

Janhavi Nilekani

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EDUCATION:

Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, USA '10-'11, '12-present

Ph.D. Candidate in Public Policy

Expected Completion Date: May 2016

Coursework: Doctoral Research Seminars, Microeconomics, Probability and Statistics, Econometrics, Econometric Methods, Applied Econometrics, Development Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Environmental Economics and Policy Seminar, Public Economics, Analytical Frameworks for Policy, Politics and Economics, Institutions Theory

Fields: Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Institutions Theory

Yale University, New Haven, USA '06-'10

Bachelor of Arts *cum laude* in Economics (with distinction) and International Studies (with distinction).

Cumulative GPA: 3.79/4.00, GRE: Verbal 740, Quantitative 800, Analytical Writing 5.0

London School of Economics, London, UK Summer '08

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Research Associate, Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) South Asia '11-'12

- Delhi-based Research Associate on a joint project between J-PAL and the Indian government to design and evaluate a pilot emissions trading scheme using a randomized controlled trial.
- Designed baseline survey instrument in collaboration with research team and technical consultants
- Performed data management and analysis to select project participants

Research Assistant for Professor Thad Dunning, Yale University '08-'10

Research Assistant for Professor Mushfiq Mobarak, Yale University '09

Summer Research Analyst, Godrej Consumer Products Ltd., India '07

RESEARCH:

Publications:

Dunning, Thad and Janhavi Nilekani. 2013. "Ethnic Quotas and Political Mobilization: Caste, Parties, and Distribution in Indian Village Councils." *American Political Science Review* 107.1: 35-56.

Works in Progress:

“Evaluating the Impact of Indian Vehicle Emissions Standards on Urban Local Air Pollution”

“Lower Pollution, Longer Lives: Life Expectancy Gains if India Reduced Particulate Matter to Air-Quality Standards” with Michael Greenstone, Rohini Pande, Nicholas Ryan, Anant Sudarshan, and Anish Sugathan.

“Evaluating Potential Particulate Matter Control Policies for Indian Industrial Plants” with Michael Greenstone, Rohini Pande, Nicholas Ryan, and Anant Sudarshan.

Other papers:

“Reservation for Women in Karnataka Gram Panchayats: The Implications of Non-Random Reservation and the Effect of Women Leaders”. Economics Senior Essay, Yale University, 2010. Awarded the Ronald Meltzer/Cornelia Awdziejewicz Economic Award.

“India’s Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and Female Workers: How to Maximize the Benefits for Women”. International Studies Senior Essay, Yale University, 2010.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS:

Giorgio Ruffolo Doctoral Research Fellow in Sustainability Science, Harvard University, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015

Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Harvard Environmental Economics Program, 2010- present

Ronald Meltzer/Cornelia Awdziejewicz Economic Award for Economics senior essay, Yale University, 2010

Latin Honors Roll, Yale College, 2010

Distinction in the Major, Economics Department, Yale College, 2010

Distinction in the Major, International Studies Department, Yale College, 2010

James Tobin Summer Research Opportunity Award, Yale University, 2009

Development and Democracy Fellowship, Yale University, 2008

OTHER:

Software: Stata, MATLAB, LaTeX

Languages: Hindi (Fluent), Marathi (Conversational), Kannada (Conversational)

Citizenship: India