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APPOINTMENT

University Carlos III of Madrid (UC3M) and Institute Carlos III-Juan March (IC3JM)
  Postdoctoral researcher on POLARCHATS Project — September 2025–Present
Artha Global
  Consultant at Centre for Rapid Insights — April 2025–August 2025
Polarization, Identity and Misinformation Lab
  Research fellow for POLARCHATS ERC Project — July 2024–July 2025

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin–Madison
  Joint PhD, Agricultural & Applied Economics and Political Science — 2025
    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, Politcal Science — 2021

  MS, Economics — 2018

King's College London
  MSc Financial Mathematics — 2013

University of Delhi
  BSc, Statistics (Honours) — 2012

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

"Countering Misinformation Early: Evidence from a Classroom-Based Field Experiment in India," with Sumitra Badrinathan, Simon Chauchard, and Florian Sichart. **American Political Science Review (2025)**: 1–21 [Job Market Paper]

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.

⋆ 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)

WORKING PAPERS	"Do Electoral Quotas for Marginalized Ethnic 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]	
	"Do Electoral Eligibility Laws Hurt Political Candidacy of Specific Groups? Evidence from Fertility Limits on Local Politicians in India." [Dissertation Paper]	

WORKS IN PROGRESS	"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 Patrick Behrer, Anwesha Bhattacharya, Shweta Bhogale and Bhavya Srivastava

AWARDS	Faculty-Student Collaborative Summer Research Fellowship, UW–Madison	2022, 2023
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	University Fellowship, Graduate School, UW–Madison	2018–2019, 2022
	Research Paper Award (Honorable mention), MS Economics, UW–Madison	2018

RESEARCH GRANTS	Ronald Rapoport Summer Research Collaborative Program Award	2024
	Summer Initiative Research Grant, UW–Madison	2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
	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	2019, 2020, 2023
	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

CONFERENCES	Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science (JSQPS)	2025
	European Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2024, 2025
	Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development at ISI Delhi	2023, 2024
	KDIS-World Bank Development Impact Conference	2024
	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2023, 2024
	European Conference on Politics and Gender	2024
	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2023, 2024
	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	*Undergraduate*	
	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
	Undergraduate research supervision	
	Undergraduate Research Program Mentor (3 students)	2022, 2023, 2024
	Graduate	
	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	*Department*	
	Discussant, Comparative Politics Colloquium	2019, 2021, 2022, 2023
	Discussant, Models, Experiments, and Data Workshop	2023
	Student Coordinator, Comparative Politics Colloquium	2019, 2020
	Discipline	
	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
	Journal Referee	
	Economic Modeling, American Journal of Agricultural Economics	

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

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