

Namrata Kala

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Academic Employment

W. Maurice Young (1961) Career Development Professor of Management and an Assistant Professor in Applied Economics, MIT Sloan School of Management (Fall 2017-present)

Prize Fellowship in Economics, History and Politics (Harvard University) and Postdoctoral Fellowship at Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) (2015 to 2017)

Education

PhD, Environmental Economics, Yale University (December 2015)

MA International and Development Economics, Yale University

BA (honors) Economics, Delhi University

Affiliations

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research

Research Affiliate, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development

Research Affiliate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Research Affiliate, International Growth Center (IGC)

Faculty Affiliate, MIT Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research (CEEPR)

Research Affiliate, Center for History and Economics, Harvard University

Published/Accepted Papers

- 1) Adhvaryu, Achyuta, Namrata Kala, and Anant Nyshadham. "The Light and the Heat: Productivity Co-benefits of Energy-Saving Technology." No. w24314. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2018. (accepted, Review of Economics and Statistics)
- 2) Adhvaryu, Achyuta, Namrata Kala, and Anant Nyshadham. "Booms, Busts, and Household Enterprise: Evidence from Coffee Farmers in Tanzania." Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan (2013). (accepted, World Bank Economic Review)

- 3) Kala, Namrata, Pradeep Kurukulasuriya, and Robert Mendelsohn. "The Impact of Climate Change on Agro-ecological Zones: Evidence from Africa." *Environment and Development Economics* 17.6 (2012): 663-687. (author order is by contribution)
- 4) Kurukulasuriya, Pradeep, Namrata Kala, and Robert Mendelsohn. "Adaptation and Climate Change Impacts: a Structural Ricardian Model of Irrigation and Farm Income in Africa." *Climate Change Economics* 2.02 (2011): 149-174. (author order is by contribution)
- 5) Fenske, James, and Namrata Kala. "Climate and the Slave Trade." *Journal of Development Economics* 112 (2015): 19-32.
- 6) Fenske, James, and Namrata Kala. "1807: Economic Shocks, Conflict and the Slave Trade." *Journal of Development Economics* 126 (2017): 66-76.

Working Papers

- 1) "The Impacts of Managerial Autonomy on Firm Outcomes"
- 2) "Learning, Adaptation and Climate Uncertainty: Evidence from Indian Agriculture" (previously circulated as "Ambiguity Aversion and Learning in a Changing World: The Potential Effects of Climate Change from Indian Agriculture")
- 3) "The Skills to Pay the Bills: Returns to On-the-job Soft Skills Training" with Achyuta Adhvaryu and Anant Nyshadham
- 4) "Linguistic Distance and Market Integration in India" with James Fenske
- 5) "Management and Shocks to Worker Productivity" with Achyuta Adhvaryu and Anant Nyshadham
- 6) "Fetal Origins of Mental Health: Evidence from Africa" with Achyuta Adhvaryu, James Fenske, and Anant Nyshadham

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

- 1) Prize Fellowship in Economics, History, and Politics, Harvard University, 2015-2017
- 2) American Economic Review (AER) Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2018
- 3) Yale University Dissertation Fellowship, 2009-2014

Grants

Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative, Spring 2019 (with Julieta Caunedo)

Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative, Spring 2019 (with Kelsey Jack, Seema Jayachandran and Rohini Pande)

Cash Transfers for Child Health Initiative, 2019 (with Kelsey Jack, Seema Jayachandran and Rohini Pande)

J-PAL Post Primary Education (PPE) Pilot Grant (with Maddie McKelway), 2019

J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative Pilot Grant (with Supreet Kaur and Aprajit Mahajan), 2019

MIT Energy Initiative Seed Grant (with Chris Knittel), 2019

MIT Sloan Junior Faculty Research Assistance Program (JFRAP) Grant, Fall 2018

The Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics (with Michael Gechter, Penn State University), Harvard University, Fall 2018

International Growth Center (IGC) India Program (with Julieta Caunedo, Cornell University) Fall 2018

International Growth Center (IGC) Program (with Shefali Khanna, Harvard University), Fall 2018

The Competitiveness Policy Evaluation Lab (ComPEL) Impact Evaluation Implementation Grant, World Bank (with Guignonan Serge Adjognon, Kelsey Jack, and Saahil Karpe), Fall 2017

The Competitiveness Policy Evaluation Lab (ComPEL) Pilot Funding, World Bank (with Guignonan Serge Adjognon, Kelsey Jack, and Saahil Karpe), Fall 2017

Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL) PhD Exploratory Grant, Spring 2013

IGC India Central Program (with Achyuta Adhvaryu and Anant Nyshadham), Fall 2013

Referee Service

American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Science, American Economic Journal: Applied, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of the European Economic Association, National Science Foundation, The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) Governance Initiative Grant Proposals, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Economic Growth, International Economic Review, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic History Review, Environment and Development Economics, Journal of African Economies, Climate Change Economics, Social Science Quarterly, Climatic Change, Weather Climate and Society, World Bank Economic Review, The Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Economics Letters, World Bank Development Impact Evaluation (DIME) Group Grant Proposals, The Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative (ATAI) Grant Proposals

Grant Review Committees

PEDL Major Grant Committee (2018), PEDL Exploratory Grants Program Special Call on Climate and Social Compliance (2019)