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EDUCATION	Stanford University, Graduate School of Business, Stanford, CA Ph.D. in Business Administration (Political Economics) 2015 - 2021 <i>“Essays on the applications of matching theory to political economy”</i> Committee: Steven Callander (Co-advisor), Alvin Roth (Co-advisor), Saumitra Jha, Paulo Somaini University Chair: Nicholas Bloom Princeton University, Princeton, NJ A.B. in Economics with Highest Honors 2010 - 2014 <i>Certificates:</i> 1) Applied and Computational Mathematics, 2) Finance, and 3) Political Economy	
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	National University of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy <i>Assistant Professor (tenure-track)</i> 2021-Present <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faculty Associate, Center on Asia and Globalization (2021-) University of Cologne, Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute: Markets and Public Policy <i>Postdoctoral Fellow</i> 2021	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Primary: Market Design, Political Economy Secondary: Organizational Economics	
RESEARCH/PUBLICATIONS	“Matching in the Civil Service: A Market Design Approach to Public Administration and Development” Ashutosh Thakur (<i>Job Market Paper</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thakur, Ashutosh. “Rethinking cadre allocation procedures in civil services.” <i>Ideas for India</i>: invited article (March 18, 2019) [link]• Thakur, Ashutosh. “Rethinking the design of cadre allocation procedures in civil services.” <i>Hindustan Times</i>: invited article (August 1, 2019) [link] “Matching Politicians to Committees” Ashutosh Thakur (Working Paper) “Combining social choice and matching theory to understand institutional stability” Ashutosh Thakur (Working Paper) “Endogenous Organizational Re-structuring: Status, Productivity & Meritocratic Dynamics” - joint with Jonathan Bendor (Working Paper) “Market freeze, signaling-by-waiting, and optimal government interventions” Ashutosh Thakur (Working Paper) “A Rating System for Dating Markets” - joint with Ignacio Rios (In Progress) “Evolution of Institutional Designs: All-India Services” Ashutosh Thakur (In Progress)	

“**Yes Minister: the problem of monitoring the bureaucracy**” - joint with Vatsalya Srivastava
(In Progress)

“**Experimentation Under Unrealistic Ideals**” (In Progress)

“**Continuous-time principal multi-agent problem: moral hazard in teams & fiscal federalism**” (Working Paper)

Applied and Computational Mathematics Independent Work

Princeton Applied and Computational Mathematics Department (Advisor: Ronnie Sircar)

“**Bargaining micro-foundations of decentralized markets, competition, and reputation**”
(Working Paper)

Senior Thesis (May 2014)

Princeton University Economics Department (Advisor: Dilip Abreu)

“**Dynamic model with signaling by waiting with private information and policy implications**” *UCLA Undergraduate Journal of Economics*, 2014.

Junior Independent Work (May 2013)

Princeton University Economics Department (Advisor: Yuliy Sannikov)

AWARDS &
FELLOWSHIPS

Best Paper Presentation Award for *Matching Problem of Civil Service* **2019**
Fifth International Conference on Matching Under Preferences: MATCH-UP
ETH Zurich, Congressi Stefano Franscini

Ronald I. McKinnon Memorial Fellowship **2018**
Stanford University King Center on Global Development

Graduate Student Research Fellowship **2018**
Stanford University Center for South Asia

CONFERENCES
& INVITED TALKS

Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis (virtual) December 2021

25th Annual Conference of the Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (Boston) June 2021

17th Workshop Matching in Practice (Saint Petersburg) May 2021

NYU Abu Dhabi- Economics (Abu Dhabi) February 2021

National University of Singapore- Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (Singapore) January 2021

Hong Kong Baptist University- Economics (Hong Kong) November 2020

University of Cologne- Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute (Cologne, Germany) June 2020

Princeton Political Economy Seminar (Princeton University) April 2020

McCombs School of Business- Finance (Austin) February 2020

Harvard Business School- Strategy (Cambridge) January 2020

16th Workshop Matching in Practice (Gothenburg) - invited speaker October 2019

<i>7th Annual Comparative Politics and Formal Theory Conference</i> (Berkeley)	October 2019
<i>Polmeth XXXVI</i> (MIT)	July 2019
<i>23rd Annual Conference of the Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics</i> (Stockholm School of Economics)	June 2019
<i>Match Up 2019</i> (Ascona, Switzerland)	May 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Paper Presentation Award 	
<i>Empirical Management Conference</i> (Harvard Business School)	December 2018
<i>Conference on Quality of Governance</i> (Stanford University)	April 2018
<i>Institutional and Organizational Economics Academy</i> (Cargese, France)	May 2018
<i>Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research</i> (Mumbai, India)	July 2018

Seminars/Talks: UCologne ECONtribute and C-SEB Design & Behavior Seminar (April, 2021), UCologne Applied Micro Workshop (March, 2021), UCologne Behavioral Management Science Workshop (March, 2021), Stanford Political Economy Seminar (May, 2020), Stanford Market Design Seminar (May, 2020), Stanford Development Economics Workshop (December, 2019), Stanford Political Economy Mini-Conference (December, 2019), Stanford Political Economy Theory Lunch (April 2019), Stanford Market Design Seminar (March, 2018), Stanford Political Economy Theory Lunch (November 2017)

RESEARCH
ASSISTANT
EXPERIENCE

Stanford GSB, Stanford, California USA
Research Assistant for Professor Steve Callander **Sept, 2017 - 2020**

- Learning when policy is complicated: provide literature, simulations, and research assistance on theoretical projects exploring models of learning in policymaking

Princeton University, Program in Political Economy, Princeton, New Jersey USA
Research Assistant for Professor Matias Iaryczower **September, 2014 - May, 2015**

- Research Assistantship included game theoretic modeling, econometric data analysis, calibration and statistical estimation
- Research areas include strategic voting in committees, dynamic models of candidate spending and policy positions in run-up to election, principal-agent models, mechanism design, information aggregation, delegation, etc.
- Worked on papers including “Dynamic Agency” Iaryczower et. al, “Strategic Voting in Sequential Committees” Iaryczower et al., “Project size in agency relationships” Antic et al.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Stanford GSB, Stanford, California USA
Teaching Assistant for Professor Steve Callander, POLECON 680: Foundations of Political Economy (PhD Course)

... **Sept, 2018 - Jan, 2019**
... **Sept, 2017 - Jan, 2018**
... **Sept, 2016 - Jan, 2017**

- Social Choice (Austen-Smith and Banks book), applied game theory, and modeling

Stanford GSB, Stanford, California USA
Teaching Assistant for Professors Katherine Casey and Condoleezza Rice, POLECON 231: Strategy Beyond Markets: Challenges and Opportunities in Developing Economies (MBA Course)

... **April, 2019 - June, 2019**

- Incorporating lobbying, regulation, media and public opinion, and other non-market concepts from political economics to create a more complete business strategy, particularly in emerging markets

Stanford GSB, Stanford, California USA

Teaching Assistant for Professor Steve Callander, POLECON 230: Strategy Beyond Markets (MBA Course)

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April, 2018 - June, 2018

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April, 2020 - June, 2020

- Incorporating lobbying, regulation, media and public opinion, and other non-market concepts from political economics to create a more complete business strategy

WORK
EXPERIENCE
(NON-ACADEMIC)

Janney Montgomery Scott, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA

Capital Markets Summer Intern

June - August, 2013

- Summer Internship in Capital Markets division with two rotations in fixed income (public finance) and investment banking
- Public Finance rotation included building debt service profile of state of New Jersey, finding refinancing opportunities, and responding to Requests for Proposals. My research and analysis was submitted by Janney to the State of New Jersey.
- Investment Banking rotation included working with clients on the buy-side and sell-side for mergers and acquisitions, equity and debt offerings, and building models, memos, and presentations for clients/investors.

Aditya Birla Money Mart Ltd., Mumbai, India

Summer Intern

June - August, 2012

- Summer Internship in Portfolio Management, Financial Markets and Financial Products in Investment Research and Advisory Division of Aditya Birla Group
- Ran a portfolio simulation consisting of Indian equity, mutual funds, exchange traded funds, and other asset classes to learn about risk analysis, hedging, volatility, and diversification. Researched and carried out valuations for equities and mutual funds covered by the group.

Arizona Chess for Schools, Tucson, AZ USA

2008 - 2012

Chess Coach

- Coached Chess Club students in Green Fields Country Day School and other local chess clubs in Tucson area. Directed Chess Camps and Tournament-Preparatory workshops for competitive chess players

LEADERSHIP
EXPERIENCE &
EXTRA-
CURRICULARS

GSB Quant Grad Student Seminar

2016 - 2018

Founder and Organizer (2016 - 2017)

Co-Organizer (2017 - 2018)

- Started first seminar for GSB graduate students to present working papers, summer papers, and job market papers across quantitative fields of Economics, Political Economics, Operations and Information Technology, Quantitative Marketing, and Finance.

Princeton University Chess Club

2010 - 2014

Co-President (2011 - 2014)

Club Events Manager and Officer (2010 - 2011)

Varsity Chess Team Player

- United States Chess Federation Rating: 2013 (National Expert)

- Voted College Chess Club of the Year by United States Chess Federation (2013) when Co-President
- Organized lectures such as “Mathematics in Chess” by Problem-Solving Grandmaster and World Champion, Harvard Professor Noam Elkies
- Coordinated weekly Chess Club meetings and arrange official invitational USCF-rated college team tournaments

Tabla (Indian Drums)

Solo, Accompaniment, Fusion Concert Performer and Instructor **1998 - Present**

- Performed over 50 concerts in Arizona, California, Mumbai, Pune, and New Jersey
- Most important concerts include:
 - Accompanied legendary sitar maestro Padmashri Ustad Shahid Parvez at Taplin Auditorium in Fine Hall, Princeton University (concert sponsored by Princeton Music Department and Program in South Asian Studies) [April 2012]
 - Accompanied legendary sitar maestro Padmashri Ustad Shahid Parvez in Kerr Cultural Center in Phoenix (concert sponsored by Arizona Commission on Arts and Indo-American Cultural Connect) [April 2012]
 - Performed solo at Gurupournima Festival, Mumbai India [July 2008]
- Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/thakurtabla/>

LANGUAGE SKILLS Fluency in Marathi and Hindi; Conversational fluency in Spanish

REFERENCES

Prof. Steven Callander (Co-Advisor)

The Herbert Hoover Professor of Public and Private Management. Professor of Political Economy. Stanford University, Graduate School of Business
 sjc@stanford.edu

Prof. Alvin Roth (Co-Advisor)

The Craig and Susan McCaw Professor of Economics
 Stanford University, Department of Economics
 alroth@stanford.edu

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 Stanford University, Graduate School of Business
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