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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 Behavioral 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><b>“Countering Misinformation Early: Evidence from a Classroom-Based Field Experiment in India,”</b> with Sumitra Badrinathan, Simon Chauchard, and Florian Sichart. <b>American Political Science Review</b> (2025): 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><a href="#">“Do Electoral Quotas for Marginalized Ethnic Groups Improve Women’s Representation? Evidence from India.”</a> [Dissertation Paper]</p> <p><a href="#">“Mere Proxies or Genuine Leaders? Female Candidates in Village Council Elections in India,”</a> with Apurva Bamezai and Rithika Kumar [Under Review]</p> <p><a href="#">“Do Electoral Eligibility Laws Hurt Political Candidacy of Specific Groups? Evidence from India.”</a> [Under Review, 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 and Bhavya Srivastava</p>
AWARDS	<p>Faculty-Student Collaborative Summer Research Fellowship, UW–Madison 2022, 2023</p> <p>Faculty-Student Collaborative Summer Research Fellowship, UW–Madison 2022, 2023</p> <p>University Fellowship, Graduate School, UW–Madison 2018–2019, 2022</p> <p>Research Paper Award (Honorable mention), MS Economics, UW–Madison 2018</p>
RESEARCH GRANTS	<p>Ronald Rapoport Summer Research Collaborative Program Award 2024</p> <p>Summer Initiative Research Grant, UW–Madison 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024</p> <p>Conference Travel Grant, Elections Research Center, UW–Madison 2023</p> <p>Social Science Research Council Mercury Project Award, Co–PI 2023</p> <p>Graduate Research Travel Grant, UW–Madison 2019, 2020, 2023</p> <p>Summer Research Scholarship, Department of Political Science, UW–Madison 2022</p> <p>Research Funding Competition, Elections Research Center, UW–Madison 2021</p> <p>Graduate School Grant, UW–Madison 2018</p> <p>Economics Master’s Program Research Scholarship, UW–Madison 2017</p>
CONFERENCES	<p>Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science (JSQPS) 2025</p> <p>European Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2024, 2025</p> <p>Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development at ISI Delhi 2023, 2024</p> <p>KDIS-World Bank Development Impact Conference 2024</p> <p>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2023, 2024</p> <p>European Conference on Politics and Gender 2024</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2023, 2024</p> <p>Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference 2024</p> <p>Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS) 2023</p>
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>
FIELDWORK	<p>Bihar, India 9/2024, 11–12/2024</p> <p>Maharashtra, India 6–8/2019, 1/2022–4/2022</p>

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)	2022, 2023, 2024
	<i>Graduate</i>	
	Mathematics for Social Sciences, University Carlos III of Madrid	2025
	Mathematics for Economists, University of Mumbai	2025
	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	2015, 2016
SERVICE	<i>Department</i>	
	Discussant, Comparative Politics Colloquium	2019, 2021, 2022, 2023
	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
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	2021–2025
	Centre for South Asia, Graduate Affiliate	2018–2025
	IDFC Institute, Visiting Researcher	2019

## REFERENCES

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