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EDUCATION

Princeton University <i>PhD</i> , Department of Politics Fields: <i>Political Economy, International Relations, Formal Theory and Quantitative Methods</i> Committee Members: <i>Kris Ramsay (Chair), Mehdi Shadmehr, Germán Gieczewski, Layna Mosley</i>	Exp 2026
The University of Texas at Austin <i>M.A.</i> , LBJ School of Public Affairs	2020
The University of Texas at Austin <i>M.S.</i> , Department of Operations Research and Industrial Engineering	2018
Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, India <i>B.Tech.</i> , Mechanical Engineering	2014

WORKING PAPERS

- “Coordinating Development Under Political Risk” (job market paper)
(with Mehdi Shadmehr)
 - Presented at APSA (2025) (planned)
- “Strategic Investments Under Geopolitical Risks”
 - Presented at MPSA 2025, APSA 2024, GSIPE 2024

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Designing an Investment Screening Regime”
(Dissertation Chapter)
- “Strategic Substitutes in Global Games”
(Dissertation Chapter)
- “The Value of Intelligence in Conflict”
(with Kris Ramsay)

PRESENTATIONS

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| • American Political Science Association | 2020, 2024, 2025 |
| • Midwest Political Science Association | 2024, 2025 |
| • Graduate Students in International Political Economy Workshop | 2024 |
| • The Politics and Regulation of Investment Screening Mechanisms | 2022 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At Princeton:

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| • POL 345: Introduction to Quantitative Social Science (U), (TA for Arthur Yu) | Fall 2025 |
| • POL 396: International Organization (U), (TA for Jim Vreeland) | Spring 2024 |
| • POL 572: Quantitative Analysis 1 (G), (TA for Rocio Titiumik) | Spring 2023 |
| • POL 573: Quantitative Analysis 2 (G), (TA for Rocio Titiumik) | Fall 2023 |

At UT Austin:

- **FIN 357: Business Finance (U)**, (TA for Robert Duvic) 2018 - 2020
- **STA 380: Mathematical Statistics for Applications (G)**, (TA for Thomas Sager) Fall 2017
- **PHY 103M: Laboratory for Physics (U)**, Spring 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant for Helen Milner, *Princeton University* Summer 2022
- Research Assistant for Layna Mosley, *Princeton University* Spring 2021
- Research Assistant for Catherine Weaver, *The University of Texas at Austin* 2019 - 2020

PROFESSION EXPERIENCE

- Summer Intern, *Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs* Summer 2019
- Sr. Engineer (Supply Chain), *Bajaj Auto Ltd* 2014 - 2016

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- Dean's Completion Fellowship, *Princeton University* 2025-2026
- The John Fayerweather '43 Graduate Fellowship, *Princeton University* 2023-2024
- Quantitative and Analytical Political Science Fellow, *Princeton University* 2022-2026
- Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, *Princeton University* 2020-2021
- Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation Fellowship, *UT Austin* Spring 2019
- Charls and Harmolyn Walker Public Policy Excellence Fund Fellowship, *UT Austin* Summer 2019

REFERENCES

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