

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **Blessy Augustine**

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### **Teaching**

#### ***Teaching Interests:***

Public Finance, Macroeconomics, Econometrics

#### ***Teaching Experience:***

Assistant Professor, Madras School of Economics (MSE), Chennai (July 2023 – Present)

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore (July 2021 – May 2023)

Visiting Faculty for Advanced Macroeconomics at Sarla Anil Modi School of Economics, NMIMS, Mumbai (November 2020 – May 2021)

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### **Educational Qualifications**

Ph.D. in Economics – Finance, Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR), Chennai, 2023

M. Sc. Economics (5 Year Integrated), Pondicherry University, 2016

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### **Academic Achievements**

Secured First Rank for M.Sc. Economics (5 year integrated) Programme from Pondicherry University (2016).

Qualified UGC-NET for eligibility for Lectureship held in June 2015 and December 2015

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### **Research**

#### ***Research Interests:***

Public Finance, Macroeconomics, Public Policy, Applied Econometrics

#### ***Publications:***

Blessy Augustine, O.P.C. Muhammed Rafi (2023) Public debt - economic growth nexus in emerging and developing economies: Exploring nonlinearity. *Finance Research Letters*, 52, 103540

Blessy Augustine, Lakshmi Kumar (2020). Original Sin, Currency Depreciation and External Debt Burden: Evidence from India. *International Journal of Economics and Financial Issues*, 10(3), 58-68.

***Conference Presentations:***

***International:***

Public debt - economic growth nexus in emerging and developing economies: Exploring nonlinearity, Annual Event of Finance Research Letters 2022 CEMLA Conference, Center for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA), Mexico City; 22-24, April 2022

*Impact of Exchange rate depreciation on External indebtedness: Evidence from a sample of Emerging Economies*” 51<sup>st</sup> International Academic Conference held at Vienne University of Technology, Vienna, Austria, organized by International Institute of Social and Economic Sciences; 17-20 September 2019

***National:***

Role of Macroeconomic Channels in the Debt - Growth Nexus: Evidence of Nonlinearity (with OPC Muhammed Rafi), 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of The Indian Econometric Society (TIES), University of Hyderabad, India; 4 – 6 January 2023

*Original Sin, External Debt and Exchange Rate: An Indian Perspective*” (with Lakshmi Kumar), Research Symposium on Economics and Finance 2019 held at IFMR GSB, Krea University, Sri City; 12-13 December 2019

*Impact of exchange rate depreciation on external indebtedness: Evidence from India*” (with Lakshmi Kumar), 12<sup>th</sup> Doctoral Thesis Conference held at ICFAI Business School (IBS), Hyderabad organized in collaboration with IGIDR; 18-19 April 2019

*Exchange rate depreciation, External debt valuation and Economic growth: Evidence from India*” (with: Lakshmi Kumar), 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of The Indian Econometric Society (TIES) held at National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM), Mumbai; 8-10 January 2019

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**Training/Workshops attended**

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Five-day faculty development program on curriculum design and revision with specific focus on outcome-based education, Christ University, Bangalore. 5 - 9 December, 2022.

Second Advanced Macroeconomics workshop conducted by Azim Premji University, Bengaluru during 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

Workshop on Advanced Panel Data and Time series Models organized by Madras School of Economics, Chennai during Feb 14-16, 2018.

Research Methodology workshop on Applied Econometrics organized by Department of Economics, CUTN in collaboration with TIES, from 27<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017.

Certificate Program on Frontiers of Development Research, held at IFMR (Sri City campus), AP, from November 28<sup>th</sup> to December 3, 2016.

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**Programming languages/ Econometric packages known**

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STATA, EViews, and R