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POSITIONS	Assistant Professor of Political Science American University, School of International Service	Fall 2022 –
	Postdoctoral Research Fellow , University of Oxford Reuters Institute, Trust in News Project	2021 – 2022
EDUCATION	Ph.D., Political Science , University of Pennsylvania	2016 – 2021
	M.A., Political Science , University of Chicago	2014 – 2015
	B.A., Psychology , St. Xavier's College Mumbai	2011 – 2014
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Misinformation, South Asia, Political Economy, Experimental Methods, Partisanship, Social Media, Polarization	
PEER- REVIEWED PAPERS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Badrinathan, Sumitra. 2021. Educative Interventions to Combat Misinformation: Evidence From A Field Experiment in India. <i>American Political Science Review</i> 115(4): 1325–1341.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winner of the 2021 APSA Paul Lazarsfeld Best Paper Award2. Kim, Eunji, Sumitra Badrinathan, Donghyun Danny Choi, Sabrina Karim, and Yang-Yang Zhou. 2022. Navigating Insider and Outsider Status as Researchers Conducting Field Experiments. <i>PS: Political Science & Politics</i>: 1–53. Badrinathan, Sumitra, Deepaboli Chatterjee, Devesh Kapur, and Neelanjan Sircar. 2021. Partisan Disagreement: The Role of Media, Personal Networks and Gender in Forming Political Preferences. <i>Urbanisation</i> 6(1): 141–157.4. Badrinathan, Sumitra and Simon Chauchard. 2023. "I Don't Think That's True, Bro!" Social Corrections of Misinformation in India. <i>International Journal of Press/Politics</i>5. Ross Arguedas, Amy A., Sumitra Badrinathan, Camila Mont'Alverne, Benjamin Toff, Richard Fletcher, and Rasmus Kleis Nielsen. 2022. "It's a Battle You Are Never Going to Win": Perspectives from Journalists in Four Countries on How Digital Media Platforms Undermine Trust in News. <i>Journalism Studies</i>: 1-206. Mont'Alverne, Camila, Sumitra Badrinathan, Amy Ross Arguedas, Benjamin Toff, Richard Fletcher, and Rasmus Kleis Nielsen. 2023. Fair and Balanced: What News Audiences in Four Countries Mean When They Say They Prefer Impartial News. <i>Journalism Studies</i>: 1-18	

UNDER REVIEW	Misinformation and Support for Vigilantism: An Experiment in India and Pakistan , with Simon Chauchard and Niloufer Siddiqui
	Leveraging Religiosity Against COVID-19 Misinformation: Experimental Evidence from India , with Simon Chauchard
	Shortcuts to Trust: Relying on cues to judge online news from unfamiliar sources on digital platforms, <i>with Camila Mont’Alverne, Amy Ross Arguedas, Benjamin Toff, Richard Fletcher, Rasmus K. Nielsen</i> (Revise and resubmit)
	Measuring Domain-Specific Influence on Facebook in Brazil, India, the UK, and US., <i>with Camila Mont’Alverne, Amy Ross Arguedas, Benjamin Toff, Richard Fletcher, Rasmus K. Nielsen</i> (Revise and resubmit)
	Examining Urban/Rural Gaps in Trust in News Across Four Countries, <i>with Camila Mont’Alverne, Amy Ross Arguedas, Benjamin Toff, Richard Fletcher, Rasmus K. Nielsen</i>
WORK IN PROGRESS	Subjective Preferences for Objective News: Exploring the Complex Relationship Between Impartiality and Trust in News, <i>with Camila Mont’Alverne, Amy Ross Arguedas, Benjamin Toff, Richard Fletcher, Rasmus K. Nielsen</i>
	The effect of labelling false COVID-19 posts on social media in Brazil, India and the UK, <i>with Richard Fletcher, Simge Andi, Benjamin Toff, Rasmus K. Nielsen.</i> pre-analysis plan
	The effect of corrections featuring fact-checks from news organisations on false COVID-19 social media posts in Brazil, India and the UK, <i>with Richard Fletcher, Simge Andi, Camila Mont’Alverne, Benjamin Toff, Rasmus K. Nielsen</i> pre-analysis plan
	The effect of credibility labels on trust in news, <i>with Camila Mont’Alverne, Amy Ross Arguedas, Benjamin Toff, Richard Fletcher, Rasmus K. Nielsen</i> pre-analysis plan
	Does Partisanship Affect Media Choice? Experimental Evidence from North India
BOOK CHAPTERS	The Puzzle of Indian-American Voting Behavior, <i>with Milan Vaishnav and Devesh Kapur</i>
	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 Neelanjan Sircar. Cambridge University Press
MEDIA	Interview on Scope Conditions Podcast. 27 February, 2023. Can we Immunize Against Misinformation? With Sumitra Badrinathan.
	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*

Badrinathan, Sumitra, and Simon Chauchard. 28 January, 2020. [“Is there a way to counter fake news on WhatsApp?”](#) *Hindustan Times*

OTHER
WRITING

Mont’Alverne, Camila, Sumitra Badrinathan, Benjamin Toff, Amy Ross Arguedas, Richard Fletcher, and Rasmus Kleis Nielsen. 22 September, 2022. [The trust gap: how and why news on digital platforms is viewed more sceptically versus news in general.](#) *Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism*
Press: [Scroll](#), [Newslaundry](#), [Quint](#)

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*
Press: [Grand Tamasha Podcast](#), [Reuters](#), [Times of India](#), [Indian Express](#)

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*
Press: [Wall Street Journal](#), [New York Times](#), [Axios](#), [Reuters](#), [NDTV](#)

INVITED
TALKS &
GUEST
LECTURES

University of Maryland Political Science Seminar, February 2023

Google News Initiative Fighting Misinformation Online, June 2022

NYU Comparative Politics Speaker Series, September 2021

Brown Harvard MIT Joint Seminar on South Asian Politics, September 2021

Aarhus University Research on Online Political Hostility (ROPH) Project, October 2021

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

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	Social Science Research Council Mercury Project Award (with S. Chauchard and N. Sircar) – \$430,000	2022
	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 EXPERIENCE	Lecturer, American University	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative Political Economy (Spring 2023) 	
	Teaching Assistant, University of Pennsylvania	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics for Political Science (Fall 2018) • Political Change in the Third World (Fall 2019) • International Human Rights (Spring 2018) • Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2017) 	
CONFERENCE TALKS	Southern Political Science Association Conference	2023
	Midwest Political Science Association Conference	
	European Political Science Association Conference (scheduled)	
	American Political Science Association Conference (scheduled)	
	Midwest Political Science Association Conference	2022
	International Communication Association Conference	
	American Political Science Association Annual Conference	
	Berlin Meetings on the Political Economy of Development (MoPED)	
	International Fact-Checking Network Global Fact 9 Conference	
	American Political Science Association Annual Conference	2021
	International Journal of Press/Politics Conference	
	Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention	
	Digital Democracy Workshop, University of Zurich	

	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
WORK EXPERIENCE	National Opinion Research Center , Chicago, IL Research Associate, data coding and analysis for the Survey of Doctorate Recipients	2015 - 2016
	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 and generalized linear models, multilevel modeling	
LANGUAGES	Native: English, Hindi, Marathi, Tamil; Intermediate: French	
REFERENCES	Prof. Guy Grossman Professor Department of Political Science University of Pennsylvania ggros@sas.upenn.edu	Prof. Matthew Levendusky Professor Department of Political Science University of Pennsylvania mleven@sas.upenn.edu
	Prof. Marc Meredith Associate Professor Department of Political Science University of Pennsylvania marcmere@sas.upenn.edu	Prof. Devesh Kapur Starr Foundation Professor of South Asian Studies Johns Hopkins University SAIS dkapur1@jhu.edu