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## Education

† *Indicates expected*

- 2021–2026 † Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, Berkeley  
Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology  
Dissertation Committee: Thad Dunning (Chair), Jennifer Bussell, Pradeep Chhibber, Amanda Clayton, Leonardo Arriola
- 2020–2021 M.Sc., Economics, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, *Mention très bien*
- 2014–2018 B.A., Political Science, Dartmouth College, *Summa cum laude*

## Research

\*\* *Job market paper*, ♦ *Dissertation paper*

## Publications and Forthcoming Research

**Heinze, Alyssa R.**, Brulé, Rachel, & Simon Chauchard. (2025). Who *Actually* Governs? Gender Inequality and Political Representation in Rural India. *The Journal of Politics*, 87(2), 818–822. DOI: [10.1086/730746](https://doi.org/10.1086/730746)

**Heinze, Alyssa R.** Democratic Deepening or Elite Persistence? How Local Elites Adapt to Electoral Reform in Rural India. *Conditionally Accepted* at American Political Science Review. \*\*♦

- Winner of the Paula D. McClain Award for the MPSA Best Paper (2025)
- Winner of the MPSA Evan Ringquist Field Award for Best Paper on the Topic of Political Institutions (2025)
- Winner of the Philo Sherman Bennett Prize in Political Science (2024)
- Honorable Mention, Center for the Study of Law and Society Paper Prize (2024)

Chauchard, Simon, Brulé, Rachel, & **Alyssa R. Heinze**. Inclusive Reforms as Levers for Social Exclusion: The Paradoxical Consequences of Quotas for Women in Rural India. *Conditionally Accepted* at World Development. ♦

## Working Papers

**Heinze, Alyssa R.** When Political Dominance is Undone: Violent Male Elite Backlash to Disruption in Rural India. ♦

Brulé, Rachel, **Heinze, Alyssa R.**, & Simon Chauchard. Why Discussion Rules Matter for Representation: Experimental Evidence from Rural India.

## Works in Progress

### *Persistence of elite political power*

Backlash to Gendered Political Empowerment Interventions. With Bhumi Purohit and Rachel Brulé.

–Baseline data collection, RCT, follow-up focus group discussions completed.

The Male Elite Knowledge Advantage: Democratizing Access to Democratic Backsliding Knowledge in Maharashtra, India. With Pratik Mahajan.

–Administrative data, [pre-registered study 1](#) (experiment, elites and voters), [pre-registered study 2](#) (experiment, voters), and qualitative data collection completed.

Ghost Representation: Indigenous Women’s Disproportionate Vacancies in Indian Local Government. With Pratik Mahajan.

–[Pre-registered study 1](#) (experiment, voters), study 2 (descriptive, elites), and qualitative data collection completed.

### *Agrarian transformations and patriarchy*

The Gendered Political Economy of Canal Irrigation: Agricultural Success and Patriarchal Entrenchment.

–In-person survey and qualitative data collected. Geo-spatial data collection underway.

Rupturing the Roots of Gender Inequality? Climate shocks, the Farmers’ Marriage Crisis, and Renegotiating Patriarchy.

–In-person survey, [pre-registered survey experiment](#), and qualitative data collected.

The Gender Politics of Water: Patriarchal Control of Community Natural Resource Governance Institutions.

–Administrative data, in-person voter survey, and qualitative data collected.

Feminized Victimhood: The Political Consequences of Global South Vulnerability in Climate Policy. With Allison Grossman and Leonardo Arriola.

–Pilot experiment conducted. [Pre-registered survey experiment](#) in progress.

Piped Water and Gender Empowerment: Evidence From a Downstream RCT in Urban India. With Nikhar Gaikwad and Anjali Thomas.

–Follow-up data collection funding secured.

## Teaching

### *Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley*

Spring 2024	PS236B (PhD level), Quantitative Methodology in the Social Sciences Seminar: From Samples to Populations, for Erin Hartman
Fall 2023	PS231C (PhD level), Quantitative Analysis in Political Research: Model-based Inference and Machine Learning, for Kirk Bansak
Spring 2023	PS231B (PhD level), Quantitative Analysis in Political Research: Design and Causal Inference, for Thad Dunning
Fall 2022	PS3 (Undergraduate), Introduction to Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods, for Jason Wittenberg

*Co-Instructor, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)*

Summer 2025	Learning Days. Remote support. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. Training of the Trainers for Learning Days. Remote support. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
Summer 2024	Session on estimation in R. Remote. Learning Days. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. Training of the Trainers for Learning Days. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
Summer 2023	Learning Days. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. Training of the Trainers for Learning Days. Atlanta, Georgia.
Fall 2022	Refresher on statistical power. Remote.
Summer 2022	Learning Days. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

**Awards, Grants, Fellowships**

2025	The Empirical Study of Gender (EGEN) Research Prize (\$3,000) 2024 Paula D. McClain Award for the MPSA Best Paper 2024 Evan Ringquist Field Award for Best Paper on the Topic of Political Institutions
2024	CEGA Development Economics Challenge Grant (\$20,000) APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$14,368) Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (\$36,444) Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics Travel Grant (\$4,698) Global Democracy Commons Pilot Research Project Grant (\$2,000) CEGA Development Economics Challenge Grant (\$20,000) Bhattacharya Graduate Fellowship Travel Grant (\$1,000) ABD Fellowship in International Studies (\$15,000) Odegard Award for the 3rd-Year Student with Exceptional Performance (\$3,000) Philo Sherman Bennett Prize in Political Science (\$1,500)
2023	CEGA Development Economics Challenge Grant (\$5,000) Pre-Dissertation Grant in International Studies (\$5,000)
2022	Bhattacharya Graduate Fellowship Travel Grant (\$1,000) CEGA Development Economics Challenge Grant (\$4,965)
2021	BU Foundation-India seed funding (with R. Brulé and B. Purohit) (\$30,000)
2020	James B. Reynolds Scholarship for Masters Study (\$25,000) Richard D. Lombard Public Service Research Fellowship (\$20,000)
2018	Fulbright-Nehru Research Fellowship (\$20,000) Fulbright Critical Language Enhancement Award for Marathi studies (\$6,600) Neil T. McGorrian Fellowship for Marathi studies (\$5,500) Honors Thesis Grant from the Office of President Hanlon (\$1,000) Nelson A. Rockefeller Center Honors Thesis Grant (\$1,000) Undergraduate Advising and Research Honors Thesis Grant (\$1,000)

## Conferences and Invited Talks

2025	MPSA, APSA (planned)
2024	MPSA, APSA, International Electoral Affairs Symposium Keynote Speaker (Jodhpur, India), European Conference on Politics and Gender
2023	APSA, African Studies Association
2022	MPSA, Resource and Support Centre for Development Speakers Series (Mumbai, India)

## Other Writing

### Methods

**Heinze, Alyssa R.** Heterogeneous treatment effects. 2024. EGAP Methods Guide.

**Heinze, Alyssa R.** How to analyze experimental data. 2024. EGAP Methods Guide.

**Heinze, Alyssa R.** Hypothesis testing. 2024. EGAP Methods Guide.

Bowers, Jake, Voors, Martin, and Nahomi Ichino. 2024. [The Theory and Practice of Field Experiments: An Introduction from the EGAP Learning Days](#). Translated to French by **Heinze, Alyssa R.**

### Research

**Heinze, Alyssa R.** and Pratik Mahajan. October 2024. [Democracy On a Slow March](#). Times of India.

Brulé, Rachel, Chauchard, Simon, and **Alyssa R. Heinze**. 2021. [Are Husbands The Problem? On the Issue of Sarpanch Pati](#). Seminar Issue 752.

2021. [She Rules! A Symposium on the Political Representation of Women in India](#). Co-editor of Seminar Issue 752 with Rachel Brulé and Simon Chauchard.

**Heinze, Alyssa R.** April 2019. Sarpanch pati : Bharatiya raajkaaranaat mahilaancha sthaan nakki kaay? Maharashtra Times.

## Academic Service

- Reviewer: The Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, National Science Foundation
- Coordinator: APSA panel (2024, 2025), ECPG panel (2024), MPSA panel (2022), Gender and Political Participation Working Group (2023-24), Berkeley Methods Workshop (2023-24), Center for the Politics of Development Working Group (2022-23)
- Other: EGAP Learning Days participant selection, training of the trainers, and instructor (2022-2025), EGAP Priority Theme Grant editing support (2022), EGAP Global Fellowship Graduate Mentor (2022)

## Other Professional Experience

2023–2025	<b>The World Bank</b> , Remote Impact Data and Evidence Aggregation Library project alongside the Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) and Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)
2024	<b>USAID</b> , Remote Short-term consultant for team on gendered resilience to climate shocks
Summer 2023	<b>IDinsight</b> , Rabat, Morocco Research, Evaluation, and Data (RED) team
2020–2021	<b>U.S. Department of State</b> , Washington, D.C. Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues (Women's Economic Empowerment Unit)

## Competencies

- **Language:** English, French, Marathi (advanced), Hindi (beginner)
- **Code/surveys:** R, Stata, Python, Git, SQL, Qualtrics, SurveyCTO
- **Statistical knowledge:** Design-based causal inference, model-based inference, machine learning, Bayesian inference
- **Field research:** India, Morocco, Côte d'Ivoire, Nepal