

Professional Bio

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He has published research article in the Journal of Income and Wealth published by the Indian Association for Research in National Income and Wealth, authored a book chapter published by Bloomsbury India, and contributed working papers and policy briefs on international trade and economic policy. His research has been presented at national and international conferences, including the 42nd IARNIW Conference and the 23rd AIB South Asia Conference.

List of Publications

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