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Professor of Economics and Senior Fellow at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research

Bio

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Economics
- Senior Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Stanford University, (2013- present)
- Postdoctorial Researcher, Microsoft Research, New England, (2012-2013)
- Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research ((NBER), (2014- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Empirical Microeconomists' Jamboree, Duke University (2014)
- Phaal Curry Monster, Naga Jolokia ghost chili curry (2012)
- Graduate Student Fund Award, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) (2011)
- Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation (2007-2011)
- Sanford S. Parker Prize, Columbia University (2007)
- Phi Beta Kappa (inducted as a junior), Columbia University (2006)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Affiliate, Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) (2014 - present)
- Affiliate, Theoretical Research in Development Economics (ThReD) (2013 - present)
- Affiliate, Stanford Institute for Economic and Policy Research (SIEPR) (2013 - present)
- Referee, AEJ: Applied Economics
- Referee, AEJ: Microeconomics
- Referee, American Economics Review
- Referee, American Journal of Political Science
- Referee, Econometrica
- Referee, Economic Development and Cultural Change
- Referee, Economic Journal
- Referee, Journal of Agricultural Economics
- Referee, Journal of Development Economics

- Referee, Journal of Econometrics
- Referee, Journal of the European Economic Association
- Referee, Journal of Economic Theory
- Referee, Journal of Finance
- Referee, Journal of Health Economics
- Referee, Journal of Labor Economics
- Referee, Journal of Political Economy
- Referee, Journal of Public Economics
- Referee, PLoS One
- Referee, Quantitative Economics
- Referee, Quarterly Journal of Economics
- Referee, Review of Economic Studies
- Referee, Science
- Reviewer, National Science Foundation and Program Committee Member for EC (2013 - 2013)
- Reviewer, National Science Foundation and Program Committee Member for EC (2014 - 2014)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology , Economics (2012)
- B.A., Columbia University , Mathematics (2007)

LINKS

- Chandrasekhar Website: https://web.stanford.edu/~arungc/

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Development Economics I: ECON 214 (Aut)
- Development Economics III: ECON 217 (Spr)
- Development Seminar: ECON 315 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Economic Development, Microfinance, and Social Networks: ECON 125 (Spr)
- Third-Year Seminar: ECON 300 (Aut, Spr)

2025-26

- Development Economics I: ECON 214 (Aut)
- Development Economics III: ECON 217 (Spr)
- Development Seminar: ECON 315 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Economic Development, Microfinance, and Social Networks: ECON 125 (Spr)
- Third-Year Seminar: ECON 300 (Aut, Spr)

2024-25

- Development Economics III: ECON 216 (Spr)
- Development Seminar: ECON 315 (Aut, Win, Spr)

- Economic Development, Microfinance, and Social Networks: ECON 125 (Spr)
- Social and Economic Networks: ECON 291 (Win)
- Third-Year Seminar: ECON 300 (Aut, Spr)

2023-24

- Development Economics III: ECON 216 (Spr)
- Development Seminar: ECON 315 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Economic Development, Microfinance, and Social Networks: ECON 125 (Spr)
- Social and Economic Networks: ECON 291 (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Monia Tomasella

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Camilla Cherubini, Ben Davies, Sahana Subramanyam, Anna Vdovina

Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

Sumhith Aradhyula, Joao Francisco Pugliese, Eva Lestant

Postdoctoral Research Mentor

Kailash Rajah

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **The Diffusion of Microfinance** *SCIENCE*
  Banerjee, A., Chandrasekhar, A. G., Duflo, E., Jackson, M. O.
  2013; 341 (6144): 363-?