

# TEACHING STATEMENT

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## **Academic Teaching at Darden Business School, University of Virginia**

Teaching has been the cornerstone of my motivation to be an academic. Since my arrival at the Darden Business School in 2019, I have taught the core course in Economics that is taken by all incoming MBA students, as well as designed a new elective course.

The core course in Economics develops frameworks to understand factors that affect economic growth and development in the long- and short-run. These frameworks help students understand how domestic and global shocks can affect economies and how stabilization policies (fiscal and monetary policies) can respond to them. I have continued to receive outstanding evaluations from students with course ratings between 4.8-4.95 out of 5, which are one of the highest across all instructors teaching core modules.

I have also independently developed an elective on “India in the Global Economy” that is offered to second-year students. It exposes MBA students to the entrepreneurial and business landscape of India and includes topics on digitization, MNC business strategies, bureaucratic interaction and policy regulation, off-shoring and re-shoring of services, etc. It also examines India’s role as an important voice in the global economic conversation. The course nicely complements another elective on “China in the Global Economy”. It has been hugely popular with the students, with enrolments more than doubling over the first two years that it was offered, and with a rating of around 4.8 out of 5.

In appreciation of my teaching, I was nominated by the students for an “Outstanding Faculty Award” in just my third year at Darden. I was also one of the finalists to be chosen as a “Faculty Marshall”—a rare honor where students vote for a Faculty member to lead them during their graduation ceremony at UVA. A leading business media outlet, Business Because, also selected me as an “MBA Professor to Look Out For” alongside 20 professors across in the US, who were featured as rising stars in the MBA world.

## **Invited Academic Teaching and Workshops**

Apart from Darden, I have been invited to teach courses in other institutions as well, and most notably by the Economics Department at Yale. I had the rare opportunity to design and teach two courses for the flagship M.A. in International and Development Economics at Yale University as a Ph.D. student, namely Economics of Poverty Alleviation and Growth and Macroeconomics. Given the outstanding ratings, I was invited to teach the latter course again in Fall 2020.

Apart from academic courses at Universities, I have been invited to teach shorter academic workshops and Summer Schools as well, alongside other leading academics across the world. In particular, I have taught courses in Designing Randomized Experiments and Industrial Policy in India for the 2nd and 3rd Summer School in Development Economics, organized by the International Growth Centre (IGC) and managed by the London School of Economics and University of Oxford.

I was also invited to teach these courses for the 5th, 6th and 7th Summer School organized by the Indian Statistical Institute (New Delhi) in partnership with IGC from 2019-2021.

Lastly, I have been regularly invited by J-PAL to lead their flagship training programs on Monitoring and Evaluation Course for the Indian Economic Services, Executive Education Courses, and Staff Training for J-PAL and IPA in South Asia.

## **Student Advising**

In my short time at Darden, I have advised two graduate students, who are now placed as Post-Doctoral Fellows at the Woods Institute at Stanford University and at Harvard's Evidence for Policy Design, working with leading academics from these universities. I am currently advising two promising graduate students as well. Over the course of my professional career, I have worked with numerous Research Assistants and Master's Students, who I have mentored and provided references for, and are currently enrolled in Economics and Public Policy graduate programs in leading universities like Duke, Brown, Northwestern, Yale, University of Maryland, etc.