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## Employment

Economist, Bureau of Economics, Federal Trade Commission 2023–

## Education

*Ph.D.*, Economics, University of California, Davis 2023  
Visiting *Ph.D.* student, University of Copenhagen 2023  
*Master of Science*, Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science 2016  
*Bachelor of Arts*, Economics, Dartmouth College 2013

## Research Fields

Primary Fields: Development, Energy and Environment  
Secondary Fields: Labor, Industrial Organization

## Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, UC Davis 2020-2021  
Energy Economics, undergraduate  
Development Economics, undergraduate  
Industrial Organization, undergraduate

## Working Papers

Shotaro Nakamura and Rizki Siregar *Distributional and productivity implications of regulating casual Labor: Evidence from ridesharing in Indonesia.*

Shotaro Nakamura, Syed Ali Hasanain and Adeel Tariq. *Spillovers under Information and Search Frictions: Experimental Evidence from an Online Platform in Pakistan.*

Isra Imtiaz, Shotaro Nakamura, Sanval Nasim, and Arman Rezaee. *Beliefs, signal quality, and information sources: Experimental evidence on air quality in Pakistan.*

## Ongoing Projects

Collin Weigel and Shotaro Nakamura *Transaction costs in adapting to air pollution: Experimental evidence from California*

Debasish Das and Shotaro Nakamura *Distributional consequences of pre-paid electricity metering: Evidence from Dhaka.*

## Grants

Shotaro Nakamura (PI), Matthew Gibson, Fatiq Nadeem, Sanval Nasim, and Arman Rezaee (Co-PIs). *Belief Formation, Signal Quality, and Information Sources: Experimental Evidence on Air Quality from Pakistan*, 2022. International Growth Centre (IGC) PAK-22039. GBP 20,000.

Sanval Nasim (PI), Matthew Gibson, Shotaro Nakamura, and Arman Rezaee (Co-PIs). *Belief Formation, Signal Quality, and Information Sources: Experimental Evidence on Air Quality from Pakistan*, 2021. International Growth Centre (IGC) PAK-21105. GBP 15,000.

Girija Bahety, Castro Gichuki, and Shotaro Nakamura *Do Community Currencies Induce “Social” Transactions and Enterprise Development?*, 2021. Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL). GBP 4,000.

Travel and Research Grants, Department of Economics, UC Davis,

2018, 2021, 2022

### Presentations

2023 (scheduled): Eastern Economic Association conference (AERE sessions)

2023: World Bank DIME-KDI Development Impact Conference, The Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop, International Growth Centre, EEA-ESEM Barcelona 2023, Universitas Indonesia, National Team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction of the Indonesian Government (TNP2K), Nordic Conference in Development Economics (NCDE), University of Copenhagen, JADE/CEPR/TIME/CIRJE Development Economics Conference, Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), J-PAL MENA, Institut Mines-Télécom, Federal Trade Commission

2022: Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale (Y-RISE) Conference, North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Conference on Digital Experimentation (CODE@MIT), Tokyo Labor Economics Workshop, Conference on Applied Development Economic at the Lahore School of Economics, Advances with Field Experiments

### Refereeing

Journal of Environmental Economics and Management

### Additional Research Experiences

Research Assistant, Prof. Arman Rezaee, UC Davis	2018-2019
Research Assistant, Profs. Erich Muehlegger and David Rapson, UC Davis	2018-2019
Research Assistant (full-time pre-doc), Prof. Nava Ashraf, HBS and LSE	2014-2015, 2016-2017
Research Analyst, Harvard Graduate School of Education	2013-2014
Research Assistant, Profs. Bruce Sacerdote and Sandip Sukhtankar, Dartmouth College	2010-2013

### Awards and Honors

Bilinski Educational Foundation Dissertation Writing Fellowship, UC Davis	2022-2023
Dean's Distinguished Graduate Fellowship, UC Davis	2017-2022
Dean's Summer Graduate Fellowship, UC Davis	2020
Departmental Honors, Economics, Dartmouth College	2013

### Software and Languages

Stata, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, SQL

English (fluent) Japanese (native), French (intermediate), Portuguese (intermediate)

### References

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