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APPOINTMENT

University Carlos III of Madrid (UC3M)
Postdoctoral researcher at the Juan March Institute September 2025
Artha Global
Consultant at Centre for Rapid Insights April 2025-Present
Polarization, Identity and Misinformation Lab
Research fellow for POLARCHATS ERC Project July 2024-August 2025

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin–Madison
Joint PhD, Political Science and Agricultural & Applied Economics 2025
Fields: Comparative Politics, Development Economics, Political Methodology
Dissertation: “Political Candidacy and Representation in India’s Local Governments”
Committee: Rikhil Bhavnani (co-chair), Laura Schechter (co-chair),
Yoshiko Herrera, Priya Mukherjee, and Zhenhuan (Reed) Lei
MA, Political Science 2021
MS, Economics 2018
King’s College London
MSc Financial Mathematics 2013
University of Delhi
BSc, Statistics (Hons.) 2012

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

“Countering Misinformation Early: Evidence from a Classroom-Based Field Experiment in India,” with Sumitra Badrinathan, Simon Chauchard, and Florian Sichart [Conditionally Accepted at American Political Science Review]
– Best Paper Award from the APSA Experimental Research section (2025)
– Sage Best Paper Honorable Mention from the APSA Comparative Politics section (2025)

WORKING PAPERS

“Do Electoral Quotas for Historically Marginalized Groups Improve Women’s Representation? Evidence from India.” [Dissertation Paper]
“Mere Proxies or Genuine Leaders? Female Candidates in Village Council Elections in India,” with Apurva Bamezai and Rithika Kumar [Under Review]

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Do Electoral Eligibility Laws Hurt Political Candidacy of Specific Groups? Evidence from Fertility Limits on Local Politicians in India.” [Dissertation Paper]
“The Effects of Executive Selection Methods On Political Entry and Exit: Evidence from Village Elections in India.” [Dissertation Paper]

“Sharing Falsehoods in an Information-poor Environment: An Experiment with Indian Teenagers,” with Sumitra Badrinathan, Simon Chauchard, and Florian Sichart

“Heat on Democracy: Does Polling Day Temperature affect Elections?” with Shweta Bhogale and Ting Liu

EXTERNAL CONFERENCES	Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science (JSQPS)	2025
	European Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2025, 2024
	Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development at ISI Delhi	2024, 2023
	KDIS-World Bank Development Impact Conference	2024
	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2024, 2023
	European Conference on Politics and Gender	2024
	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2024, 2023
	Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference	2024
	Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS)	2023
INVITED TALKS	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	
	2024: Indian Institute of Technology Patna	
FIELDWORK	Bihar, India	9/2024, 11–12/2024
	Maharashtra, India	6–8/2019, 1/2022–4/2022
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Rikhil Bhavnani, UW–Madison	2023–24, 2016–18
	Nina Varsava, UW–Madison	2022–23
	Sisir Debnath, Indian School of Business	2014–16
	Rohini Somanathan, Centre for Development Economics	2013–14
TEACHING	<i>Undergraduate</i>	
	Introduction to Public Policy, Reader/Grader, UW–Madison	2021
	Understanding Political Numbers, Teaching Assistant, UW–Madison	2021
	Research Design for Undergraduates, Teaching Assistant, UW–Madison	2019
	<i>Undergraduate research supervision</i>	
	Undergraduate Research Program Mentor (3 students)	2024, 2023, 2022
	<i>Graduate</i> Undergraduates Political Numbers using R, University of Mumbai	2025
	Rational Choice Theories of Politics and Society, ICPSR	2024
	Mathematics for Social Scientists, Teaching Assistant, ICPSR	2024, 2023
	Introduction to Python, Teaching Assistant, ICPSR	2023
	Game Theory for Graduate Students, Teaching Assistant, UW–Madison	2020
	Managerial Economics, Teaching Assistant, Indian School of Business	2016, 2015
SERVICE	<i>Department</i>	
	Discussant, Comparative Politics Colloquium	2023, 2022, 2021, 2019
	Discussant, Models, Experiments, and Data Workshop	2023
	Student Coordinator, Comparative Politics Colloquium	2019, 2020

	<i>Discipline</i>	
	Discussant & Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2024
	Chair, Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference	2024
	Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2023
	<i>Journal Referee</i>	
	<i>Economic Modeling, American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i>	
OTHER TRAINING	Open Science Grid School (High-Throughput Computing)	2024
	Northwestern Advanced Causal Inference Workshop	2023
RESEARCH GRANTS	Ronald Rapoport Summer Research Collaborative Program Award	2024
	Summer Initiative Research Grant, UW–Madison	2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019
	Conference Travel Grant, Elections Research Center, UW–Madison	2023
	Social Science Research Council Mercury Project Award, Co–PI	2023
	Graduate Research Travel Grant, UW–Madison	2023, 2020, 2019
	Summer Research Scholarship, Department of Political Science, UW–Madison	2022
	Research Funding Competition, Elections Research Center, UW–Madison	2021
	Graduate School Grant, UW–Madison	2018
	Economics Master’s Program Research Scholarship, UW–Madison	2017
AWARDS	Faculty-Student Collaborative Summer Research Fellowship, UW–Madison	2023, 2022
	University Fellowship, UW–Madison	2022, 2018–2019
	Research Paper Award (Honorable mention), Economics Dept., UW–Madison	2018
SPOKEN LANGUAGES	English, Hindi, Bhojpuri	
PROGRAMMING	R, Python, Matlab	
SOFTWARE	Stata, QGIS, git	
AFFILIATIONS	Election Research Center, Graduate Affiliate	2021–
	Centre for South Asia, Graduate Affiliate	2018–
	IDFC Institute, Visiting Researcher	2019

REFERENCES

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