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EDUCATION

- University of Cambridge** Cambridge, UK
PhD, Management Studies (Quantitative Marketing) 2022 – 2026 (expected)
- Thesis: *Markets at the Margins: Marketing and Entrepreneurship in Emerging Markets*
 - Supervisor: Prof. Jaideep Prabhu; Co-Advisor: Prof. Ahmed Khwaja
- University of Cambridge** Cambridge, UK
MPhil, Strategy, Marketing and Operations (Marketing Strategy) 2021 – 2022
- Commonwealth Master's Scholarship; First Division
 - Thesis: Capital-centric opportunities for skill training of nano-entrepreneurs
- University of Delhi, Delhi School of Economics** Delhi, India
MCom, Department of Commerce 2017 – 2019
- 78.85%; Distinction
- University of Delhi, Shri Ram College of Commerce** Delhi, India
BCom (Hons) 2014 – 2017
- 87.59%; High Distinction, among the top 0.08%; Mitsubishi Scholar 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Marketing and Entrepreneurship in Emerging Markets, Small Business Growth, Innovation, Applied Econometrics.

WORKING PAPERS

- **Gupta-Rawal, S.**, Khwaja, A., Prabhu, J. *Matches are Not Made in Heaven: Two-sided Matching and Engagement on Digital Platforms for Business Mentoring – Evidence from Indonesia*
- **Gupta-Rawal, S.** *Advice at Scale: Insights from Mentor and Micro-entrepreneur Profiles Across Twenty Emerging Economies.*
- **Gupta-Rawal, S.**, Kattuman, P., Corrado, L., Prabhu, J. *Signals from Space, Decisions on Farms: Digital Leapfrogging for Agricultural Productivity, Climate Resilience & Sustainability* (Ivey-PhD Sustainability Academy Best Paper Award).
- Hassan, M., **Gupta-Rawal, S.**, Vassello, J., Prabhu, J. *Shattering the Invisible Chains: Social Constraints and Supplier Dependency of Women Entrepreneurs in Egypt.*

PUBLICATIONS

- Corrado, L., **Gupta-Rawal, S.**, Kattuman, P., & Prabhu, J. (2026) *Democratizing Space: Global Lessons from India's Frugal Innovation. PNAS Opinion*, 123(8): e2514657123. DOI: 10.1073/pnas.2514657123.
- Gupta, S., **Gupta-Rawal, S.**, & Shrivastava, P. (2025) *Dynamic AI-embedded Super App: A Design-Based Process Innovation towards Customer Engagement and Value Creation. Journal of Product Innovation Management*, 43(1), 99–124. DOI: 10.1111/jpim.70009.
- Gupta, S., Shrivastava, P., & **Gupta-Rawal, S.** (2023). *More the Merrier!! Understanding the effect of available content choices over willingness to pay for over-the-top subscriptions. Psychology & Marketing*, 40(12), 2612–2626. DOI: 10.1002/mar.21895
- **Gupta-Rawal, S.**, & Jeyaraj, A. (2021). *Online-to-Offline (O2O) Commerce in Emerging Markets: Analysis of the Retail Sector. Journal of Asia-Pacific Business*, 22(4), 260–278. DOI: 10.1080/10599231.2021.1983501

TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2024–2026: MBA Teaching Assistant — *MBA14: Managing Innovation Strategically* (Prof. Jeremy Hutchison-Krupat), University of Cambridge.
- 2025–2026: Executive MBA Course Coordinator — *EMBA10: Marketing Management* (Prof. Eden Yin & Dominique Lauga), University of Cambridge (Teaching Score: 4.7/5).
- 2025–2026: Global MBA Course Coordinator — *GEMBA10: Marketing Management* (Prof. Eden Yin & Dominique Lauga), University of Cambridge (Teaching Score: 4.4/5).
- 2023–2025: MBA Teaching Assistant — *MBA96 Marketing & Innovation in Emerging Economies* (Prof. Jaideep Prabhu), University of Cambridge (Teaching Score: 4.5/5).
- 2025–2026: Undergraduate Supervisor — *3E2: Marketing, Engineering Department* (Undergraduate Honours), University of Cambridge (Teaching Score: 4.5/5).
- 2023–2025: Undergraduate Supervisor — *MS6: Marketing, Management Studies Tripos* (Undergraduate Honours), Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge.
- 2023–2024: Supervisor — *BME Shadow Scheme*, Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge.
- 2019–2021: MBA Teaching & Research Assistant — *MBA Decoding Customer Engagement* (Prof. Shaphali Gupta), MICA, India.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

- President, Bridges for Enterprise, Cambridge 2021–2024
- Fellow, Centre for Advanced Studies in Policy Research (CASPR), India 2020–2021
- Consultant, Research & Knowledge, EY Global Delivery Services, India 2018–2019

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2026–2027: PEDL PhD Grant; £25,000 (Grant ID: PEDL_LOA_101034_Gupta-Rawal)
- 2025–2026: Small Grants Award, Cambridge Judge Business School; £5,000 (Egypt female entrepreneurs project).
- 2025: Ivey-PhD Sustainability Academy Best Paper Award 2025, Beryl M. Ivey Fund; \$500.
- 2025: Emma Mildmay Award 2025, Emmanuel College; £250.
- 2024–2025: Open Innovation Team PhD Placement Scheme, UK Government (selected among 30 PhDs; award declined).
- 2023–2024: PhD Teaching Assistant Award — *MBA96: Marketing & Innovation in Emerging Markets*, CJBS.
- 2023–2024: PhD Exceptional Teaching Award — *MS6: Marketing Supervision for Management Studies Tripos*, CJBS.
- 2023–2026: Tony Cowling Memorial Research Award, Tony Cowling Foundation & CJBS (1 of 3 in the UK); £12,800.
- 2023–2024: Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University; \$5,000 (award declined).
- 2022–2025: Small Grants Award, Cambridge Judge Business School; £5,000 (Satellite project).
- 2022–2023: School of Technology Field Work Fund, University of Cambridge; £3,500.
- 2022–2023: Field Work Grant, Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge; £1,500.
- 2022–2026: Judge Business School PhD Fellowship (1 of 4 PhD admits in 2022); ~£57,000.
- 2021–2022: Commonwealth Master's Scholarship (1 student for Business in India); ~£45,000.
- 2020–2021: Harold Lasswell Scholarship, Centre for Advanced Studies in Policy Research (CASPR), India; US\$1,000.
- 2016–2017: Mitsubishi UFJ Foundation Scholarship, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi (1 of 4 in SRCC, India); US\$420.
- 2015–2017: Delhi University Innovation Project Programme — Research Grant (1 of 10 in SRCC, India); ~US\$300.
- 2013–2014: Shield for Academic Excellence & CBSE Certificate of Merit (Top 0.1%).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- *Match Frictions and Engagement: Two-sided Matching for Digital Business Mentoring in Indonesia*
 - **2026:** ISMS Marketing Science Conference, Nova School of Business and Economics, Portugal, June 2026.
 - **2026:** EMAC Main Conference & Global Doctoral Colloquium, University of Bath, UK, May 2026.
 - **2026:** AMA Global Conference, Nice, France, May 2026.
 - **2025:** SEI Research Day, Bayes Business School, London, Nov 2025.
 - **2024:** Cambridge Zero Research Symposia, Cambridge, Nov 2024.
- *Signals from Space, Decisions on Farms: Digital Leapfrogging for Agricultural Productivity, Climate Resilience & Sustainability*
 - **2025:** Ivey-PhD Sustainability Academy, Nov 2025 (Best Paper Award).
 - **2025:** 4th UK Workshop on Digital Economics, Centre for Competition Policy (CCP), Imperial London, Nov 2025.
- **2026:** *Shattering the Invisible Chains: Social Constraints and Supplier Dependency of Women Entrepreneurs in Egypt*, AMA Winter Conference, Madrid, Feb 2026.
- **2023:** *Capital-centric Opportunities for Skill Training of Microentrepreneurs in Emerging Markets*, Commonwealth Scholarship Commission Conference 2023, Cambridge.
- **2021:** *The Future is Remote — Social Impact of Telemedicine Business in Emerging Markets*, Cambridge Zero Research Symposia, Nov 2021.
- **2021:** *Super App: A Design Innovation towards Customer Engagement*, AMA Winter Academic Conference 2021.
- **2020:** *Store Promotion using Halo Effect Contamination in Consumer Decision Making*, International Communication Management Conference, MICA, Jan 2020 (Consolation Prize, Best Paper Awards).

DOCTORAL SEMINARS AND COMPETITIVE WORKSHOPS

- Ivey-PhD Sustainability Academy Fellow 2025 (Selected among 14 PhD scholars globally).
- PhD Machine Learning Seminar: Causal inference with ML (Max Farrell and Sanjog Misra), Chicago Booth School (online), Sep 2023 (fully funded).
- Marketing Strategy Seminar: MSI Marketing Strategy Doctoral Seminar, Aug–Nov 2023 (among 24 global scholars).
- Certificate Course: Manage Successful Field Research, World Bank DIME, Washington DC, Jun 2023 (fully funded).
- PhD Marketing Module: Marketing Management and Development (Rajesh Chandy and Om Narasimhan), London Business School, Dec 2022 (fully funded).

SERVICES & MEMBERSHIPS

- Data Champion, University of Cambridge (2022–2024).
- Member, Athena Swan Self-Assessment Committee, Cambridge Judge Business School (2023–2024).
- Impact Forum Coordinator, Cambridge Judge Business School (2022–2025).
- World Economic Forum Global Shaper, Cambridge (2022–2023).
- Regional Network Coordinator, Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, Cambridge (2021–2022).
- Advisory Research Intern, Grant Thornton India (2017).
- Finance Intern, Aditya Birla Money Mart (2016).
- Business Development Intern, Urban Company (2015).
- Teaching Mentor, Teach For India, Project Aakaash (2015).

ANALYTICAL SKILLS & EXPERTISE

R | Python | Machine learning | SPSS | Stata | Natural Language Processing | L^AT_EX | SurveyCTO