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REFERENCES

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RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Topics: Trade, Markets, Economic Development

Methods: Applied Econometrics, Causal Inference, Network Analysis

CURRENT POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Associate, International Economics, **University of Georgia, Athens**

08/25 – Present

Economist, **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome**

Affiliate: Impact Evaluation Working Group

05/23 – Present

Research Fellow, Center for International Trade and Security, School of Public and International Affairs, **University of Georgia, Athens**

08/25 – Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Ag and Applied Economics, **University of Georgia, Athens**

07/25

Dissertation: Emerging Issues in Economic Development

Committee: Gopinath Munisamy, Brantly Callaway, Shanjukta Nath

Fellowships: IMF, UC Berkeley, George Mason University, PAFTAD (ANU)

MS, Ag and Applied Economics, **University of Georgia, Athens**

07/21

BS, Agricultural Economics, **Agriculture and Forestry University (Nepal)**

10/18

PAST POSITIONS

Independent Expert, **World Health Organization, Geneva**

05/24 – 08/24

Instructor & Graduate Research Assistant, **University of Georgia, Athens**

08/19 – 07/25

Project Officer, **ADRA International-RIMS FOSTER Project, Kathmandu**

02/19 – 04/19

TEACHING

Instructor:

- International Trade and Policy - Graduate Level

Fall 24, 25

Teaching Assistant:

- U.S. Agricultural and Food Policy – Undergraduate Level

Fall 20

JOURNAL ARTICLES

9. Khanal, A., **Poudel, D.** and Gopinath, M. (2024). The Imported Challenge: Economic Impact of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Imports on U.S. Producers. *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*, 56(4): 544–574.
8. **Poudel, D.** and Gopinath, M. (2024). Political Instability and Undernourishment: Nepal's Decade-Long Insurgency. *Global Food Security*, 40: 100741.
7. **Poudel, D.** and Gopinath, M. (2023). Regional Heterogeneity in Undernourishment: A Case of Nepal. *Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies*.
6. Adhikari, S., **Poudel, D.**, Gopinath, M. (2023). Is Policy Greasing the Wheels of Global Palm Oil Trade? *Research on World Agricultural Economy*, 4(2): 62-77.
5. Montiel Ishino FA, Rowan C, Talham C, Villalobos K, **Poudel D.**, Raj Bhandari-Thapa J, Seme Ambikile J, Williams F. (2022). Household profiles of neglected tropical disease symptoms among children: A latent class analysis of built-environment features of Tanzanian households using the Demographic and Health Survey. *Journal of Global Health*; 12:04067.
4. **Poudel, D.** and Gopinath, M. (2021). Exploring the disparity in global food security indicators. *Global Food Security*, 29: 100549.
3. Salazar, J., Bergstrom, J.C. and **Poudel, D.** (2020). Estimating the Economic Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the State of Georgia Economy: A Quick-Response Method. *Journal of Agribusiness*, 38(1): 105-116.
2. **Poudel, D.** and Pandit, N.P. (2020). Profitability and Resource Use Efficiency of Polycarp Production in Morang, Nepal. *Journal of the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Sciences*, 36: 63-74.

BOOK CHAPTER

1. Panday D., Vista S.P., **Poudel D.**, Chhetri A., Acharya B.S. (2021) Soils and Humans. In: Ojha R.B., Panday D. (eds) *The Soils of Nepal. World Soils Book Series*. Springer, Cham. [Link](#)

POLICY MEMOS/ EXTENSION REPORTS/ NEWS

4. Gopinath, M., **Poudel, D.** (2025). Rising Imports and Soaring Costs: Dual Pressures Squeeze U.S. Fresh Produce Growers. *Southern Ag Today*, Sept 18. [Link](#)
3. Gopinath, M., **Poudel, D.** (2025). Continuing Challenges in U.S. Fruits and Vegetable Industry. *Report for Georgia Fruits and Vegetables Growers Association*
2. Gopinath, M., Khanal, A., **Poudel, D.** (2023). Creeping Imports and Hidden Costs to U.S. Fresh Produce Growers, *Southern Ag Today*, Feb 8. [Link](#)
1. Gopinath, M., Khanal, A., **Poudel, D.** (2023). Economic Impact of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Imports on U.S. Producers. *Report for Georgia Fruits and Vegetables Growers Association*
Coverage: [Georgia Fruits and Vegetables Grower Association News](#)

UNDER REVIEW AND REVISIONS

7. **Poudel, D.**, Gopinath, M. Regulatory Heterogeneity, Trade Mediation and Nutrient Intake: The Case of Trans Fat. *UGA*
6. **Poudel, D.**, Gopinath, M. Digital Gains and Employment Pains? Evidence from Indian Manufacturing. *UGA*
5. **Poudel, D.**, Gopinath, M. Road to Resilience: Floods, Highways and Indian Informal Manufacturing. *UGA*
4. Chung, S., **Poudel, D.**, Chatterjee, S., Rajbhandari-Thapa, J. U.S. Household Food Behavior and Health Expenditure. *UGA*
3. **Poudel, D.**, Scognamiglio, A. Persistent Climate Shocks Exacerbate Acute Malnutrition in Rural Nepal. *FAO*
2. **Poudel, D.**, Scognamiglio, A. True Cost of Food Accounting for Harmonized Policymaking: Role of Assumptions, *FAO*
1. Scognamiglio, A., Burrone, S., **Poudel, D.**, Rub, A., Song, C., Munaweera, T., Bandara, S., Can Digital Extension Reduce Farmers' Climate Vulnerability? Randomized Evidence from Rural Sri Lanka. *FAO*

DRAFT-IN-PREPARATION

3. **Poudel, D.**, Gopinath, M. United States Peanut Trade Outlook. *UGA Extension*

2. Niazi, K.K., **Poudel, D.**, Burrone, S., Scognamillo, A., Early Warning-Based Anticipatory Interventions for Drought Mitigation: (Quasi-) Experimental Evidence from Somali Agriculture. *FAO*
1. Burrone, S., Niazi, K.K., **Poudel, D.**, Scognamillo, A., When and How to Deliver? Experimental Evidence on Anticipatory Cash Transfers in Somalia. *FAO*

WORK IN PROGRESS

Projects on international trade, supply chains, regulatory spillovers, economic growth, fertilizer policy, food systems, and disaster resilience.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- 2025 – Research Fellow, Benson-Bertsch Center for International Trade and Security, School of Public and International Affairs, UGA
- 2025 Pacific Trade and Development Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics and Australian National University
- 2024 Outstanding Ph.D. Student Achievement Award, Nepalese Ag Professionals in America
- 2024 Outstanding Ph.D. Student Scholarship Award, CAES Alumni Association, UGA
- 2024 Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award, Agricultural and Applied Economics, UGA
- 2024 Best Research Paper Award by *Research on World Agricultural Economy* Journal
- 2023 Diversity Fellow/Summer School on Environment and Energy Economics, UC-Berkeley
- 2022 Rod Ziemer Outstanding MS Research Paper Award, University of Georgia
- 2022-23 Youth Fellow, International Monetary Fund
- 2022-23 Adam Smith Economics Fellow, George Mason University
- 2022 Future Leader's Fellow, Association of International Agriculture and Rural Development
- 2019 Young Scientist Award and Gold Medalist, Nepal; 1st Prize in Oral Presentation
- 2018 Runner Up – Poster Competition - NPC, USAID/ UNICEF Symposium

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (Total: 25+)

Invited:

- 2025 Balancing Equations and Impact: My Path through the PhD and FAO, ESA Division, United Nations FAO, Rome
- 2024 Panel on Digital/ AI Innovations Contributing to Climate Change and Food Security. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and South Korea Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (December), Seoul

Selected:

- Upcoming: IATRC Annual Meeting, December 2025 (1 paper); ASSA Annual Meeting, January 2026 (2 papers)
- 2025: Fragile Lives Annual Workshop, Berlin (October); University of Chicago's Advances with Field Experiments (September); ASSA Annual Meeting (January), San Francisco; PAFTAD Meeting (June), Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, DC; AAEA Annual Meeting (July, 3 papers), Denver
- 2024: D4N Conference (December), Sri Lanka; International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (December), Fort Lauderdale; AAEA Annual Meeting (July), New Orleans; FAO ESA Seminar (July), Rome; FAO ESA Seminar (March), Rome
- 2023: International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium Annual Meeting (December), Clearwater; USDA-Yeutter Institute Symposium on Food Security Research (September 14-15), Kansas City, AAEA Annual Meeting (July, 2 papers), Washington, D.C. FAO TCA Workshop (Nove), Rome
- 2022: IMF Youth Fellowship Workshop, IMF-WBG Annual Meeting (October), Washington, D.C.; IAMO Forum (June), Germany
- 2020: NAPA Conference (May), Atlanta
- 2018: NAPA Conference (May), Oklahoma City; NPC, USAID/UNICEF Symposium, Kathmandu

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Natural Languages: English, Nepali and Hindi

Programming and Statistical Tools: Stata, SAS, SPSS, R, Python, SQL

Geospatial: ArcGIS

Others: L_AT_EX, RMarkdown, IMPLAN, KoBoToolbox, Tableau, Qualtrics, Microsoft Office Suite, Photoshop

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- 2025 – Mentor, Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics
- 2025 – Co-Organizer, Junior Research Club, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- 2025 – Member, Royal Economic Society, United Kingdom
- 2024 – Member, AAEA/USDA ERS Developing Diversity in Agricultural Economics Committee
- 2023 – Social Media Handler, South Asia Section, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association
- 2022 – Member, American Economic Association
- 2020 – Member, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association
- 2022 – 25 Member, International Food and Agribusiness Management Association
- 2022 – 23 President, Graduate Student Association of Ag and Applied Economics, UGA
- 2020 – 21 Vice President, Student Association (Nepal) at the International Student Life, UGA
- 2019 – 20 Graduate Representative, UGA Graduate Student Association (GSA)
- 2021 – 22 Member, Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS), UGA
- 2019 – 20 Emerging Leader, UGA Graduate School

HUMANITARIAN & SOCIAL SERVICES (15 years)

Hold President and Secretary Positions in Lions Clubs International (Leo Club), Red Cross Society, Amnesty International

REFEREE SERVICES

Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy, Economic Analysis and Policy (7), Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Choices, Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Cogent Economics and Finance, Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence, Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies (2), Cogent Food and Agriculture

PERSONAL

Born on April 1996

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