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APPOINTMENT	University Carlos III of Madrid (UC3M) and Institute Carlos III-Juan March (IC3JM) Postdoctoral researcher on POLARCHATS Project Artha Global Consultant at Centre for Rapid Insights Polarization, Identity and Misinformation Lab Research fellow for POLARCHATS ERC Project	September 2025–Present April 2025–August 2025 July 2024–July 2025
EDUCATION	University of Wisconsin–Madison Joint PhD, Agricultural & Applied Economics and Political Science Fields: Development Economics, Political Economy and Information Economics Dissertation: “Political Candidacy and Representation in India’s Local Governments” ★ Best Dissertation Prize – Comparative Politics, UW–Madison (2025) ★ Best Dissertation Prize – Diversity, Equity, Justice & Power, UW–Madison (2025) MA, Political Science MS, Economics King’s College London MSc Financial Mathematics University of Delhi BSc, Statistics (Honours)	2025 2021 2018 2013 2012
PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES	<p>“Countering Misinformation Early: Evidence from a Classroom-Based Field Experiment in India,” with Sumitra Badrinathan, Simon Chauchard, and Florian Sichart. American Political Science Review: 1–21 [Job Market Paper]</p> <p>Abstract: Misinformation poses serious risks for democratic governance, conflict, and health. This study evaluates whether sustained, classroom-based education against misinformation can equip schoolchildren to become more discerning consumers of information. Partnering with a state government agency in Bihar, India, we conducted a field experiment in 583 villages with 13,500 students, using a 4-month curriculum designed to build skills, shift norms, and enhance knowledge about health misinformation. Intent-to-treat estimates demonstrate that treated respondents were significantly better at discerning true from false information, altered their health preferences, relied more on science, and reduced their dependence on unreliable news sources. We resurveyed participants 4 months post-intervention and found that effects persisted, as well as extended to political misinformation. Finally, we observe within-household treatment diffusion, with parents of treated students becoming more adept at discerning information. As many countries seek long-term solutions to combat misinformation, these findings highlight the promise of sustained classroom-based education.</p> <p>★ Best Paper Award from the APSA Experimental Research section (2025) ★ Best Paper Award from APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior section (2025); ★ Sage Best Paper Honorable Mention from the APSA Comparative Politics section (2025)</p>	

WORKING PAPERS	<p>“Do Electoral Quotas for Marginalized Ethnic Groups Improve Women’s Representation? Evidence from India.” [Dissertation Paper]</p> <p>“Mere Proxies or Genuine Leaders? Female Candidates in Village Council Elections in India,” with Apurva Bamezai and Rithika Kumar [Under Review]</p> <p>“Do Electoral Eligibility Laws Hurt Political Candidacy of Specific Groups? Evidence from Fertility Limits on Local Politicians in India.” [Dissertation Paper]</p>																		
WORKS IN PROGRESS	<p>“The Effects of Executive Selection Methods On Political Entry and Exit: Evidence from Village Elections in India.” [Dissertation Paper]</p> <p>“Sharing Falsehoods in an Information-poor Environment: An Experiment with Indian Teenagers,” with Sumitra Badrinathan, Simon Chauchard, and Florian Sichart</p> <p>“Heat on Democracy: Does Polling Day Temperature affect Elections?” with Patrick Behrer, Anwesha Bhattacharya, Shweta Bhogale, Ting Liu, Bhavya Srivastava and Tanya Vaidya</p>																		
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INVITED TALKS	<p>2025: Hiroshima University, Bennett University, Ashoka University, Indian Institute of Management Indore, Indian School of Business, Indian Institute of Management Udaipur, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research</p> <p>2024: Indian Institute of Technology Patna</p>																		
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RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Rikhil Bhavnani, UW–Madison Nina Varsava, UW–Madison Sisir Debnath, Indian School of Business Rohini Somanathan, Centre for Development Economics	2023–24, 2016–18 2022–23 2014–16 2013–14
TEACHING	<i>Undergraduate</i> Introduction to Public Policy, Reader/Grader, UW–Madison Understanding Political Numbers, Teaching Assistant, UW–Madison Research Design for Undergraduates, Teaching Assistant, UW–Madison <i>Undergraduate research supervision</i> Undergraduate Research Program Mentor (3 students) <i>Graduate</i> Mathematics for Social Sciences, University Carlos III of Madrid Mathematics for Economists, University of Mumbai Undergraduates Political Numbers using R, University of Mumbai Rational Choice Theories of Politics and Society, ICPSR Mathematics for Social Scientists, Teaching Assistant, ICPSR Introduction to Python, Teaching Assistant, ICPSR Game Theory for Graduate Students, Teaching Assistant, UW–Madison Managerial Economics, Teaching Assistant, Indian School of Business	2021 2021 2019 2022, 2023, 2024 2025 2025 2025 2024 2024, 2023 2023 2020 2015, 2016
SERVICE	<i>Department</i> Discussant, Comparative Politics Colloquium Discussant, Models, Experiments, and Data Workshop Student Coordinator, Comparative Politics Colloquium <i>Discipline</i> Discussant & Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference Chair, Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting <i>Journal Referee</i> <i>Economic Modeling, American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i>	2019, 2021, 2022, 2023 2023 2019, 2020 2024 2024 2023
OTHER TRAINING	Open Science Grid School (High-Throughput Computing) Northwestern Advanced Causal Inference Workshop	2024 2023
LANGUAGES	English (Near Native), Hindi (Native), Urdu (Intermediate), Bhojpuri (Intermediate), Spanish (Beginner)	
PROGRAMMING	R, Python, Matlab	
SOFTWARE	Stata, QGIS, git	
AFFILIATIONS	Election Research Center, Graduate Affiliate Centre for South Asia, Graduate Affiliate IDFC Institute, Visiting Researcher	2021–2025 2018–2025 2019
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