

# 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: 15.82/20, 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

- Do Incumbents and Opposition Strategize Mobilization Differently? Theory and Evidence from India (with Dr. Rahul Verma)
- Segment Pivotality Index: A Meso-Level Diagnostic for Election Irregularities in India
- The Myth of Discipline - A Behavioral Analysis of the BJP’s Organizational Structure.

### 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

Jun 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 – Dec 2024

- Assisted : Dr. Rahul Verma

**Teaching Fellow (Environmental Studies) (Summer Semester)**

Jun 2024 – Aug 2024

- Assisted : Dr. Mitul Baruah

## Internships/Other Work Experience

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TOURNOIS 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

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- 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.)

## R Package

- SPIr: R package for computing and analysing the Segment Pivotality Index (SPI) for hierarchical electoral data (GitHub: <https://github.com/PawasPratikshit/SPIr>)

## 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

Asian PolMeth Conference (Paper selected for presentation)	Mar 2026
Guest Lecture, Experimental Research Design Workshop, Young India Fellowship, Ashoka University	Sep 2025
Delhi School on Political Communication, International Communication Association (ICA)	Aug 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)	English (Fluent)
French (Intermediate)	

### Software

R (Advanced)	Python (Basic Knowledge)
Git / GitHub (Intermediate)	MS Office (Advanced)
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STATA (Intermediate)	ATLAS.ti (Advanced)

## Fieldwork

Delhi	Jan 2025 – Feb 2025
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- 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
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- 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

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### Dr. Kevin (Vin) Arceneaux

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### Dr. Nicolas Sauger

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### Dr. Rahul Verma

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### Dr. Ursula Daxecker

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