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POSITIONS **Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Oxford**

Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism   2021 –

EDUCATION **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA, USA.

Ph.D., Political Science   May 2021

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA.

Master of Arts, Political Science   June 2015

St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, India.

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology   June 2014

RESEARCH INTERESTS
Misinformation, Political Communication, Social Media, Media Effects, Polarization, Political Behavior, Experimental Methods, South Asia

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES
Badrinathan, Sumitra. 2021. Educative Interventions to Combat Misinformation: Evidence From A Field Experiment in India. *American Political Science Review*, 1-17.

- Winner of the 2021 APSA Political Communication Section's Paul Lazarsfeld Best Paper Award

Badrinathan, Sumitra, Devesh Kapur, Deepaboli Chatterjee, and Neelanjan Sircar. 2021. Partisan Disagreement: The Role of Media, Personal Networks and Gender in Forming Political Preferences. *Urbanisation*, Forthcoming

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW
Navigating Insider and Outsider Status as Researchers Conducting Field Experiments, with Eunji Kim, Donghyun Danny Choi, Sabrina Karim, and Yang-Yang Zhou (Revised and Resubmitted to *PS: Political Science and Politics*)

I Don't Think That's True, Bro!" An Experiment on Fact-checking Misinformation in India, with Simon Chauchard (Under Review)

Leveraging Religiosity Against COVID-19 Misinformation: Experimental Evidence from India, with Simon Chauchard (Under Review)

WORK IN PROGRESS	Who Believes Misinformation? A Profile of Vulnerability to False News in India, with *Simon Chauchard*

- To be presented at American Political Science Association Conference, September 2021

Fair and Balanced: What News Audiences in Four Countries Mean When They Say They Prefer Impartial News, *with Camila Mont'Alverne, Amy Ross Arguedas, Benjamin Toff, Richard Fletcher, Rasmus Kleis Nielsen*

- To be presented at the International Journal of Press/Politics Conference, September 2021

Media, Trust, and Partisanship in India: Evidence from In-Person Survey Experiments Across 4 Cities

Misinformation and Vigilantism in India and Pakistan: Determinants and Solutions, *with Niloufer Siddiqui and Simon Chauchard*

The effect of labelling false COVID-19 posts on social media in Brazil, India and the UK, *with Richard Fletcher, Simge Andi, Benjamin Toff, Rasmus Kleis Nielsen*

The Puzzle of Indian-American Voting Behavior, *with Milan Vaishnav and Devesh Kapur*

Increasing Trust in News Through Field Experiments, *with Benjamin Toff, Amy Ross Arguedas, Camila Mont'Alverne*

The Impact of Anti-Minority Misinformation on Democratic Values and Polarization: Evidence from India

BOOK CHAPTERS	Badrinathan, Sumitra, and Devesh Kapur. 2021. "Religion, Caste, Class, Politics: How Urbanization Affects Social Interactions and Political Behaviors." Chapter. In *Colossus: The Anatomy of Delhi*, edited by Sanjoy Chakravorty and Neelanjan Sircar. Cambridge University Press

MEDIA WRITING	Badrinathan, Sumitra. 7 June, 2021. "India is facing an epidemic of misinformation alongside covid-19." *The Washington Post*

Badrinathan, Sumitra, Devesh Kapur, Jonathan Kay, and Milan Vaishnav. June 10, 2021. "Discrimination against Indian Americans happens more than you might think." *Monkey Cage (Washington Post)*

Badrinathan, Sumitra, Devesh Kapur, and Milan Vaishnav. 15 October, 2020. "Why Indian Americans are not becoming Republicans any time soon." *Monkey Cage (Washington Post)*

Badrinathan, Sumitra, and Simon Chauchard. 28 January, 2020. "Is there a way to counter fake news on WhatsApp?" *Hindustan Times*

OTHER WRITING	Toff, Benjamin, Sumitra Badrinathan, Camila Mont'Alverne, Amy Ross Arguedas, Richard Fletcher, and Rasmus Kleis Nielsen. 22 April, 2021. Listening to what trust in news means to users: qualitative evidence from four countries. *Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism*
	Badrinathan, Sumitra, Devesh Kapur, and Milan Vaishnav. 9 February, 2021. How Do Indian Americans View India? Results From the 2020 Indian American Attitudes Survey. *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*
	Badrinathan, Sumitra, Devesh Kapur, and Milan Vaishnav. 14 October, 2020. How Will Indian Americans Vote? Results From the 2020 Indian American Attitudes Survey. *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*
INVITED TALKS & GUEST LECTURES	NYU Comparative Politics Speaker Series, September 2021 Invited talk
	Brown Harvard MIT Joint Seminar on South Asian Politics, September 2021 Invited talk
	University of Massachusetts Amherst, March 2021 Guest lecture in Causal Inference class (Prof. Alexander Theodoridis)
	Colorado State University, March 2021 Guest lecture in undergraduate Media and Politics class (Prof. Dominik Stecula)
	UCLA Politics of Order and Development Lab, October 2020 Invited talk
	Venderbilt University, October 2020 Guest lecture in graduate Field Experiments class (Prof. Kristin Michelitch)

AWARDS	APSA Political Communication Section's Paul Lazarsfeld Best Paper Award	2021
	University of Pennsylvania Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching	2019
	Penn Prize for Excellence in Teaching by Graduate Students	2019

GRANTS & FUNDING	Sobti Family Doctoral Fellowship ($12,500)	2020
	Penn Dissertation Research Fellowship ($3500)	2020
	Russell Ackoff Doctoral Student Fellowship ($3,000)	2020
	SPSA Prestage-Cook Travel Award	2019
	Judith Rodin Research Fellowship ($5000)	2018, 2017
	Center for the Advanced Study of India Summer Research Fellowship ($3500)	2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	**Teaching Assistant, University of Pennsylvania**	
	Political Change in the Third World	Fall 2019
	PSCI116 with Prof. Rudy Sil	
	Statistics for Political Science	Fall 2018
	PSCI338 with Prof. Marc Meredith	
	International Human Rights	Spring 2018
	PSCI258 with Prof. Eileen Doherty-Sil	
	Introduction to American Politics	Fall 2017
	PSCI130 with Prof. Marc Meredith	

CONFERENCE TALKS	American Political Science Association Annual Conference	2021
	International Journal of Press/Politics Conference	
	Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention	
	American Political Science Association Annual Conference	2020
	Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference	
	Southern Political Science Association Conference	
	American Political Science Association Annual Conference	2019
	NYU Winter Experimental Social Sciences Conference	
	MIT Gov/Lab Political Behavior of Development Conference	
	Southern Political Science Association Conference	
	Midwest Political Science Association Conference	2018
	Association for Asian Studies Conference	

WORK EXPERIENCE	**National Opinion Research Center**, Chicago, IL	2015 - 2016
	Research Associate	
	Responsible for data coding and analysis for the Survey of Doctorate Recipients	
	RA to Dr. Nicholas Stephanopoulos, University of Chicago	2015 - 2016
	Data cleaning, analysis and coding for project on racial polarization in voting patterns	
	Minister of State for Communications and IT	2013 - 2014
	Electoral Campaign, Mumbai, India	
	Head of student campaigning, outreach, and GOTV	

DATA SCIENCE & TECH	**Languages:** R (proficient), HTML CSS (intermediate), Python (intermediate)
	Programs: Qualtrics (survey & experimental design), Latex, DataWrapper

Statistical modelling: classic regression models, generalized linear models, multilevel modeling

Languages   Native: English, Hindi, Marathi, Tamil

Intermediate: French

Beginner: Spanish

References   **Prof. Guy Grossman**
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