

# Rajeshwari Majumdar

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## Academic Appointments

### **The George Washington University**

Assistant Professor, School of Media and Public Affairs, 2025-

### **Yale University**

Postdoctoral Associate, Identity & Conflict Lab, The MacMillan Center, 2024-2025

## Education

### **New York University**

Ph.D., Politics, 2024

Dissertation: *Essays on Religious Nationalism and Partisan Cues in India*

– Winner, Aaron Wildavsky Best Dissertation Award, APSA Religion and Politics Section

– Honorable Mention, Best Dissertation Award, APSA Experimental Research Section

Committee: Gwyneth McClendon (chair), Simon Chauchard, Tara Slough, Joshua A. Tucker

### **University of Connecticut**

B.A., Political Science, 2018

B.A., Economics and Mathematics-Statistics, 2018

## Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Misinformation Beyond Traditional Feeds: Evidence from a WhatsApp Deactivation Experiment in Brazil (with Tiago Ventura, Joshua A. Tucker, and Jonathan Nagler). Forthcoming, *The Journal of Politics*.
  - Winner of the APSA Political Communication Section Paul Lazarsfeld Best Paper Award (2024), the APSA Information Technology & Politics Section Best Paper Award (2024), and the Brazilian Political Science Association Best Paper Award (2024)
- Partisan Identity, Counter-Attitudinal Information, and Selective Criticism in India. 2024. *Political Behavior* 46(3): 1443–1465.
- Big Data on BHR: Innovative Approaches to Analyzing the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre Database (with Nicole Janz, James Allen-Robertson, and Shareen Hertel). 2021. *Business and Human Rights Journal* 6(1): 120–126.

## Working Papers

- Reducing Prejudice and Support for Religious Nationalism Through Conversations on WhatsApp
  - Winner of the MPSA Best Paper Award (2024), the MPSA Best Paper in Political Behavior Award (2024), and the APSA Experimental Research Section Best Paper Award (2023)

- Honorable Mention for the APSA Comparative Politics Section Sage Best Paper Award (2023) and the APSA Religion and Politics Section Weber Best Conference Paper Award (2023)
- Citizen Reactions to Religious Nationalist Rhetoric
- Reducing Social Media Usage During Elections: Evidence from a Multi-Country WhatsApp Deactivation Experiment (with Tiago Ventura, Shelley Liu, Carolina Torreblanca, and Joshua A. Tucker)
- Perceptions of Group Norms and Conformism in Preferences for Exclusion in India (with Dipin Kaur and Nicholas Sambanis)
- Non-WEIRD Political Ideology: Theory and Evidence from India (with Nicholas Haas)
- Reaching Across the Political Aisle: Overcoming Challenges in Using Social Media for Recruiting Politically Diverse Respondents (with Maggie Macdonald, Megan A. Brown, Nejla Asimovic, Lena Song, Laura Huber, Sarah Graham, Joshua A. Tucker, and Jonathan Nagler)

## Book Chapter

- Social Movements, Development Policy, and Human Rights (with Shareen Hertel). 2020. In *Why Human Rights Still Matter in Contemporary World Affairs*. Mahmood Monshipouri (editor). New York: Routledge.

## Other Writing

- How Ideology Shapes Indian Politics (with Nicholas Haas). 2023. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. <https://carnegieendowment.org/2023/12/18/how-ideology-shapes-indian-politics-pub-91249>
  - Re-printed in *The Hindustan Times* (25 December 2023): <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/how-ideology-shapes-indian-politics-101703440172388.html>
- Reducing exposure to misinformation: Evidence from WhatsApp in Brazil (with Tiago Ventura, Joshua A. Tucker, and Jonathan Nagler). 2024. VoxDev. <https://voxdev.org/topic/institutions-political-economy/reducing-exposure-misinformation-evidence-whatsapp-brazil>

## Awards & Fellowships

- APSA Religion and Politics Section Aaron Wildavsky Best Dissertation Award, 2025
- Honorable Mention, APSA Experimental Research Section Best Dissertation Award, 2025
- APSA Political Communication Section Paul Lazarsfeld Best Paper Award, 2024
- APSA Information Technology & Politics Section Best Paper Award, 2024
- Brazilian Political Science Association Best Paper Award, 2024
- MPSA Best Paper Award, 2024
- MPSA Best Paper in Political Behavior Award, 2024
- APSA Experimental Research Section Best Paper Award, 2023
- Honorable Mention, APSA Comparative Politics Section Sage Best Paper Award, 2023
- Honorable Mention, APSA Religion and Politics Section Weber Best Conference Paper Award, 2023
- NYU GSAS Dean's Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 2023-2024
- NYU GSAS Ralph M. Cariello & Ilona Cariello Fellowship, 2018-2023
- NYU GSAS Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, 2018-2023

## Research & Travel Grants

- APSA Comparative Politics Section Travel Grant, 2025
- APSA Political Psychology Section Distinguished Junior Scholar Award, 2024
- NYU Identities & Ideologies Project Research Grant, 2023
- NSF PolMeth Travel Grant, 2023, 2025
- APSA Travel Grant, 2023
- APSA Religion and Politics Section Small Grant, 2022
- APSA Political Communication Section Travel Grant, 2022, 2023
- APSA EPOVB Section Early Career Fellowship, 2021
- NYU Politics George Downs Grant, 2019, 2021, 2023

## Conference & Workshop Presentations

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth), 2023 (poster), 2025 (paper)
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA), 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Yale MacMillan Center Academic Exchange, 2025
- NYU Center for Social Media and Politics Annual Conference, 2025
- Annual Indian Political Economy Workshop, Penn Center for the Advanced Study of India, 2024
- APSA Pre-Conference in Political Communication, 2023, 2025
- Workshop on the Economics of Social Media, Social Science Research Council, 2023
- Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS), 2023
- The Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science, 2023
- Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference, 2021
- Workshop on the Political Economy of South Asia (WPESA), 2020
- Winter Experimental Social Science Institute (WESSI), 2020

## Teaching

- GWU
  - Research Methods (Fall 2025)
- NYU (as teaching assistant)
  - Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2022)
  - Politics Senior Honors I (Fall 2021, Fall 2023)
  - Politics Senior Honors II (Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024)
  - Thinking, Learning, & Consciousness in Humans & Machines (Fall 2020; interdisciplinary)

## Service

- Department
  - Co-organizer: NYU Graduate Political Economy Seminar (Spring 2021), NYU Politics Department Women's Informal Network (2021-2022)

- Discipline
  - Committees: APSA Experimental Research Section Best Paper Award (2024), APSA Political Communication Section Best Graduate Student Paper Award (2025), APSA Information Technology & Politics Section Best Paper Award (2025; chair)
  - Discussant: APSA ( $\times 3$ ), MPSA ( $\times 4$ ), NEWEPS, Empirical Study of Gender Research Network (EGEN)
  - Panels organized: “Religion and Politics in India” (APSA 2022), “What’s Up with WhatsApp? Social Media and Politics in the Global South” (APSA 2024), “Intergroup Relations in India” (MPSA 2025)
  - Reviewer: *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Party Politics*, *Political Behavior*, Quantitative China Studies Seminar

## Peer-Reviewed Articles in Other Disciplines

- Majumdar, R. 2020. “On the Effect of a Binary Treatment in the Presence of a Control Covariate.” *Calcutta Statistical Association Bulletin* 72(1): 35-42.
- Majumdar, R., P. Mariano, H. Panzo, L. Peng, and A. Sisti. 2020. “Lyapunov Exponent and Variance in the CLT for Products of Random Matrices Related to Random Fibonacci Sequences.” *Discrete & Continuous Dynamical Systems - B*.
- Majumdar, R. 2018. “On Least Squares Linear Regression Without Second Moment.” *Minnesota Journal of Undergraduate Mathematics* 4(1).
- Majumdar, R. 2017. “Generalization of Pascal’s Rule and Leibniz’s Rule for Differentiation.” *Rose-Hulman Undergraduate Mathematics Journal* 18(1): 201-206.
- Chen, J.P., L. Ford, D. Kielty, R. Majumdar, H. McCain, D. O’Connell, and F. N. Shum. 2017. “Stabilization by Noise of a  $\mathbb{C}^2$ -Valued Coupled System.” *Stochastics and Dynamics* 17(6): #1750046.