# MITALI ROY MATHUR PH.D. CANDIDATE

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EDUCATION	University of California, Davis Ph.D. in Economics	California, USA 2027 (expected)
	University of California, Davis M.A. in Economics	California, USA 2023
	Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service B.S. in International Economics	Washington D.C., USA 2019
	Minor in Mandarin Chinese; Certificate in International Development	
Working Papers	1. Government Scheme Overload: Take-up and Targeting in a Multi-Scheme Context	
	2. Uncertainty and Frictions in Gig Work: Evidence via Conditional Income Guarantees (with Aleksander Michuda and Shotaro Nakumura)	
	3. Ahead with H-4 EAD: The Impacts of Expanding Access to Employment to High-Skilled Female Immigrants	
	4. The Diversity of Conference Presenters in Virtual and In-Person Conferences (with Jenna Stearns and Keer Yang)	
Publications	1. K. Nagpal, <b>M.Mathur</b> , A. Biswas, and A. Fraker, "Who do Phone Surveys Miss, and How to Reduce Exclusion: Recommendations from Phone Surveys in Nine Indian States." BMJ Global Health, August 2021.	
Awards & Honors	CEGA Development Economics Challenge Full-scale study award (\$18,800)	2025
	IDinsight Digital Economy Research & Impact Initiative Full-scale study award (\$200,000); with Michuda and Nakumura	2024
	CEGA Development Economics Challenge Pilot study award (\$7,000)	2024
	J-PAL Social Protection Initiative Travel/Scoping award (\$5,175)	2024
	Academic Female Finance Committee Research award (\$19,750); with Stearns and Yang	2023
Service	Graduate Student Association (UC Davis)  President	2023 - 2025
	Economics of Migration, Junior Seminar Series Co-organizer	2024 - Present
	Development Seminar (UC Davis) Co-organizer	2024 - Present
	Applied Microeconomics Lunchtime Talk (UC Davis) Co-organizer	2024 - Present

Research & Work Fxperience

## University of California, Davis | California, USA

2023 - 2025

Graduate Student Researcher for Prof. Ashish Shenoy

 Analyzed geographic data and survey data to map mobility patterns of internal migrants in Bangladesh

Graduate Student Researcher for Prof. Jenna Stearns & Keer Yang

• Web-scraped data from 27 different finance conferences to build a publicly accessible database of conference presenters and authors

#### IDinsight | New Delhi, India

2019 - 2021

Junior Economist (formerly Associate and Sr. Associate)

- Managed the design, implementation, and analysis of 15 monitoring and evaluation exercises, 2 RCTs, and 1 process evaluation, reaching over 100,000 beneficiaries
- Advised government partners and multilateral stakeholders on data strategy, sampling design, data quality, and program improvements
- Spearheaded internal initiatives to automate data collection processes involving generating data pipelines, building dashboards, designing performance indexes, and creating an internal website for knowledge management

#### Georgetown University GUI2DE | Nairobi, Kenya

2018

Summer Research Assistant

• Built quality systems to manage primary data collection for an RCT

#### **Institute for Development Impact** | Washington D.C., USA

2017 - 2018

Junior Consultant

• Conducted a meta-analysis of qualitative data to identify the best practices for capacity building initiatives undertaken in 15 countries

## Teaching Experience

## University of California, Davis | California, USA

2022 - Present

Teaching Assistant

- ECN 1A (Intro) Principles of Microeconomics
- ECN 1B (Intro) Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECN 101 (Upper Level) Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
- ECN 102 (Upper Level) Analysis of Economic Data
- ECN 115B (Upper Level) Economic Development
- ECN 145 (Upper Level) Transportation Economics

#### Georgetown University | Washington D.C., USA

2016 - 2019

Principles of Economics Head Tutor Teaching Assistant

• ECN 156 (Upper Level) - Poverty & Inequality

#### Presentations

Applied Micro Lunchtime Talks (UC Davis), Development Tea (UC Davis)

2024 - 2025

The World Bank Group's Development Impact Evaluation Group; SurveyCTO

2020 - 2021

## Articles & Blogs

- 1. M. Mathur, "Second Year Shenanigans." Personal Blog. September 2024.
- 2. M. Mathur, "Flourishing in the First Year." Personal Blog. August 2023.
- 3. R. LuSava, C.H. Huang, B. Brockman, Y. Mkandawire, and M. Mathur, "How Behavioral "Nudges" can Improve COVID-19 Self-Reporting." IDinsight Blog. October 2022.
- 4. **M. Mathur** and L. Biswal, "How is the Survey Gig going? Understanding the Gender Dynamics of Surveyor Work in India." IDinsight Blog. August 2022.
- 5. **M. Mathur**, "Why IDinsight is Investing in Building Data Systems for Primary Data Collection Activities." IDinsight Blog. February 2022.
- 6. **M. Mathur** and S. More, "5 Steps to Constructing a Composite Data Quality Index to Assess Overall Surveyor Performance." IDinsight Blog. November 2021.
- 7. **M. Mathur**, "Reflections on Reaching Women Over the Phone in Rural India." IDinsight Blog. August 2020.
- 8. M. Mathur and P. Kumar, "Daily Practices to Optimize Remote Survey Teams." IDinsight Blog. June 2020.
- 9. M. Mathur, P. Kumar, S. McDonough, and L. Rametse, "How to Ensure Productivity and Data Quality for a Phone Survey at Scale." IDinsight Blog. June 2020.
- 10. M. Mathur, P. Kumar, S. McDonough, and L. Rametse, "How to Hire and Train a Phone Survey Team." IDinsight Blog. June 2020.
- 11. **M. Mathur**, "How to Identify the Best Length and Time for a Phone Survey." IDinsight Blog. April 2020.
- 12. M. Mathur, "3 Steps to Designing an Effective Phone Survey that Reaches Respondents." IDinsight Blog. April 2020.

Personal

Languages: English (Native), Hindi (Proficient), Mandarin Chinese (Proficient), Bengali (Basic)

#### Technology:

Advanced: Stata, R, and SurveyCTO

Intermediate: Python, Nvivo, and Apache Superset

Experience: SQL, Big Query, Tableau, and React Javascript

Activities: Ultimate Frisbee, Odissi dance, Debate, Grilling, Scuba diving, Hiking, Traveling

Work Authorizations: USA (Citizen), India (Overseas Citizen of India)