

Prashant Garg

Economist working on science, innovation, production, and media using machine learning, causal inference, and network science.

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Education

PhD in Economics (incl. MRes, Distinction) · Imperial College London 2022–2026

BSc Economics · Cardiff University 2018

First-class honours; Helen Robinson Memorial Prize for the highest score in microeconomic theory.

International Baccalaureate · GD Goenka World School, Gurgaon 2015

Chairman's Award for the highest overall score in the school (43/45), 99th percentile globally.

Affiliations

Research Associate · University of Cambridge current

Associate Fellow · INET Oxford current

PhD Economics · Imperial College London past

Postdoctoral Researcher (from Sept 2026) · Bocconi University incoming

Publications & Working Papers

PUBLISHED

Political Expression of Academics on Twitter

with Thiemo Fetzer · Nature Human Behaviour · 2025

Local Decline and Populism

with Thiemo Fetzer, Jacob Edenhofer · Economics Letters · 2025

FORTHCOMING

Uneven Patterns of Cross-Border Media Coverage Following Natural Disasters

with Thiemo Fetzer · Nature Human Behaviour (Forthcoming)

R&R

AI Health Advice Accuracy Varies Across Languages and Contexts

with Thiemo Fetzer · BMJ Health & Care Informatics (R&R)

WORKING

Global Automation Atlas

with Tommaso Crosta, Jasmin Baier

Causal Claims in Economics

with Thiemo Fetzer

What Should Economics Ask Next?

Solo-authored

Politicized Scientists: Credibility Cost of Political Expression on Twitter

with Eleonora Alabrese, Francesco Capozza

AI-Generated Production Networks: Measurement and Applications to Global Trade

with Thiemo Fetzer, Peter John Lambert, Bennet Feld

Simple Contagion Drives Population-Scale Platform Migration

with Dorian Quelle, Frederic Denker, Alexandre Bovet

★ Best Student Paper, NetSciSci2025

(How) Do Health Shocks Reallocate Research Direction?

with Hongyu Zhou, Thiemo Fetzer

ESSAY

Mapping Bob Dylan's Mind

Solo-authored · Aeon · arXiv

Awards

Best Student Paper · NetSciSci2025 2025

For "Simple Contagion Drives Population-Scale Platform Migration".

Helen Robinson Memorial Prize · Cardiff University 2018

Highest score in microeconomic theory.

Teaching

Mini-course: Retrieving and Generating Data using LLMs · C-SEB / ECONtribute, 2025
University of Cologne

Research & Teaching Assistant · Imperial College London 2019–2021

Executive MBA managerial economics; MSc Economics & Strategy for Business (digital economics & strategy); BPES managerial and business economics.

Experience

Visiting Researcher · University of Cambridge, Computer Science Department 2025–

Hosted by Neil Lawrence.

Visiting Researcher · International Finance Corporation (IFC), Paris / 2024–
Washington DC 2025

Economics Research Unit; hosted by Ralf Martin.

Talks (61)

2026

- 4 Dec 2026 Universitat de València Seminar · València
- 11 Jun 2026 Oxford INET Meeting · Oxford
- 13–14 Apr 2026 MPWZ–CEPR Text-as-Data · Virtual
- 12 Mar 2026 MIT FutureTech Seminar · Virtual
- 20 Jan 2026 CMA Seminar · London
- 15 Jan 2026 U.S. International Trade Commission · Virtual

2025

- 5–8 Dec 2025 CEPR Paris Symposium — Growth Programme · Paris
- 20 Nov 2025 Long-Run Productivity Conference · Cambridge
- 12 Nov 2025 AYEW Big Data/ML Workshop · Virtual
- 11 Nov 2025 Imperial Finance Seminar · London
- 7 Nov 2025 Oxford Behavioural Group Seminar · Oxford
- 28 Oct 2025 C-SEB / ECONtribute Mini Course · Cologne
- 28 Oct 2025 University of Cologne Seminar · Cologne
- 24–25 Oct 2025 CESifo Area Conference on Behavioural Economics · Munich
- 9 Oct 2025 Imperial Economics Seminar · London
- 30 Sep 2025 LSE POID/PRINZ Seminar · London
- 15–16 Sep 2025 MPWZ–CEPR Text-as-Data · Virtual
- 15 Aug 2025 LSE QueerConf · London
- 7 Jul 2025 Public Governance Workshop, PSL · Virtual
- 1–2 Jul 2025 RES Annual Conference · Birmingham
- 30 Jun 2025 Metascience 2025 · London
- 19 Jun 2025 Imperial Economics Seminar · London
- 10–11 Jun 2025 Text as Data in Behavioural Economics · Potsdam
- 2–6 Jun 2025 Networks in Science of Science · Maastricht
- 29–31 May 2025 EAYE Annual Meeting · London
- 27 May 2025 University of Groningen · Groningen
- 21 May 2025 AYEW · Virtual
- 20 May 2025 ZBW Seminar · Hamburg
- 15–16 May 2025 LSE–IGC Environmental Populism Conference · London
- 8–9 May 2025 Economics of Media Bias Workshop · Frankfurt
- 8 May 2025 Workshop for Ukraine (charity) · Virtual
- 28–29 Apr 2025 MPWZ–CEPR Text-as-Data · Virtual
- 11 Apr 2025 AERE @ OSWEET · Virtual

7–8 Apr 2025 PolMeth Europe · London
13 Mar 2025 Text-as-Data (TaDa) Seminar · Virtual
3 Mar 2025 OECD Trade Seminar · Virtual
Feb 2025 HM Treasury · London
8–11 Jan 2025 STEG Annual Conference · Oxford

2024

12–18 Dec 2024 CEPR Paris Symposium · Paris
4 Dec 2024 RES PhD Conference · Portsmouth
25 Nov 2024 Leibniz Open Science Day · Berlin
18–19 Nov 2024 UniBZ Political Economy Workshop · Bruneck
6 Nov 2024 AYEW AI/Alternative Data Workshop · Virtual
5–6 Nov 2024 Causal Data Science Meeting · Virtual
25 Oct 2024 Cambridge Janeway Networks Workshop · Cambridge
17–18 Oct 2024 3rd KIEL–CEPR Conference on Geoeconomics · Berlin
10 Oct 2024 Imperial Internal Seminar · London
5–6 Sep 2024 Advances with Field Experiments (AFE) · London
25 Aug 2024 EUR–CEPR Trade, Geography and IO Workshop · Amsterdam
13–14 Jun 2024 7th CESifo Doctoral Workshop on Economics of Digitization · Munich
16–17 May 2024 QPE Early Career Workshop · London
19 Apr 2024 Workshop on Political Economy of Environmental Policy · Stockholm
25–27 Mar 2024 RES Annual Conference · Belfast
24–25 Jan 2024 PhD Workshop in Networks and Political Economy · Paris

2023

24 Nov 2023 2nd Digital Economy Network · Cambridge
1 Nov 2023 AYEW AI/Text-as-Data Workshop · Virtual
18–19 Sep 2023 6th MWZ Text-as-Data Workshop · Virtual
21–23 Jun 2023 XII IBEO Workshop in Complexity Economics · Corte, Corsica
25 May 2023 5th QMUL Economics and Finance Workshop · London
27–29 Mar 2023 RES Easter Training School · Bristol
13 Jan 2023 Warwick PhD Conference · Warwick