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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## APPOINTMENTS

### University of Pennsylvania, 2020-

- Director, Center for Advanced Study of India.
- Associate Professor of Political Science.
- Madan Lal Sobti Chair for the Study of Contemporary India.

### Vanderbilt University, 2016-2020.

- Associate Professor of Political Science.

### Yale University, 2009-2016.

- Peter Strauss Family Assistant Professor (2015-2016).
- Assistant Professor of Political Science and South Asian Studies (2010-2015).
- Malathy Singh Postdoctoral Fellow, South Asian Studies Council (2009-2010).

## EDUCATION

### Cornell University, M.A. (2007) and Ph.D. in government (2009).

- **Gabriel Almond Award**, for best dissertation in comparative politics, APSA (2010).
- **Sardar Patel Prize** for best dissertation on modern India, UCLA (2010).
- **Esman Prize** for best dissertation on Government, Cornell University (2010).

### Stanford University. B.A. in economics. 2003.

## BOOK

*Elite Parties, Poor Voters: How Social Services Win Votes in India.* Cambridge University Press (Studies in Comparative Politics series), 2014.

- **Gregory Luebbert Award** for best book published in comparative politics, APSA (2015).
- **Leon Epstein Award** for best book on political organizations and parties, APSA (2015).
- **Gaddis Smith Prize** for best first book on an international topic by Yale faculty (2015).

**Reviews:** *Perspectives on Politics, Journal of Politics, Journal of Asian Studies, Critical Asian Studies, Pacific Affairs, Foreign Affairs, and Studies in Indian Politics.*

**Media coverage:** *Outlook, Deccan Herald, Scroll, Indian Express, Mumbai Mirror.*

## REFEREED PAPERS

“Who Do Political Brokers Serve? Reputation, Responsiveness, and Ethnic Indifference in India’s Slums” (with Adam Auerbach). *Forthcoming, American Journal of Political Science*, 1-17 [equal coauthor].

- **Honorable Mention** for 2019 Best Paper Award, Comparative Democratization Section, APSA.
- Media coverage: *India in Transition*, *Hindu Business Line*.

“Does Police Repression Spur Everyday Cooperation? Evidence from Urban India.” *Forthcoming, Journal of Politics*.

- Media coverage: *ThePrint*.

“How Clients Select Brokers: Competition and Choice in India’s Slums?” (with Adam Auerbach), *American Political Science Review* 112, 4: 775-791 (2018). [equal coauthor]

- 2019 **Heinz I. Eulau Award** for best article published in the *American Political Science Review* in 2018, APSA.
- Media coverage: *Livemint*, *Hindu Business Line*, *India in Transition*, *Economic Times*.

“Improving Surveys Through Ethnography: Insights from India’s Urban Periphery.” *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 53, 3 (September): 281-299 (2018).

“The Strategic and Moral Imperatives of Local Engagement: Reflections on India” (with Milan Vaishnav), *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 51, 3 (July): 546-549 (2018). [equal coauthor]

“Do Rural Migrants Divide Ethnically in the City? Ethnographic and Experimental Evidence From India.” *American Journal of Political Science*, 61, 4: 908-926 (2017).

- Media coverage: *Livemint*.

“Ethnic Parties and Public Spending in the Indian States” (with Emmanuel Teitelbaum), *Comparative Political Studies*, 48, 11: 1389-1420 (2015). [first author].

“Elite Parties and Poor Voters: Theory and Evidence from India.” *American Political Science Review*. 108, 2: 454-477 (2014).

“Embedded Mobilization: Nonstate Service Provision as Electoral Strategy in India.” *World Politics*, 63, 3: 434-469 (2011).

- Media coverage: *Wall Street Journal’s ‘India Realtime blog*, *Business Standard*.

“Neoliberalism’s Two Faces in Asia: Globalization, Educational Policies, and Religious Schooling in India, Pakistan and Malaysia.” *Comparative Politics*, 41, 4: 473-494 (2009).

“Poor Choices: dealignment, development and Dalit/Adivasi voting patterns in Indian states.” *Contemporary South Asia*, 16, 4: 441-64 (2008). [first author]

## IN PROGRESS

### ***Book Manuscript:***

*Migrants and Machines: How Party Networks Form in Urbanizing India* (with Adam Auerbach).  
Book workshop held on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### ***Papers:***

“How Does Covid-19 Affect Urban Slums? Evidence from Settlement Leaders in India.” (with Adam Auerbach).

“The Impact of Seasonal Migration on Political Beliefs and Social Norms.” (with Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak, Maira Emy Reimao, and Ashish Shenoy).  
First draft.

[“Rethinking India and the Study of Electoral Politics in the Developing World.”](#) (with Adam Auerbach, Jennifer Bussell, Simon Chauchard, Francesca Jensenius, Gareth Nellis, Mark Schneider, Neelanjan Sircar, Pavithra Suryanarayan, Milan Vaishnav, Rahul Verma, Adam Ziegfeld).

“Governance in Small Cities” (with Adam Auerbach).

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

2019 Heinz I. Eulau Award for Best Article in the American Political Science Review, APSA.

2019 Honorable Mention for Best Paper Award, Comparative Democratization Section, APSA.

2015 Luebbert Award for best book in comparative politics, APSA.

2015 Leon Epstein Award for best book on political organizations and parties, APSA.

2015 Gaddis Smith Prize for best first book by Yale faculty, Macmillan Center.

2015 Macmillan Faculty Research Grant, Yale University.

2015 *Open Magazine*, selected as one of 31 Open Minds.

2014 Macmillan Faculty Research Grant for “Does State Repression Divide or Unite Internal Migrants?”.

2013 Macmillan Faculty Research Grant, Yale University.

2010 Gabriel A. Almond Award for best dissertation in the field of comparative politics, American Political Science Association.

2010 Sardar Patel Award for best dissertation on modern India in the humanities, education, fine arts, or social sciences, UCLA Center for India and South Asia.

2010 Milton J. Esman Prize for best dissertation, Government Department, Cornell University.  
International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council. 2007-08  
2006 -2009 Walter Lafeber Grant for Collaborative Research, Cornell University.  
2007 Dissertation Research Grant, Graduate School, Cornell University.  
Walter Lafeber Prize for Teaching Excellence, Cornell University. 2006-2007.  
Einaudi Center International Research Grant, Cornell University. 2007.  
Sage Fellowship, Cornell University. 2004-2005.

## REVIEWS AND COMMENTARY

‘How does poor service delivery shape politics in clientelist settings?’ APSA Annals of Comparative Democratization, Vol. 17, No. 3 (September 2019).

“Making Sense of the 2019 General Election” (with Yogendra Yadav, Vandita Mishra, Shekhar Gupta, and G. Sampath), *Seminar*, 720, (August 2019).

Review of Tarangini Sriraman, *In Pursuit of Proof*, Oxford University Press, in *Studies in Indian Politics*. Forthcoming

Review of Sanjay Ruparelia, *Divided We Govern*, Oxford University Press, in *Journal of Asian Studies*, 77(3): 833-835 (2018).

Review of Melani Cammett and Lauren MacLean, *The Politics of Non-State Social Welfare*, Cambridge University Press, in *Perspectives on Politics*. 13(3): 880-882 (2015).

Review of Christophe Jaffrelot and Sanjay Kumar, *Rise of the Plebians*, Routledge, in *Pacific Affairs*, 84 (September): 592-4 (2011).

## POPULAR PRESS

“Despite Covid-19, why did migrant workers go back?” *Hindustan Times*, April 3, 2020.

“Expert Explains: India’s coronavirus lockdown will spotlight migrants’ role in cities.” *Indian Express*, April 3, 2020.

“India’s election results were more than a ‘Modi Wave’.” *Washington Post* (Monkey Cage blog), June 1, 2019.

“Does Hindutva Trump Caste”? *India Today* (Cover Story), April 19, 2019.

“In India, the world’s largest elections have started. Keep an eye on these five things.”  
*Washington Post* (Monkey Cage blog), April 12, 2019.

“Do rural migrants favor caste or class in the city?” *Livemint*, October 5<sup>th</sup> 2017.

“India’s Slum Leaders: Part 1” (with Adam Auerbach). *India in Transition*, published by the University of Pennsylvania (2016).

- Reprinted in *Hindu Business Line* and the Ideas4India blog (run by International Growth Centre).

“India’s Slum Leaders: Part 2” (with Adam Auerbach). *India in Transition*, published by the University of Pennsylvania (2016).

- Reprinted in *Hindu Business Line* and the *Ideas4India* blog

“The People Tree Needs Deep Roots.” *Outlook* (2014).

“Facing Off.” *Caravan* (2014).

- Media mention: Financial Times
- Nominated for Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Award.

“Counting on cities.” *Indian Express* (2014).

“The strength of a leader.” *Indian Express* (2013).

“Is Indian Politics Populist?” *Indian Express* (2013).

“Can Hindutva Win Votes?” *Indian Express* (2013).

“The Shadow in the Middle.” *Indian Express* (2012).

“Do Policies Matter in Indian Elections?” *India in Transition*, published by the University of Pennsylvania, (2010)

## INVITED TALKS

**2020 (scheduled):** *Social Science Research Council, King’s College London* (Department of Political Economy), *Pittsburgh* (Department of Political Science), *Princeton* (Department of Politics), *Georgetown* (Department of Political Science), *University of Chicago* (Department of Political Science).

**2019:** *University of Pennsylvania* (Political Science), *UC-Merced* (Political Science), *London School of Economics* (Department of International Relations), *Harvard* (Department of Government), *Tata Institute of Social Science* (Kothari Memorial Annual Lecture), *Center for Policy Research, Ashoka University*.

**2018:** *University of Virginia* (Political Science), *Cornell University* (Government), *Harvard University* (Government).

**2017:** *University of Minnesota* (Political Science), *MIT* (Political Science), *Northwestern University* (Political Science), *University of Washington* (Simpson Center for Humanities), *McGill University*, *Columbia* (Political Science), *University of Washington* (Political Science and South Asian Studies), *IGIDR* (Mumbai).

**2016:** *Harvard* (Government Department), *Duke* (Political Science Department), *MIT* (Political Science Department), *Center for Policy Research* (New Delhi), *Carnegie Institute* (2), *New School for Social Research* (China-India Colloquium).

**2015:** *Stanford University* (Political Science) *Vanderbilt University* (Political Science), *Duke University* (Summer School, Udaipur, India), *University of California-Berkeley* (Political Science), *University of California-Berkeley* (India Politics Workshop), *Yale University* (South Asian Studies Council), *Princeton University* (Political Science), *University of Pennsylvania* (Center for Advanced Study of India), *Yale University* (Political Science), *Columbia University* (South Asia Institute), *University of Chicago* (Political Science), *University of Chicago* (South Asia Elections Roundtable).

**2014:** *Duke University* (Sanford School), *Brown University* (Watson Institute for International Affairs), *Princeton University* (South Asia Program), *Johns Hopkins* (School of International Affairs). *University of Pennsylvania* (Center for Advanced Study of India).

**2013:** *Juan March Institute*, Madrid.

**2012:** *Amherst College* (Political Science), *Columbia University* (Political Science), *University of Pennsylvania* (Political Science).

**2011:** *Amherst College*, (South Asia), *Columbia University* (South Asia Program), *Yale University* (Program on Democracy).

**2010:** *Brown University* (Watson Institute for International Affairs), *Yale University* (Leitner Political Economy Conference), *Yale University* (Political Science), *RAND* (Summit on Indo-US Relations), *Yale University* (Ethnography and Social Theory Seminar), *Yale University* (South Asia Brown Bag).

**2009:** *Dartmouth College* (Political Science), *University of Chicago* (Political Science), *University of Maryland* (Political Science), *University of Toronto* (Political Science), *Yale University* (Political Science), *School of Oriental and African Studies* (Department of Politics), *Cornell University* (Peace Studies Program), *Cornell University* (South Asia Program).

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2011, 2010), Annual South Asia Conference (2016, 2015, 2014, 2009, 2008), Social Science History Association (2010), Midwest

Political Science Association (2019, 2010, 2009), Association for Asian Studies (2010), International Studies Association (2010), European Social Science History Conference (2008), British Association of South Asian Studies Conference (2007), Conference on Religious and Social Fragmentation in South Asia, Cornell University (2006).

### INVITED CHAIR OR DISCUSSANT

American Political Science Association (2019, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014), Modern South Asia Workshop (2015), Conference on Urban India (Mysore, 2012). Institute for Advanced Study, Shimla (2012), Book Workshop for Mattias Poertner (Texas A&M, 2020), Book Workshop for Nikhar Gaikwad (Columbia 2020), Book Workshop for Amrita Basu, (Amherst College 2012), Workshop for Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro, Brown University (2011), Yale University, Agrarian Studies Workshop (2011). Yale University, Conference on Rural Modernities (2011), American Political Science Association (2011).

### TEACHING

*Graduate:* Research in Comparative Analysis, Identity Politics, Comparative Political Parties.

*Undergraduate Courses:* Development in South Asia, Identity Politics. Indian Democracy in Comparative Perspective, Democracy in South Asia, Social Movements in India, Political Parties in the Developing World.

#### *Dissertation Committees:*

Rashi Sabherwal, Vanderbilt PhD Student (advisor).  
Rithika Kumar, University of Pennsylvania PhD Student (advisor).  
Shashwat Dhar, Vanderbilt PhD Student (co-advisor).  
SangEun Kim, Vanderbilt PhD Candidate (co-advisor).  
Daniela Osorio Michel, Vanderbilt PhD Candidate (co-advisor).  
Madhavi Devasher (Princeton University Postdoc, University of New Hampshire-tenure track).  
Shivaji Mukherjee (University of Toronto-tenure track).  
Paul Kenny (Australian National University-tenure track).  
Selim Erdem Aytac (Koc University, Istanbul-tenure track).  
Luis Schiumerini (Oxford University postdoc, Notre Dame-tenure track).  
Niloufer Siddiqui (SUNY-Albany tenure track).

*Nominated for Poorve Prize in Interdisciplinary Teaching (Yale University).*

### SERVICE

#### **Political Science and South Asian Studies**

2019-, Scientific Board, Trivedi Center for Political Data, Ashoka University.  
2019, Co-organizer, Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Economy.  
2018-, Publications Committee, American Institute for Indian Studies.  
2018, Selection Committee, Heinz Eulu Prize for best article published in *APSR*.

2018, Co-Division Chair (w/Sarah Brooks, OSU), APSA Comparative Politics of Developing Countries.

2018, Reviewer, International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council.

2017 Prize Committee, Luebbert Award for Best Book in Comparative Politics.

2015-18. Board Member, APSA Urban and Local Politics Section.

### **Vanderbilt University**

Co-Director, Comparative Politics Speaker Series (2016-).

Faculty Affiliate, Asian Studies Program (2016-).

### **2019-20**

Placement Director (Department).

University Faculty Council (elected by faculty peers, University).

Junior Advisory Review Committee (University).

University Curriculum Committee (University).

### **2018-19**

Faculty Review Committee (Department).

Search Committee (Department).

Exam Committee (Department).

Asian Studies Program, Steering Committee.

Junior Advisory Review Committee (University).

University Curriculum Committee (University).

### **2017-18**

Faculty Review Committee (Department).

Faculty Workshop Coordinator (Department).

Search Committee (Department).

Global Studies Director Search Committee (University).

### **2016-17:**

Faculty Review Committee (Department).

Planning Committee on Global Studies Major (University).

### **Yale University**

Member, Yale Program on Democracy 2010-2016.

Member, Executive Council, South Asian Studies Council 2010-2016.

### **2015-16:**

Co-director, Comparative Politics Workshop.

Faculty Search Committee, Chinese Politics.

### **2014-15:**

Director of Undergraduate Studies, South Asian Studies.

Selection Committee, Comparative Politics Senior Essay Prize, Department of Political Science.

Comparative A-Exam Committee, Department of Political Science.



Comparative Politics Teaching Coordinator, Department of Political Science.  
Selection Committee, MacMillan Center Dissertation Yearlong Fellowships.  
Selection Committee, MacMillan Center Graduate Summer Fellowships.  
Selection Committee, Fox Fellowship.  
Selection Committee, Senior Essay Prize, South Asian Studies Council.  
Selection Committee, Summer Travel Awards, South Asian Studies Council.  
Selection Committee, Language Awards, South Asian Studies Council.  
Selection Committee, Rustogi Awards, South Asian Studies Council.

**2012-13:** Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science (Diversity Representative).

**2011-12:**

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science.  
Co-director, Comparative Politics Workshop.  
Comparative A-Exam Committee, Department of Political Science.  
Director of Undergraduate Studies, South Asian Studies Council.  
Selection Committee, Summer Travel Awards, South Asian Studies Council.  
Selection Committee, South Asian Studies Council, Postdoctoral Fellowships.  
Co-organizer, Conference on Indian Democracy, Institute for Advanced Study, Shimla.

**2010-2011:**

Selection Committee, South Asian Postdoctoral Fellowships.  
Co-organizer, Modern South Asia Workshop, Yale University.  
Co-organizer, Conference on “Indian Democracy: Its Economic, Political and Cultural Dimensions”, South Asian Studies Council, Yale University.

**EDITORIAL BOARD**

Cambridge University Press, Studies in Comparative Politics Series.

**JOURNAL REFEREE**

*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Journal of Sociology, British Journal of Political Science, Commonwealth and Comparative Politics, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Contemporary South Asia, India Review, Journal of Politics, PS: Political Science and Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Studies in Comparative International Development, Studies in Indian Politics, World Politics.*

**BOOK REFEREE**

*Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Yale University Press.*

**LANGUAGES**

English (native), Hindi (native).