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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track, 2016 to Present
Instructor, 2015-2016
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

BOOK PROJECT

Suryanarayan, Pavithra, "Status and Redistributive Politics."

PUBLICATIONS

- 1) Suryanarayan, Pavithra "When do the Poor Vote for the Right-Wing and Why: Status Hierarchy and Vote Choice in the Indian States," *Comparative Political Studies*. Conditional Accept.
-Winner of "Worth a Thousand Words" contest, Fall 2017, The Political Economist, APSA Political Economy Newsletter.
-The article was featured in [The Hindu](#) and [Live Mint](#).
- 2) Huber, John and Pavithra Suryanarayan. 2016. "Ethnic Inequality and the Ethnification of Political Parties: Evidence from India," *World Politics* 68(1).
- 3) Jensenius, Francesca and Pavithra Suryanarayan. 2015. "Fragmentation and Decline in India's State Assemblies: A Review 1967 – 2007," *Asian Survey* 55(5).
- 4) Kasara, Kimuli and Pavithra Suryanarayan. 2015. "When do the Rich Vote Less than the Poor and Why?: Explaining Turnout Inequality across the World," *American Journal of Political Science* 59(3): 613-627.
-Winner of 2016 GESIS Klingemann Prize for the Best CSES Scholarship.
-The article was discussed on the [Monkey Cage](#) and the [Daily Dish](#).
- 5) Chhibber, Pradeep, Francesca Jensenius and Pavithra Suryanarayan. 2014. "Party Organization and Party Proliferation in India," *Party Politics* 20(4): 489-505.

UNDER REVIEW

- 6) Kasara, Kimuli and Pavithra Suryanarayan. "Bureaucratic Capacity and Class Voting: Evidence from Across the World and the United States." *Journal of Politics*. Revise & Resubmit.

WORKING PAPERS

- 7) Suryanarayan, Pavithra. "Hollowing Out the State: Status Hierarchy and Fiscal Capacity in Colonial India."
- 8) Suryanarayan, Pavithra and Steven White "Slavery, Reconstruction, and Bureaucratic Capacity

in the American South.”

9) Gaikwad, Nikhar and Pavithra Suryanarayan “Economic and Ethnic Dimensions of Trade Preferences: Evidence from India.”

10) Jensenius, Francesca and Pavithra Suryanarayan. “Party-candidate linkages and Anti-Incumbency Voting: Evidence from the Indian States.”

DATA
COLLECTION

11) India-Pakistan Partition, Migration, and Fiscal Capacity in the Indian Districts (with Volha Charnysh, MIT)

12) When do Politicians Mobilize Poor Voters? State Capacity, Economic Inequality, and Clientelism (with Kimuli Kasara, Columbia)

13) Tax Preferences in Ranked Societies (with Neelanjan Sircar, Center for Policy Research)

14) The Wasted Vote: Status and Vote-choice in the Indian States (with Francesca Jensenius, NUPI)

GRANTS,
AWARDS AND
FELLOWSHIPS

GESIS Klingemann Prize for the Best CSES Scholarship, 2016
International Field Research Grant, GSAS, Columbia University, 2013-2014
Mellon Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellow, INCITE, 2013-2014 (declined)
CDTR Summer Grant, Columbia University, 2012
ISERP Fellow, Columbia University, 2011-2013
Faculty Fellowship, GSAS, Columbia University, 2009-2014
Ministry of Education Scholar, National University of Singapore, 2001-02
Singapore Airlines Scholar, National University of Singapore, 1996-2000
Dean’s List, National University of Singapore, 1998-2000

TEACHING

Political Economy of Inequality, Spring 2017, SAIS
Political Economy of India, Fall 2015, Spring 2017, SAIS
Comparative Politics, Fall 2016, SAIS
TA-African Politics, Spring 2011, Columbia University
TA-Intro to American Politics, Fall 2010, Columbia University
TA-Microeconomics for Public Policy, Spring 2008, UC Berkeley
TA-Intro to Macroeconomics, Spring 2007, UC Berkeley

INVITED TALKS
2018

Historical Political Economy Conference, LSE (scheduled)
Political Economy Workshop, Georgetown (scheduled)
Comparative Politics Workshop, George Washington University (scheduled)
International Affairs Research Workshop, Texas A & M Bush School of Government (scheduled)

2017

Brown-Harvard-MIT Seminar on South Asian Politics
Department of Political Science, UC San Diego
Historical Political Economy Workshop, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University
Historical Political Economy Workshop, Stanford University
Comparative Politics Colloquium, UC Berkeley
Department of Political Science, Yale University

2016

Preferences Over Redistribution Workshop, Duke University
Group-Based Inequalities Workshop, UNU-WIDER, Helsinki
Indian Political Economy Workshop, Carnegie Endowment for Peace
Indian Electoral Politics Workshop, Carnegie Endowment for Peace

2015

Party Organization and Party Politics Workshop, Duke University
Fiscal Capacity Workshop, Peking University
Politics and Political Economy Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, SAIS

2014

School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

Department of Government, London School of Economics
 Department of Political Science, University of Southern California
 Department of Political Science, Stanford University
 Comparative Politics Workshop, Columbia University

CONFERENCE
 PRESENTATIONS

Madison South Asia Conference 2017, 2015
 American Political Science Association 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011
 European Political Science Association 2014, 2013
 Politics and History Conference, Yale, 2014
 Midwest Political Science Association 2014, 2013, 2012

ACADEMIC
 SERVICE

Journal reviewer for the *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Democratization*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Party Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Choice*, *World Politics*

Book Reviewer for Cambridge University Press

Section Head, Comparative Politics of Developing Countries, MPSA 2018

Committee for Best Paper on Comparative Policy, Public Policy Section, APSA 2018

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

December 28, 2017