

Chetana Sabnis

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Political Science, Yale University

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Education

- Expected 2026 **Ph.D., Political Science**, Yale University, New Haven, CT
Dissertation: *Intimacy Contract: States and Hierarchies of Familial Belonging*
Committee: Elisabeth Jean Wood (co-chair), Joseph Fischel (co-chair), Dara Strolovitch, Egor Lazarev
- May 2017 **M.A. Social Sciences**, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- May 2014 **Integrated M.A. Development Studies**, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India

Working Papers

- "How Indian Courts Determine Which Extramarital Relationships deserve Recognition"
- "How American Courts Decide Who Counts as a Parent"
- "The Intimacy Contract: A Framework to Understand State Regulation of Families"
- "Investigating the Political Consciousness of Police Officials: A Case Study of Colonial British Police Officials between 1857–1947"
- "U.S. Courts' Decisions on "Communists" in the McCarthy Era, 1948–67"

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

- 2025–2026 MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Yale University (\$6000)
- 2025 Graduate Student Assembly Conference Travel Fellowship, Yale University (\$500)
- 2022 MacMillan Center Predissertation Research Grant, Yale University (\$4100)
- 2022 South Asian Studies Council Graduate Award, Yale University (\$3500)
- 2016 Social Sciences Scholarship, University of Chicago (\$35,808)
- 2012 DAAD Student Exchange Scholarship, Hochschule Bremen, Germany (\$2000)

Conferences and Presentations

- 2025 (expected) Brown University, Graduate Research on Contemporary South Asia Conference
- 2025 (expected) Columbia University, Gender, Human Rights and Security Conference
- 2025 Yale University, Comparative Politics Workshop
- 2025 American Political Science Association (APSA)
- 2025 Law and Society Association (LSA)

- 2025 Yale University, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Colloquium
- 2024 Yale University, Political Violence and its Legacies Workshop
- 2022 Yale University, Democracy, Violence, and Constitutional Order Workshop

Teaching and Research Experience

- 2025 Teaching Fellow, Politics of Expertise (Prof. Federico Brandmayr), Yale University
- 2024 Teaching Fellow, Contesting Injustice (Prof. Elisabeth Jean Wood), Yale University
- 2023 Teaching Fellow, State, Conflict and Political Order (Profs. Emily Sellars and Daniel Hirschel-Burns), Yale University
- 2023 Teaching Fellow, The Rise of China (Prof. Daniel Mattingly), Yale University
- 2021–2024 Graduate Writing Fellow, Poorvu Center for Teaching and Writing
- 2018–2020 Research Coordinator, World Bank
- 2014–2016 Research Associate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), South Asia

Academic Service

- 2022 Graduate Student Coordinator, Political Violence Workshop
- 2021–2022 Graduate Student Coordinator, South Asia Brown Bag Series Academic
- 2024 Reviewer for: American Political Science Review
- Research Assistance for: Tom Ginsburg, Egor Lazarev, Rachel Brule

Field and Archival Research Experience

United Kingdom (2022), Kenya (2019), Philippines (2018)
India: Uttar Pradesh (2014), Rajasthan (2015), Pondicherry (2016), Karnataka (2013)

Skills

- Tools R (advanced), Python (intermediate), SQL (basic)
- Languages English (fluent), Hindi (conversational), Kannada (native)
- Training Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) June 2023