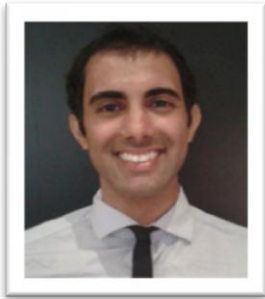


Speakers Profile



Mr. Qayam Jetha
Senior Policy and Training Associate
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Qayam Jetha is a Senior Policy and Training Associate at the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) where he works on policy advocacy and capacity building. Prior to joining J-PAL in 2014, he worked with the International Labour Organization in Thailand and the Canadian International Development Agency in Bangladesh. Qayam holds a B.A. in economics from the University of British Columbia and an M.A. in Public Policy from Simon Fraser University.

Topic: Evaluating Insurance Products Using Impact Evaluation

Brief on the Topic: The session will outline the importance of using impact evaluation evidence to inform policy decision-making and more specifically, how impact evaluations can impart learning on the effectiveness of insurance products. The lecture will explain the concept of impact evaluation and dive into various methodological techniques used to identify causal impact, with particular emphasis placed on randomized evaluations. The remainder of the lecture will be devoted to practical considerations when conducting experimental research and a review of the lessons the Jameel Poverty Action Lab has learned from evaluating insurance products in Asia and Africa.



Sagar Deshmukh
Associate Vice President – Actuarial
Birla Sun Life Insurance

Sagar Deshmukh is Associate Vice President - Actuarial at Birla Sun Life Insurance. Sagar's primary responsibilities include pricing of group insurance contracts, development of products according to the market requirements and risk management. Sagar has worked in life insurance industry for over 11 years in various roles across sales and actuarial function, with his most recent focus on the Group business area. Sagar holds a Bachelor degree in Mechanical Engineering from Mumbai University and a Post Graduate Diploma in Management from T.A.Pai Management Institute, Manipal.

Topic: Pricing term insurance for low income groups

Brief on the Topic: The presentation shall examine the challenges faced in pricing of group insurance for low income clients, especially group covers for microfinance members. It would tackle various issues like availability of reliable data, rating factors, financial viability, profitability and competitiveness. It would illustrate the use of actuarial control cycle as a tool for pricing these insurance contracts.



Shruti Shetty
Senior Associate
Ankolekar & Co.

Shruti Shetty is experienced in employee benefits after completing two bachelor's degrees in statistics and actuarial science. Ms Shetty has been working with a firm based in Mumbai, Ankolekar & Co., Actuaries & Consultants for the past two years. She is a student member of the Institute of Actuaries of India and the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, UK.

Topic: Understanding the basics of LaTeX

Brief on the Topic: LaTeX is a high-quality open source typesetting software that helps in writing quantitative research papers and large documents. Its history dates back to 1978 when Donald Knuth, a well-respected computer scientist embarked on a project to create a typesetting system, called Tex (pronounced 'tech'). It took him about ten years to freeze the language. Tex was extremely flexible hence complex, thus in the mid-80's Leslie Lamport created an extension which subtracted the complexities that became LaTeX (pronounced 'lay-tech') used today. However getting started with LaTeX can still be intimidating. This session on LaTeX guides you through the basic steps, helps you write your first document through the software and argues why one must learn it.

