Anshuman Bhakri

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EDUCATION

Department of Economics, Boston College

Chestnut Hill, MA, USA

Ph.D. in Economics

May 2025 (expected)

- Committee: Richard Sweeney, Michael Grubb, Charles Murry
- Research area: Industrial Organization, Energy and Environmental Economics

Department of Economics, Boston College	Chestnut Hill, MA, USA
M.A. in Economics	May 2021
Delhi School of Economics	Delhi, India
M.A. in Economics	May 2017
Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology	Delhi, India
B.E. in Manufacturing Processes and Automation	May 2014

Working Papers

Contract design in renewable energy procurement auctions: Evidence from India

In procurement auctions, contracts set the post-auction investment terms. Under future uncertainty, incomplete contracts result in under-investment. This paper proposes contract design for the Indian solar energy procurement auctions to help achieve their green energy targets at the lowest possible procurement costs. I estimate a model to analyze the firms' optimal bidding and deployment decisions under cost uncertainty. Using the auction and post-award deployment data, I recover the cost distribution of the firms and show how the contract design influences procurement costs and deployment outcomes. The results show that the firms take the option of not deploying under high-probability cost scenarios, which leads to low deployment rates. The counterfactual analysis shows that incentive contracts with optimal selective bid indexing and penalties can significantly improve deployment rates while keeping procurement costs low.

Work In Progress

How large are the cost savings from renewable energy auctions: Evidence from Germany (With Richard L. Sweeney)

Teaching Experience

Boston College

Machine Learning in Economics (Teaching Fellow)	Fall 2024
Principles of Economics (Teaching Fellow)	Summer 2024
Principles of Economics (Head Teaching Assistant)	Spring 2024
Principles of Economics (Head Teaching Assistant)	Fall 2023
Econometrics Lab (Teaching Assistant)	Fall 2022
Principles of Economics (Teaching Assistant)	Fall 2021

Professional EXPERIENCE

Boston College

Research Assistant to Richard Sweeney

Fall 2019

PricewaterhouseCoopers, US Advisory

Mumbai, India 2017-2019 **Experienced Associate**

Used Machine learning and NLP to solve business problems in the

Healthcare and Industrial Products sector

Mu Sigma Bangalore, India 2014-2015 **Decision Scientist**

Created and automated drug performance models for a Pharma-

ceutical Company

• Winner of Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award at Boston College 2023

• Tuition Remission and Stipend, Boston College 2019-Present

PRESENTATIONS

AWARDS

AERE @OSWEET Energy talk, AERE Summer Conference, UC Berkeley Summer School, Boston College Markets and Firms seminar series, Boston College Dissertation Workshop .

Languages: English, Hindi **SKILLS**

Programming: Python, R, Julia, MATLAB, Stata, ETFX.

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