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EDUCATION

Pardee RAND Graduate School PhD and MPhil in Policy Analysis	Santa Monica, CA 2014 – present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Coursework and Skills:</i> in econometric, quantitative, qualitative, social-behavioral and policy analysis methods• <i>Programming:</i> STATA, SPSS, R, SAS, qGIS, Analytica, EndNote, Distiller, and Vensim• <i>Dissertation:</i> Indian Summer: Three Essays on Heatwave Vulnerability, Estimation and Adaptation.	
Universities of Sheffield, Copenhagen, and École des hautes études en santé publique MPH, Public Health (Europubhealth)	Sheffield, UK Copenhagen, Denmark Rennes, France 2008 – 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialization in Advanced Epidemiology and Biostatistics.• Erasmus Mundus grant funded double master's degree program.	
Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU MD, Community Medicine MBBS, Medicine	Aligarh, India 2005 – 2008 1998 – 2004

WORK EXPERIENCE

The RAND Corporation Assistant Policy Researcher	Santa Monica, CA 2014 – present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked on a variety of research projects related to Health, Environment and Development.• Performed primary and secondary quantitative data analyses, program evaluations and systematic reviews.• Published research papers, RAND reports, policy briefs and commentaries.• TA for the Dean's Organizational Behavior course.	
Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar – Public Health Foundation of India Assistant Professor	Ahmedabad, India 2010 – 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught courses in Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Occupational and Environmental Health, and Research Methods.• Raised grants, performed research, and supervised post-graduate dissertations.• Led institutional development activities.• Completed Associate Fellowship in Industrial Health (AFIH).	
World Health Organization Intern, Department of Non-Communicable Diseases, and Mental health	Geneva, Switzerland 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Systematic Review of self-management of Non-Communicable Diseases.• Prioritized research agenda for NCD research in Low and Middle-Income Countries.	

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (COMPLETE LIST AVAILABLE ON REQUEST)

- **Azhar GS**, Saha S, Ganguly P, Mavalankar D, Madrigano J. Heat wave vulnerability mapping for India. International journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 2017. 14 (4), 357.
- **Azhar GS**, Mavalankar D, Nori-Sarma A, Rajiva A, Dutta P, Jaiswal A, ... Heat-related mortality in India: Excess all-cause mortality associated with the 2010 Ahmedabad heat wave. PloS One, 2014.9(3), e91831
- Iyer V, **Azhar GS**, Choudhury N, Dhruwey VS, Dacombe R, Upadhyay A. Infectious disease burden in Gujarat (2005–2011): comparison of selected infectious disease rates with India. Emerging health threats journal, 2014. Mar 19;7:22838.
- **Azhar GS**. DOTS for TB relapse in India: A systematic review. Lung India, 2012. 29 (2), 147-153.
- **Azhar GS**. The need for climate-compatible development: ... The Lancet Global Health. 2013 Sep 1;1(3).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Won grants and awards from Horowitz foundation, European Commission, Wellcome Trust, and RAND.
- The Aspen Institute New Voices fellow, and TEDx speaker.