

# RAHUL MEHROTRA

---

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies  
Chemin Eugène-Rigot 2, CP 76, CH-1211 Geneva 21, Switzerland  
[rahul.mehrotra@graduateinstitute.ch](mailto:rahul.mehrotra@graduateinstitute.ch) - [Google Scholar](#) - [rahulmehrotra.org](http://rahulmehrotra.org)  
Languages: English, French, Hindi

## EDUCATION

---

<b>Ph.D. in Development Economics</b> Date of Ph.D. Defense: 23.10.2017 Co-supervisors: Ugo Panizza, Lore Vandewalle Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva	09.2013 - 10.2017
<b>Master in International Economics</b> Supervisor: Ugo Panizza Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva	09.2011 - 10.2013
<b>Bachelor (Honours) in Economics</b> University of Delhi, New Delhi	07.2004 - 06.2007
<b>Certificate, Predictive and Causal Machine Learning</b> Chair of Applied Econometrics and Evaluation of Public Policies, University of Fribourg	02.2021
<b>Certificate, Machine Learning (Levels: Introduction and Advanced)</b> Global School for Empirical Research Methods, University of St. Gallen	06.2019
<b>Certificate, Advanced Courses in Law and Economics</b> Study Centre Gerzensee, Swiss National Bank	06.2018

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

---

<b>Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva</b> Post-doctoral Research Fellow · Project Coordinator, Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development (r4d.ch) Scientific advisor: Gilles Carbonnier · Faculty, Department of International and Development Studies Department Chair: Davide Rodogno	10.2017 - Present
<b>National Institute for Economic Research (NIER), Lao P.D.R.</b> Visiting Researcher; Host: Sthabandith Insisienmay	03.2020 - 08.2020
<b>University of Ghana, Ghana</b> Visiting Researcher; Host: Fred Mawunyo Dzanku	09.2019 - 02.2020
<b>Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva</b> Teaching and Research Assistant; Advisor: Ugo Panizza · Course Instructor: Mathematics for Economists · Teaching Assistant: Economic Policy in Developing Countries, Statistical Methods for Social Sciences · Research Assistant: Mobile Banking in India (Co-Principal Investigator: Lore Vandewalle)	02.2014 - 08.2017
<b>Symbiotics Group S.A., Switzerland</b> Trainee, Microfinance Investment Fund Management; Advisor: Christophe Favre	05.2012 - 09.2012
<b>Gartner Consulting Inc. (previously: Corporate Executive Board), India</b> Strategic Research Analyst, Corporate Finance and Strategy Practice	09.2007 - 05.2010

## INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

---

Editor, RePEC Graduate Institute Economics Section: Working Paper Series	09.2014 - 08.2016
Department Representative, Graduate Institute Students' Association	09.2013 - 08.2014
Department Representative, Graduate Institute Teaching Assistants' Association	09.2014 - 08.2015

## APPROVED RESEARCH PROJECTS

---

<b>r4d.ch Grant</b> <i>Swiss National Science Foundation (Awarded: Chf 75,000)</i> <b>Role:</b> Principal Investigator (joint with Latdavanh Songvilay and Kinnaalone Phimmavong)	10.2022 - 04.2023
<b>r4d.ch Research Synthesis Grants</b> <i>Swiss National Science Foundation (Awarded: Chf 121,000)</i> <b>Role:</b> Co-Principal Investigator (joint with Sabin Bieri, Eva Ming and Maliphone Douangphachanh)	10.2020 - 05.2022
<b>Curbing Illicit Financial Flows from Resource-rich Countries</b> <i>Swiss National Science Foundation (Awarded: Chf 2.9 million)</i> <b>Role:</b> Lead Researcher and Project Coordinator (Principal Investigator: Gilles Carbonnier)	09.2017 - 08.2023

## ACADEMIC SUPERVISION

---

**Master Dissertation:** Kristina Enger (Second reader), Kennedy Mmasi (First reader)  
**Capstone Projects in Trade and International Finance:** 18 applied research projects with 56 students (Academic supervisor)

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

---

Capstone Applied Research Projects, Trade and International Finance (Lecturer)	02.2020 - 01.2022
Economic Policy in Developing Countries (Guest Lecturer)	03.2019
Mathematics for Economics (Course Instructor)	09.2014 - 08.2017
Economic Policy in Developing Countries (Teaching Assistant)	02.2017 - 08.2017
Statistics for Social Sciences (Teaching Assistant)	02.2014 - 08.2014

## SCIENTIFIC REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

---

Climate, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Environment and Development Economics, International Economics, International Trade Journal, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Sustainability

## ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

---

**Memberships:** American Economic Association, European Economics Association, Royal Economic Society, Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics, Swiss Political Science Association

## HONORS

---

Ph.D. Scholarship, Graduate Institute (Chf 18,000)	09.2013 - 02.2014
M.A. Scholarship, Graduate Institute (Chf 18,000)	09.2012 - 08.2013
Certificate of Merit (top-ranked student in B.A. program), University of Delhi	04.2008

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

---

<b>Quantitative Analysis:</b>	ArcGIS, MATLAB, R, Stata
<b>Type-setting and Web Design:</b>	BibLaTeX, InDesign, LaTeX, Lightroom, Wordpress
<b>Survey Programming:</b>	CsPro, Amazon M-Turk, Qualtrics

## ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

---

Research Workshop: Illicit Financial Flow Risks in Gold Trading (Role: Co-Organizer, <a href="#">Webpage here</a> )	Bern, 10.2021
Mid-term Conference: Curbing Illicit Financial Flows Project (Role: Organizer, <a href="#">Webpage here</a> )	Geneva, 02.2019
Research Workshop: Curbing Illicit Financial Flows from Ghana (Role: Co-organizer, <a href="#">Webpage here</a> )	Accra, 02.2018
Research Workshop: Curbing Illicit Financial Flows from Laos (Role: Co-organizer, <a href="#">Webpage here</a> )	Vientiane, 01.2018
Keynote Speech and Expert Panel: Deterring corruption and improving commodities trading transparency (Role: Co-organizer, <a href="#">Webpage here</a> )	Geneva, 01.2018

## RESEARCH OUTPUT

---

**Rahul Mehrotra**, Vincent Somville and Lore Vandewalle (2021), *Increasing Trust in the Bank to Enhance Savings: Experimental Evidence from India*, [Economic Development and Cultural Change](#), Volume 69, Issue 2

Laura Cyron and **Rahul Mehrotra** (2021), *Deeper Crisis, Higher Skills Demand? Impact of Financial Crises on Demand for Skills*, [Education Economics](#), DOI: 10.1080/09645292.2021.1931036

**Rahul Mehrotra** and Gilles Carbonnier (2021), *Abnormal Pricing in International Commodity Trade: Evidence from Switzerland*, [Resources Policy](#), Volume 74, December 2021

Ama Ahene-Codjoe, Angela Alu and **Rahul Mehrotra** (2021), *Abnormal Pricing in International Commodity Trading: Evidence from Ghana*, [International Economics](#), Volume 172, December 2022

**Rahul Mehrotra**, Vanthana Nolintha and Vanxay Sayavong (2021), *Abnormal Pricing in International Commodity Trade: Evidence from Lao P.D.R.*, [International Trade Journal](#), August 2022

**Rahul Mehrotra** (2020), *Contagion and Conflict: Evidence from India*, [CEPR Covid Economics, Vetted and Real-Time Papers](#) 25, 3 June 2020: 122-140

Agustin Redonda, Irma Mosquera Valderrama, Gilles Carbonnier, Robert Koopman, **Rahul Mehrotra** and Facundo Calvo (2020), *Trade Implications of Tax Expenditures*, [Policy Brief: Think20 Task Force on Trade, Investment and Growth](#)

Gilles Carbonnier and **Rahul Mehrotra** (2020). *Abnormal Pricing in Swiss Commodity Imports: Research Findings and Policy Proposals*, [R4D-IFFs Project Working Paper Series](#)

Gilles Carbonnier and **Rahul Mehrotra** (2018), *Illicit Financial Flows from Developing Countries: Conceptual Framework and Empirical Methods*, [R4D-IFFs Project Working Paper Series](#)

**Rahul Mehrotra** (2018), *Stereotypes or Prejudice: Evidence of Gender Discrimination from Rural India*, [Pre-Analysis Plan](#), Under review

## POLICY AND MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

---

Defining, Estimating and Disseminating Statistics on Illicit Financial Flows in Africa  
Joint Project of UNECA, UNODC and UNCTAD  
(Role: Invited Expert, [Webpage here](#)) 06.2021 - 12.2021

Statistics and Data for Measuring Illicit Financial Flows in the Asia-Pacific region  
Joint Project of UNODC, UNESCAP and UNCTAD  
(Role: Invited Expert, [Webpage here](#)) 05.2021 - 12.2021

Violent consequences of the Covid-19 Pandemic in India,  
Global Challenges Special Issue on the Politics of the Coronavirus Pandemic  
(Podcast, [Listen here](#)) 06.2020

United Nations Economic Development in Africa Report 2020  
Africa and Least Developing Countries Division, UNCTAD Geneva  
(Role: Contributing Expert and Peer-reviewer, [Webpage here](#)) 05.2019 - 12.2019

Increasing Trust in Bankers to Enhance Savings: Research Interview  
Communications Office, Graduate Institute Geneva  
(Interview, [Webpage here](#)) 06.2019

How to assess commodity-trade related illicit financial flows?  
L'Agefi Commodities, Special Edition. (Media article, [Webpage here](#)) 04.2019

Expert Meeting on Statistical methodologies for measuring Sustainable  
Development Goal 16.4.1 (Illicit Financial Flows), UNCTAD Geneva  
(Role: Invited Speaker, [Webpage here](#)) 06.2018

## REFERENCES

---

**Prof. Ugo Panizza**  
The Graduate Institute, Geneva  
ugo.panizza@graduateinstitute.ch  
+41 22 908 59 52

**Prof. Gilles Carbonnier**  
The Graduate Institute, Geneva  
gilles.carbonnier@graduateinstitute.ch  
+41 22 908 45 06

**Dr. San Bilal**

European Centre for Development  
Policy Management, Brussels  
sb@ecdpm.org  
+32 (0)2 237 43 89

**Prof. Richard Perkins**

London School of Economics and  
Political Science  
r.m.perkins@lse.ac.uk  
+44 20 7955 7605

Version: September, 2022