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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

## EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, Columbia University, 2016  
-Winner of Mancur Olson Award, Best Dissertation, Political Economy Section, American Political Science Association (2018)

MPhil, Political Science, Columbia University, 2012  
MA, Political Science, Columbia University, 2011  
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) Kasara, Kimuli and Pavithra Suryanarayan. "Bureaucratic Capacity and Class Voting: Evidence from Across the World and the United States." *Journal of Politics*. Forthcoming.

2) 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*. Forthcoming.  
-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](#).

3) Huber, John and Pavithra Suryanarayan. 2016. "Ethnic Inequality and the Ethnification of Political Parties: Evidence from India," *World Politics* 68(1).

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

5) 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](#).

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

## UNDER RE- VIEW / 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 Institutionalization and Economic Voting: Evidence from India."

11) Jensenius, Francesca and Pavithra Suryanarayan. "What Explains Electoral Switching in the Indian states?"

DATA  
COLLECTION

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

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

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

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

GRANTS,  
AWARDS AND  
FELLOWSHIPS

Winner of Mancur Olson Award for the best political economy dissertation, APSA 2018  
 Winner of GESIS Klingemann Prize for "When do the Rich Vote Less than the Poor," 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, Spring 2019, SAIS  
 Political Economy of India, Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2019, SAIS  
 Comparative Politics, Fall 2016, Fall 2018, 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  
2019

Comparative Politics Seminar, MIT  
 Seminar in Representation and Identity Politics, University of Pittsburgh  
 Political Institutions and Political Economy Conference, University of Southern California  
 Center for Comparative and International Studies Colloquium, University of Zurich  
 Quality of Government Lunch Seminar Series, University of Gothenburg  
 Political Science Department, University of Oslo

2018

Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania  
 Historical Political Economy Conference, LSE  
 Political Economy Workshop, Georgetown  
 Comparative Politics Workshop, George Washington University  
 International Affairs Research Workshop, Texas A & M Bush School of Government

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	<p>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</p>
2015	<p>Party Organization and Party Politics Workshop, Duke University  Fiscal Capacity Workshop, Peking University  Politics and Political Economy Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, SAIS</p>
2014	<p>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</p>
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>American Political Science Association 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011  European Political Science Association 2014, 2013  Midwest Political Science Association 2014, 2013, 2012  Madison South Asia Conference 2017, 2015  Politics and History Conference, Yale, 2014  International Political Economy Society Annual Conference, MIT, 2018</p>
ACADEMIC SERVICE	<p>Journal reviewer for the <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>, <i>American Political Science Review</i>,  <i>British Journal of Political Science</i>, <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>, <i>Democratization</i>, <i>Electoral Studies</i>,  <i>Government and Opposition</i>, <i>Journal of Comparative Politics</i>, <i>Journal of Development Studies</i>, <i>Journal</i>  <i>of Elections</i>, <i>Public Opinion</i>, and <i>Parties</i>, <i>Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics</i>, <i>Journal of Politics</i>,  <i>Party Politics</i>, <i>Political Behavior</i>, <i>Political Research Quarterly</i>, <i>Public Choice</i>, <i>World Politics</i></p> <p>Book Reviewer for Cambridge University Press</p> <p>Section Head, Comparative Politics of Developing Countries, MPSA 2018</p> <p>Committee for Best Paper on Comparative Policy, Public Policy Section, APSA 2018</p>
PROFESSIONAL	<p>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</p>
LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER SKILLS	<p>Speak Tamil and Hindi fluently  R, STATA and SPSS</p>

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