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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
-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. 2019. "When do the Poor Vote for the Right-Wing and Why: Status Hierarchy and Vote Choice in the Indian States," *Comparative Political Studies*, 52(2).

-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) 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).

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

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

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

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

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) Bureaucratic Capacity and Turnout Inequality - Book Project (with Kimuli Kasara, Columbia)

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

GRANTS,
AWARDS AND
FELLOWSHIPS

Mancur Olson Award for the best dissertation in political economy , APSA 2018
 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
 Federalism in South Asia Conference, Yale University
 Seminar in Representation and Identity Politics, University of Pittsburgh
 Second Annual PIPE Conference, University of Southern California
 Indian Political Economy Workshop, Carnegie Endowment for Peace and SAIS
 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
 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
- 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
- ACADEMIC SERVICE
- Journal reviewer for the *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Democratization*, *Electoral Studies*, *Government and Opposition*, *Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*, *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
Mancur Olson Best Dissertation Committee, Political Economy Section, APSA 2019
Section Head, Comparative Politics of Developing Countries, MPSA 2018
Best Paper on Comparative Policy Committee, 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

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