Pawas Pratikshit

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Education

SCIENCES PO SCHOOL OF RESEARCH, PARIS

MA Political Science   Aug 2022 – Jun 2024
- Specialization: Political Behavior
- Thesis: *Seeing like a 'Sadasya': Political Party* Members' Perception of Elections in India.
- Committee: Dr. Nicolas Sauger, Dr. Kevin Arceneaux, Dr. Gilles Ivaldi
- Centre for Socio-Political Data (CDSP)
- CGPA:15.29/20, Thesis Grade: 16.5/20

ASHOKA UNIVERSITY, SONIPAT

PG Diploma in Advanced Studies and Research   Aug 2021 – Jun 2022
- Advanced major in Political Science with a capstone thesis.
- Thesis: *Our Eastminster - Origins of Parliamentary Governance in Independent India*
- Supervisor: Dr. Vinay Sitapati
- CGPA: 3.89/4 (Magna Cum Laude)

BA Political Science (Honours)   Aug 2018 – Jun 2021
- Major in Political Science with a minor in English.
- Dean's List for 3 consecutive years - CGPA: 3.65/4, Major GPA : 3.7/4 (Cum Laude)

Publications

Peer Reviewed

- Does Congress Party's performance in 2024 general election signal a revival? *Economic and Political Weekly*. (*Equal Co-Author with Dr. Rahul Verma*)

Working Papers

- The Myth of Discipline - A Behavioral Analysis of the BJP's Organizational Structure.

- Between Strategy and Spectacle: The Conditional Power of Campaign Rallies. (*Equal Co-Author with Dr. Rahul Verma*)

Public Writing

- Who takes better care of political workers? Survey of BJP and Congress finds out. *The Print*. (*Equal Co-Authored Op-ed with Dr. Rahul Verma*)

Employment

UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

Predoctoral Fellow   Jul 2025 – Present
- European Research Council Project :"Elections, Violence, and Parties"
- PI: Dr. Ursula Daxecker

CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH, DELHI

Research Associate   May 2025 – Jul 2025
- Affiliation: Politics Initiative

ASHOKA UNIVERSITY, SONIPAT

Short Term Research Assistant   May 2025 - June 2025
- Assisted: Dr. Dipin Kaur

Research Assistant   Jul 2024 - May 2025
- Assisted: Dr. Rahul Verma

Teaching Fellow (Public Opinion and Voting Behaviour in India)   Jan 2025 – May 2025
- Assisted : Dr. Rahul Verma

Teaching Fellow (Introduction to Indian Politics)   Jan 2025 – May 2025
- Assisted : Dr. Rahul Verma

Teaching Fellow (Economics, Politics, and Society)   Aug 2024 – December 2024
- Assisted : Dr. Rahul Verma

Teaching Fellow (Environmental Studies) (Summer Semester)   Jun 2024 – Aug 2024
- Assisted : Dr. Mitul Baruah

Internships/Other Work Experience

TOURNONS LA PAGE & CENTRE DE RECHERCHES INTERNATIONALES (CERI), PARIS

Short-term Research Consultant   May 2024 – Jun 2024

– Project: *De quoi le rejet de la France en Afrique est-il le nom?* (examining how perceptions of national leaders' ties with France influenced their approval among civil society actors in Francophone Africa)

SCIENCES PO, PARIS

Class Representative – Political Behaviour Track   Sep 2023 – Jun 2024

– Political Behaviour Track (2023-2024)

Academic Note-Taker   Dec 2022 – May 2023

– Worked with Pôle Handicap to Assist Differently-Abled MA Students

CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH, DELHI

Research Intern   Jun 2022 – Oct 2022

- Affiliation - Politics Initiative

ASHOKA UNIVERSITY, SONIPAT

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant   Aug 2021 – May 2022

- Courses: *Democracy and Authoritarianism in South Asia* (with Dr. Gilles Verniers) and *Introduction to Indian Politics* (with Dr. Rahul Verma)

TRIVEDI CENTRE FOR POLITICAL DATA, SONIPAT

Research Intern   Jul 2020 – Sep 2020
- Research Group: Incumbency Mapping Project

Datasets

- Partisan Perceptions of Election Outcomes: An Original Dataset on Political Party Members' Perception of 2023 Madhya Pradesh State Elections (Unpublished, Shared Upon Request)

- Top Leaders' Rallies in India: Matched Geographical Locations of Political Rallies Held by Rahul Gandhi and Narendra Modi for 2019 and 2024 Election Cycles with the TCPD LokDhaba Dataset. (Unpublished, Currently in Use for an Upcoming Paper.)

Awards & Grants

Sciences Po School of Research' Fieldwork Mobility Grant (~900€ or US$ 978)	Dec 2023-Feb 2024
Charpak Masters' Excellence Scholarship (Campus France)(~6000 € or US$ 7000)	Jun 2022-Jun 2024
Ashoka University Postgraduate Diploma Program Scholarship (INR 4,50,000)	Aug 2021-May 2022
Ashoka University Undergraduate Program Scholarship (INR 13,50,000)	Aug 2018-May 2021

Non Monetary Awards

Ashoka University Dean's Honour's List, 3 consecutive years (2019-2022)

Presentation & Workshops

Delhi School on Political Communication, International Communication Association (ICA)	Aug 2025
Guest Lecture, Experimental Research Design Workshop, Young India Fellowship, Ashoka University	Sep 2025

Research & Training

Quantitative
- Causal Inference (QRM1) (Sciences Po, Grade A)
- Advanced Quantitative Methods: GLM, RDD, Time Series (Sciences Po, Grade A-)
- Experimental Methods (Sciences Po, Grade A)
- Cognitive Approaches to Political Behaviour (Sciences Po, Grade A)

Qualitative
- Qualitative Methods (Sciences Po, Grade A-)
- Advanced Qualitative Methods (Sciences Po, Grade B+)
- Fieldwork Seminar – Political Behaviour Group (Sciences Po)

Skills

Languages

Hindi (Native)
French (Intermediate)

English (Fluent)

Software

R (Advanced)
Git / GitHub (Intermediate)
LaTeX and Overleaf(Advanced)
STATA (Intermediate)

Python (Basic Knowledge)
MS Office (Advanced)
GIS(R Studio)(Advanced)
ATLAS.ti (Advanced)

Fieldwork

Delhi   Jan 2025 – Feb 2025

- Facilitated and supervised fieldwork for the introductory course on Indian Politics at Ashoka University, leading a team of 90 students as participant observers and data collectors in 16 of Delhi's 70 assembly constituencies.

- The survey culminated in a report assessing the preparedness and campaign strategies of the three largest parties in the state ahead of the 2025 assembly elections.

Madhya Pradesh   Dec 2023 – Feb 2024

- Conducted an in-person primary survey of 210 political party members from 45 assembly constituencies, including MLAs, MPs, and State Presidents from the two largest political parties in the state, using participant observation, shadowing, and in-depth interviews.

- The survey, funded by Sciences Po as part of my MA thesis project, assessed the perceptual accuracy of political party members regarding the salience of various electoral issues.

Paris   Jan 2023 – Mar 2023

- Conducted participant observation and in-depth qualitative interviews with students from Beaux-Arts and Les Gobelins Art Schools in Paris.

- Collaborated with a team of five researchers to evaluate the politicization of art students for a term paper in Advanced Qualitative Methods.

Reccomendations

Dr. Kevin (Vin) Arceneaux
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Dr. Rahul Verma
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Centre for Policy Research (CPR)
53Q+4G8, Dharam Marg - New Delhi, India
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Dr. Nicolas Sauger
Professor
Centre for Socio-Political Data (CDSP)
Sciences Po
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Dr. Ursula Daxecker
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