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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

London School of Economics and Political Science 2023 –
Department of Government
Assistant Professor in Political Science

AFFILIATIONS

Governance and Local Development Institute 2025
University of Gothenburg
Fellow (Non-Residential)

EDUCATION

Stanford University 2017 – 2023
PhD in Political Science

New York University Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE 2012 – 2016
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (minor in History), summa cum laude

BOOK PROJECT

Of Land and Leviathan: How State-Society Bargaining Shapes Infrastructure in India

Identity and Emigration (with Nikhar Gaikwad and Kolby Hanson)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

[Bridging the Gulf: Experimental Evidence on Migration's Impact on Tolerance and Internationalism](#) with Nikhar Gaikwad and Kolby Hanson, **American Journal of Political Science**.

- Luebbert Article Prize for the Best Paper in Comparative Politics (2025)

[Can Party Elites Shape the Rank and File? Evidence from a Recruitment Campaign in India](#) with Saad Gulzar, Durgesh Pathak, and Sarah Thompson, **American Political Science Review**

[Do Quotas In Two Dimensions Improve Social Equality? Intersectional Representation & Group Relations](#), with Rachel Brulé, Forthcoming in **Journal of Politics**

[Bringing Autocracy Home? How Migration to Autocracies Shapes Migrants' Support for Democracy](#), (with Nikhar Gaikwad and Kolby Hanson), **World Politics**

[How Migrating Overseas Shapes Political Preferences: Evidence from a Field Experiment](#) (with Nikhar Gaikwad and Kolby Hanson), **International Organization**

- Robert H. Durr Award for best paper applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem (2019)

UNDER REVIEW

[Vote Tourism: How Electoral Fraud Facilitates Elite Rent-Sharing](#) (with Liam Rose) - Revised & resubmitted at *The Journal of Politics*

WORKING PAPERS

My Way and the Highway: Embedded Bureaucrats and Bargaining Over Land and Infrastructure

From Red Tape to a Red Line: How Land Record Digitization Can Stall Infrastructure Investment

The World's Largest Land-Records Digitization Reform Improves Agriculture and Protects Forests (with Saad Gulzar and Anzony Quispe)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Coercive Benefits: Mining, Extractive Institutions, and Public Goods in India, (with Emily Russell)

Land Privatization and Populism, (with Krisztina Szabó)

MEDIA AND POLICY

- Featured in [Ideas of India](#) podcast.
- Discussion of “How Overseas Opportunities Shape Political Preferences” in the [World Bank’s Development Impact Blog](#)
- Contributed section in [The Backlash against Globalization: What’s Next?](#) policy brief.

GRANTS

- 2025: British Academy Small Research Grant (GBP 10,000); LSE-Georgetown University Seed Grant (GBP 20,000) with Pavithra Suryanarayan, Bhumi Purohit, Irfan Nooruddin
- 2024: Ronald Coase Institute Grant (\$20,000)
- 2022: CVoter Foundation Survey Grant (\$25,000)
- 2021: Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, Graduate Research Award (\$10,000); Stanford King Center for Global Development, Graduate Research Award (\$13,000); Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Graduate Research Opportunity (\$4,900); Freeman Spogli Institute, Large Research Grant (\$9,000)
- 2020: Stanford King’s Center for Global Development Exploratory Grant (\$3,500)
- 2019: Center for South Asia at Stanford University Graduate Research Grant (\$3,500); King’s Center for Global Development Exploratory Grant (\$6,000)
- 2018: Freeman Spogli Institute at Stanford University Research Grant (\$1,500)
- 2017: Pilot project grant from Research & Empirical Analysis of Labor Migration at Columbia University to implement a field experiment on the economic returns to migration as well as migration’s impact on political attitudes, tolerance, and support for peace (\$150,000).

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Comparative Politics Seminar, Princeton University, 2027
- Immigration Policy Lab, ETH Zurich, 2027
- Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 2026
- European University Institute, Italy, 2026
- IE University, Spain, 2025
- University of Oxford, DPIR, UK, 2025
- University of Glasgow, UK, 2025
- King’s College London, India Institute, UK 2024
- European Meeting on the Political Economy of South Asia, Oslo, Norway, 2024

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- LSE-NYU Political Economy Conference: 2026, 2025
- Political Economy Workshop, CASI at University of Pennsylvania, 2025, 2023 (by-invitation)
- MIGRADEMO Workshop, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 2024
- Cornell University, Governance and Local Development Institute Conference, USA, 2025 (by-invitation)
- International Political Economy Society Conference: 2024
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2024, 2022, 2021, 2020
- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2026, 2025, 2024
- Midwest Political Science Association: 2024, 2021
- Indian Politics Workshop, UC Berkeley 2022
- University of California, Berkeley; “Gender and Politics” Workshop, 2021
- Southern Political Science Association, 2021
- Workshop on the Political Economy of South Asia, 2020

- Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference, 2020
- Indian Democracy at Work, 2020
- Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Delhi ISI 2019
- CaliWEPS II, 2019

TEACHING

- Undergraduate:
 - *The Art of Power and Political Resistance*, LSE Autumn 2025
 - *Research Design for Political Science*, LSE, Autumn 2024
- Postgraduate:
 - *Quantitative Analysis for Political Science*, LSE, Autumn 2023-2025

TEACHING ASSISTANCE

- *Data Science for Politics* by Prof. Yiqin Xu, Summer 2021 (TA);
- *Populism and the Erosion of Democracy* by Prof. Anna Grzymala-Busse, 2020 & 2023 (TA);
- *Formal Theory II* by Prof. Avidit Acharya, Spring 2020 (TA);
- *Middle Eastern Politics* by Prof. Lisa Blaydes, Fall 2019 (TA);
- *Political Methodology II: Causal Inference* by Prof. Jens Hainmueller, Winter 2019 (TA).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Co-Chair for the South Asia Politics Division at APSA (2026)
- Reviewer for the American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Review of Economic Studies, World Politics.

SKILLS

Languages Conversational in Hindi and French, Hungarian native speaker

Computer R, STATA, Python, L^AT_EX, NVivo, Qualtrics; familiarity with QGIS