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Current Position: Senior Lecturer in Economics, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (NUS) (Since January 2024).

Selected Previous Positions: *Assistant Professor*, United Arab Emirates University; *Senior Research Fellow*, Nanyang Technological University (NTU); *Assistant Professor*, Nazarbayev University; *Research Fellow*, National University of Singapore (NUS); *Post-Doctoral Fellow*, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST).

Education: Ph.D. (Public Policy), George Mason University, USA, 2014; M.Sc. (Economics), Madras School of Economics, India, 2007; B.A. (Economics), Loyola College (Autonomous), India, 2005.

Research and Teaching Interests

Broad Fields: International Macro-Finance and Development

Specific Topics: Foreign Direct Investment | Financial Openness and Capital Flows | Trade Policy and Global Value Chains | Financial Inclusion and Development

Selected Publications

Authored Books

1. Co-author: Complexities of Financial Globalisation: Analytical and Policy Issues in Emerging and Developing Economies, **Routledge**, Taylor & Francis, May 2020 (with Tony Cavoli and Ramkishan S. Rajan).
2. Co-author: *Economic Management in a Volatile Environment: Monetary and Financial Issues*, **Palgrave-Macmillan**, 2014 (with Ramkishan S. Rajan).
3. Co-author: *Crisis, Capital Flows and FDI in Emerging Asia*, **Oxford University Press**, 2011 (with Ramkishan S. Rajan and Rabin Hattari).

Journal Articles (Selected)

1. Khalid, U., **Gopalan, S.**, and Zekkari, K.B. 2026. "Do Global Sanctions Deter Greenfield Foreign Direct Investment?" *Economic Modelling*, 155, 1-14.
2. **Gopalan, S.**, Reddy, K. and Sasidharan, S. 2025. "Can Participation in Global Value Chains Improve Female Labor Force Participation? A Firm-Level Empirical Investigation," *Review of World Economics*, 161: 611-634.
3. **Gopalan, S.**, and Reddy, K. 2025. "Global Value Chain Disruptions and Firm Survival During Covid-19: An Empirical Investigation," *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*, 61(8): 2360-2373.
4. Gopalan, S. and Khalid, U. 2024. "How Does Financial Inclusion Influence Tourism Demand? Empirical Evidence from Emerging Markets and Developing Economies," *Tourism Recreation Research*, 49(3):639-653.
5. Gopalan, S., Khalid, U., and Okafor, L. 2024. "Do Greenfield FDI Inflows Promote International Tourism?" *Current Issues in Tourism*, 27(24): 4561-4578.
6. Gopalan, S., Park, C.Y., and Rajan, R.S. 2023. "Do International Investment Agreements (IIAs) Attract FDI Inflows? Revisiting the Literature," *Economic Analysis and Policy*, 80, 471-481.
7. Gopalan, S., Gupta, B., and Rajan, R.S. 2023. "Do Climate Risks Influence FDI Inflows to Emerging and Developing Economies?" *Climate Policy*, 23(6):722-734.
8. Cavoli, T. and **Gopalan, S.** 2023. "Does Financial Inclusion Promote Consumption Smoothing? Evidence from Emerging and Developing Economies," *International Review of Economics and Finance*, 88: 1529-1546.
9. Reddy K., and **Gopalan, S.** 2023. "Gender Bias in Access to Trade Credit: Firm-Level Evidence from Emerging Markets" *Global Finance Journal*, 57: 1-11.
10. **Gopalan, S.**, Gupta, B., and Rajan, R.S. 2023. "Financial Globalisation in ASEAN+3: Navigating the Financial Trilemma" *Global Policy*, 14: 164-476.
11. **Gopalan, S.** Reddy, K. and Sasidharan, S. 2022. "Does Digitalization Spur Global Value Chain Participation? Firm-Level Evidence from Emerging Markets" *Information Economics & Policy*, 59: 1-13.

12. Cavoli, T., Gopalan, S., and Rajan, R.S. 2021. "Do Macroprudential Policies Counter Real Exchange Rate Appreciation in Emerging Markets?" *The World Economy*, 44(7): 2164-2187.
13. Gopalan, S., and Sasidharan, S. 2020. "Financial Liberalization and Firms' Access to Credit in Emerging and Developing Economies: An Empirical Investigation" *Journal of Economics and Business*, 107: 1-19 (Finalist for Journal's Best Article Award 2020).
14. Gopalan, S. and Rajan, R.S. 2017. "Does Foreign Bank Presence Affect Interest Rate Pass-Through in Emerging and Developing Economies?" *Journal of Macroeconomics*, 54: 373-292.
15. Gopalan, S. and Rajan, R.S. 2016. "Has Foreign Aid Been Effective in the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector? Evidence from Panel Data," *World Development*, 85: 84-104, September.

Pedagogical Research and Outreach (Selected)

1. "Making Thinking Visible Through Dynamic Feedback Loops"
 - December 10, 2025: Higher Education Conference in Singapore (HECS) 2025, NUS.
 - Continuing Professional Development Workshop, CTLT, NUS
2. "Mastering the "CRAFT" of Roleplay: A Framework for Economics Educators"
 - November 06-07, 2025: St. Louis Fed Professors Conference, Federal Reserve of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, USA.
3. "From Concepts to Country Reports: A Scaffolded Approach to Teaching Macroeconomics to Policy Students"
 - Project on a small change teaching intervention as part of Reflective Inquiry in Teaching (RITE)

Fellowships and Grants:

1. 2025: Annual Faculty **Teaching Excellence** Award, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore
2. 2023-2024: **Principal Investigator** (PI), AUA-UAEU Joint Research Grant, United Arab Emirates University (UAEU), Jan 2023-Dec 2024.
3. 2022-2024: **Principal Investigator** (PI), Faculty Start-up Grant, United Arab Emirates University (UAEU) on "Understanding Soft Power: Measurement and Applications Using a Novel Index." (April 2022 – April 2024).
4. 2018-2021: **Co-Collaborator**, Special Project Funding Scheme, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore (NUS) on "Financial Liberalization and Stability in Emerging Asian Economies", April 2018-March 2021.
5. 2017-2019: **Co-Collaborator**, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) Grant on "Understanding the Economic Effects of Financial Inclusion in ASEAN and East Asia."
6. 2014: **Recipient**, IEMS Post-Doctoral Fellow Research Grant, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST).
7. 2010: Recipient, Seymour Martin Lipset Scholarship, George Mason University (GMU).

Academic Leadership and Management

National University of Singapore (NUS)

- ✧ Affiliate, NUS Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology (CTLT), CTLT Affiliate Program 2025-26
- ✧ Co-Chair, Master in Public Policy (MPP) Program, | Convenor, Policy Analysis Exercise (Capstone), 2025-Present
- ✧ Member, Faculty Teaching Excellence Committee | Member, Junior Economics Hiring Committee, 2024-25

Past Positions

- ✧ Chair, Department Research Committee 2022-23, UAE University | Member, Committee for revamping the BA program in Economics, UAE University | Member, MBA Transformation program, UAE University | Member, Proposal for PhD Program in Economics, UAE University | Course Coordinator, Principles of Macroeconomics, UAE University
- ✧ Faculty Director, PhD Program in Public Policy, Nazarbayev University.

Professional Activities

- ✧ Associate Editor, [Economia Politica](#) (Scopus Q1), Jan 2024 – Present | [Affiliate, Center for Competitiveness](#), University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

Personal Information: Gender: Male; Citizenship: India; Date of Birth: November 11, 1985

References

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2. **Kenneth A. Reinert:** Professor of Public Policy, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University, 3351 North Fairfax Drive, MSN 3B1, Arlington, VA 22201, USA. Email: kreinert@gmu.edu
3. **Tony Cavoli:** Professor of International Economics, UniSA Business School, University of South Australia, Adelaide, GPO Box 2741, Australia 5000. Email: Tony.Cavoli@unisa.edu.au