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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track, May 2016 to Present  
Lecturer, July 2015 to May 2016  
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

## EDUCATION

PhD – Political Science, Columbia University, 2016  
MA and MPhil – Political Science, Columbia University, 2011 and 2012  
*Fields:* Comparative Politics, South Asian Politics, Methods  
*Committee:* Pradeep Chhibber, John Huber (Co-Chair), Ira Katznelson, Isabela Mares, Maria Victoria Murillo (Co-Chair)

MPP – The Goldman School, UC Berkeley, 2008  
Msc – National University of Singapore, 2002  
BBA (Hons.) – National University of Singapore, 2000

## PUBLICATIONS

*Comparative Political Studies*. "When do the Poor Vote for the Right-Wing and Why: Hierarchy and Vote Choice in the Indian States,". Conditional Acceptance.

*World Politics*. "Ethnic Inequality and the Ethnification of Political Parties: Evidence from India," 68(1) 2016. Co-authored with John Huber.

*Asian Survey*. "Fragmentation and Decline in India's State Assemblies: A Review 1967 – 2007," 55(5) 2015. Co-authored with Francesca Jensenius.

*American Journal of Political Science*. "When do the Rich Vote Less than the Poor and Why?: Explaining Turnout Inequality across the World," 59(3): 613-627 2015. Co-authored with Kimuli Kasara.

- Winner of 2016 GESIS Klingemann Prize for the Best CSES Scholarship.

- The article was discussed on the [Monkey Cage](#) and the [Daily Dish](#).

*Party Politics*. "Party Organization and Party Proliferation in India," 20(4): 489-505 2014. Co-authored with Pradeep Chhibber and Francesca Jensenius.

## UNDER REVIEW

*Journal of Politics*. "Bureaucratic Capacity and Class Voting: Evidence from Across the World and the United States." Co-authored with Kimuli Kasara. Revise & Resubmit.

"Hollowing Out the State: Franchise Expansion and Fiscal Capacity in Colonial India."

## WORKING PAPERS

"Slavery, Reconstruction, and Bureaucratic Capacity in the American South." Co-authored with Steven White.

"Economic and Ethnic Dimensions of Trade Preferences: Evidence from India." Co-authored with Nikhar Gaikwad.

"Party-candidate linkages and Anti-Incumbency Voting: Evidence from the Indian States." Co-authored with Francesca Jensenius.

DATA COLLECTION	<p>India-Pakistan Partition, Migration, and Fiscal Capacity in the Indian Districts (with Volha Charnysh, MIT)</p> <p>When do Politicians Mobilize Poor Voters? State Capacity, Economic Inequality, and Clientelism (with Kimuli Kasara, Columbia)</p> <p>Tax Preferences in Ranked Societies (with Neelanjan Sircar, Center for Policy Research)</p>
GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	<p>GESIS Klingemann Prize for the Best CSES Scholarship, 2016</p> <p>International Field Research Grant, GSAS, Columbia University, 2013-2014</p> <p>Mellon Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellow, INCITE, 2013-2014 (declined)</p> <p>CDTR Summer Grant, Columbia University, 2012</p> <p>ISERP Fellow, Columbia University, 2011-2013</p> <p>Faculty Fellowship, GSAS, Columbia University, 2009-2014</p> <p>Ministry of Education Scholar, National University of Singapore, 2001-02</p> <p>Singapore Airlines Scholar, National University of Singapore, 1996-2000</p> <p>Dean's List, National University of Singapore, 1998-2000</p>
TEACHING	<p>Political Economy of Inequality, Spring 2017, SAIS</p> <p>Political Economy of India, Fall 2015, Spring 2017, SAIS</p> <p>Comparative Politics, Fall 2016, SAIS</p> <p>TA-African Politics, Spring 2011, Columbia University</p> <p>TA-Intro to American Politics, Fall 2010, Columbia University</p> <p>TA-Microeconomics for Public Policy, Spring 2008, UC Berkeley</p> <p>TA-Intro to Macroeconomics, Spring 2007, UC Berkeley</p>
INVITED TALKS 2017-18	<p>Brown-Harvard-MIT Seminar on South Asian Politics Department of Political Science, UC San Diego</p> <p>Historical Political Economy Workshop, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University</p> <p>Comparative Politics Colloquium, UC Berkeley (scheduled)</p> <p>Historical Political Economy Conference, LSE (scheduled)</p> <p>Political Economy Workshop, Georgetown (scheduled)</p> <p>Comparative Politics Workshop, George Washington University (scheduled)</p>
2016	<p>Preferences Over Redistribution Workshop, Duke University</p> <p>Group-Based Inequalities Workshop, UNU-WIDER, Helsinki</p> <p>Indian Political Economy Workshop, Carnegie Endowment for Peace</p> <p>Indian Electoral Politics Workshop, Carnegie Endowment for Peace</p>
2015	<p>Party Organization and Party Politics Workshop, Duke University</p> <p>Fiscal Capacity Workshop, Peking University</p> <p>Politics and Political Economy Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, SAIS</p>
2014	<p>School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University</p> <p>Department of Government, London School of Economics</p> <p>Department of Political Science, University of Southern California</p> <p>Department of Political Science, Stanford University</p> <p>Comparative Politics Workshop, Columbia University</p>
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>Madison South Asia Conference 2017, 2015</p> <p>American Political Science Association 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011</p> <p>European Political Science Association 2014, 2013</p> <p>Politics and History Conference, Yale, 2014</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association 2014, 2013, 2012</p>
ACADEMIC SERVICE	<p>Reviewer for the <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>, <i>British Journal of Political Science</i>, <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>, <i>Democratization</i>, <i>Electoral Studies</i>, <i>Journal of</i></p>

*Development Studies, Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Party Politics, Political Research Quarterly, World Politics*

PROFESSIONAL

Associate Fellow at Lokniti, CSDS, Delhi, 2008-2009  
Consultant, World Bank, New Delhi, 2007-2009  
Associate Director, Economist Intelligence Unit, Hong Kong, 2004-2006  
News Assistant, CNBC Asia, Singapore, 2000

LANGUAGE AND  
COMPUTER  
SKILLS

Speak Tamil and Hindi fluently  
R, STATA and SPSS

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