL SCIENCES.** Istanbul, Turkey October 2015  
Invited to present the following articles:

- *The Dynamics of International Political Economy: A Realist Perspective (Winner of the Best Paper Award)*
- *Will GREXIT Fix It: The Greek Debt Crisis and its Ramifications*
- *Energy Geopolitics of the Caspian*

ISSN 2307 – 7549  
Organized by the **International Foundation for Research and Development (IFRD)**

**THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMPARATIVE LITERATURE & CULTURE.** Nagpur, India October 2015  
Invited to present a paper titled "*Resolving the situation in Kurdistan: Setting a precedent for the Middle Eastern Crisis.*"  
Published in *Journal of Higher Education Research Society*, Vol III/Issue II. ISSN 2349 0209  
Organized by **Higher Education Research Society, India**

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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STATA, NVivo (basic proficiency), MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, survey operations using SurveyCTO

## LANGUAGES

English, Hindi, Tamil (speaking), and Gujarati (speaking)