




SUMITRA BADRINATHAN

CONTACT	University of Oxford Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism 13 Norham Gardens, Oxford OX2 6PS United Kingdom	 sumitra.badrinathan@politics.ox.ac.uk  sumitrabadrinathan.github.io  KhariBiskut  SumitraBadrinathan
---------	--	--

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 . <i>American Political Science Review</i> , 1-17. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 . <i>Urbanisation</i> , 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 <i>PS: Political Science and Politics</i>) 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	<p>Who Believes Misinformation? A Profile of Vulnerability to False News in India, with <i>Simon Chauchard</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be presented at American Political Science Association Conference, September 2021 <p>Fair and Balanced: What News Audiences in Four Countries Mean When They Say They Prefer Impartial News, with <i>Camila Mont'Alverne, Amy Ross Arguedas, Benjamin Toff, Richard Fletcher, Rasmus Kleis Nielsen</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be presented at the International Journal of Press/Politics Conference, September 2021 <p>Media, Trust, and Partisanship in India: Evidence from In-Person Survey Experiments Across Four Cities</p> <p>Misinformation and Vigilantism in India and Pakistan: Determinants and Solutions, with <i>Niloufer Siddiqui and Simon Chauchard</i></p> <p>The effect of labelling false COVID-19 posts on social media in Brazil, India and the UK, with <i>Richard Fletcher, Simge Andi, Benjamin Toff, Rasmus Kleis Nielsen</i></p> <p>The Puzzle of Indian-American Voting Behavior, with <i>Milan Vaishnav and Devesh Kapur</i></p> <p>Increasing Trust in News Through Field Experiments, with <i>Benjamin Toff, Amy Ross Arguedas, Camila Mont'Alverne</i></p> <p>The Impact of Anti-Minority Misinformation on Democratic Values and Polarization: Evidence from India</p>
BOOK CHAPTERS	<p>Badrinathan, Sumitra, and Devesh Kapur. 2021. “Religion, Caste, Class, Politics: How Urbanization Affects Social Interactions and Political Behaviors.” Chapter. In <i>Colossus: The Anatomy of Delhi</i>, edited by Sanjoy Chakravorty and Neelanjana Sircar. Cambridge University Press</p>
MEDIA WRITING	<p>Badrinathan, Sumitra. 7 June, 2021. “India is facing an epidemic of misinformation alongside covid-19.” <i>The Washington Post</i></p> <p>Badrinathan, Sumitra, Devesh Kapur, Jonathan Kay, and Milan Vaishnav. June 10, 2021. “Discrimination against Indian Americans happens more than you might think.” <i>Monkey Cage (Washington Post)</i></p> <p>Badrinathan, Sumitra, Devesh Kapur, and Milan Vaishnav. 15 October, 2020. “Why Indian Americans are not becoming Republicans any time soon.” <i>Monkey Cage (Washington Post)</i></p> <p>Badrinathan, Sumitra, and Simon Chauchard. 28 January, 2020. “Is there a way to counter fake news on WhatsApp?” <i>Hindustan Times</i></p>

OTHER WRITING	Toff, Benjamin, Sumitra Badrinathan, Camila Mont’Alverne, Amy Ross Arguedas, Richard Fletcher, and Rasmus Kleis Nielsen. 9 September, 2021. Overcoming indifference: what attitudes towards news tell us about building trust . <i>Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism</i>	
	Badrinathan, Sumitra, Devesh Kapur, and Milan Vaishnav. 9 February, 2021. How Do Indian Americans View India? Results From the 2020 Indian American Attitudes Survey . <i>Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i>	
	Badrinathan, Sumitra, Devesh Kapur, and Milan Vaishnav. 14 October, 2020. How Will Indian Americans Vote? Results From the 2020 Indian American Attitudes Survey . <i>Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i>	
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 graduate 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	
	Vanderbilt 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	Facebook Integrity Foundational Research Award (with N. Siddiqui and S. Chauchard) – \$100,000	2021
	Sobti Family Doctoral Fellowship – \$12,500	2020
	Penn Dissertation Research Fellowship – \$3,500	2020
	Russell Ackoff Doctoral Student Fellowship – \$3,000	2020
	Judith Rodin Research Fellowship – \$10,000	2018, 2017
	Center for the Advanced Study of India Summer Research Fellowship – \$3,500	2018

TEACHING	Teaching Assistant, University of Pennsylvania	
EXPERIENCE	Political Change in the Third World PSCI116 with Prof. Rudy Sil	Fall 2019
	Statistics for Political Science PSCI338 with Prof. Marc Meredith	Fall 2018
	International Human Rights PSCI258 with Prof. Eileen Doherty-Sil	Spring 2018
	Introduction to American Politics PSCI130 with Prof. Marc Meredith	Fall 2017
CONFERENCE	American Political Science Association Annual Conference	2021
TALKS	International Journal of Press/Politics Conference Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention	
	American Political Science Association Annual Conference Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference Southern Political Science Association Conference	2020
	American Political Science Association Annual Conference NYU Winter Experimental Social Sciences Conference MIT Gov/Lab Political Behavior of Development Conference Southern Political Science Association Conference	2019
	Midwest Political Science Association Conference Association for Asian Studies Conference	2018
WORK	National Opinion Research Center , Chicago, IL	2015 - 2016
EXPERIENCE	Research Associate Responsible for data coding and analysis for the Survey of Doctorate Recipients	
	RA to Dr. Nicholas Stephanopoulos , University of Chicago Data cleaning, analysis and coding for project on racial polarization in voting patterns	2015 - 2016
	Minister of State for Communications and IT Electoral Campaign, Mumbai, India Head of student campaigning, outreach, and GOTV	2013 - 2014
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**
 Professor
 Department of Political Science
 University of Pennsylvania
 ggros@sas.upenn.edu

Prof. Marc Meredith
 Associate Professor
 Department of Political Science
 University of Pennsylvania
 marcmere@sas.upenn.edu

Prof. Matthew Levendusky
 Professor
 Department of Political Science
 University of Pennsylvania
 mleven@sas.upenn.edu

Prof. Devesh Kapur
 Starr Foundation Professor
 of South Asian Studies
 Johns Hopkins University SAIS
 dkapur1@jhu.edu