

# Soumyajit Mazumder


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## languages

english: native speaker

bengali: oral fluency

## programming

JavaScript,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ ,

Python, SQL, Julia

## statistical

Stata, R, Excel,

Matlab/Octave

## mapping

ArcGIS, RSpatial

## web development

HTML, CSS, Jekyll,

Markdown, SASS,

RShiny

## education

2015–Present **Harvard University**

Ph.D. Candidate in Government

**fields:** Historical Political Economy, American Politics, and Political Methodology  
*James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration*  
*Institute for Quantitative Social Science Affiliate*

2015–Present **Harvard University**

A.M. in Statistics

In-progress

2011–2015 **Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service**

B.S. in Foreign Service

**Major:** International Political Economy (Honors)

**Awards:** Leslie H. Jacobson Medal (Top Student in Major)

## research interests

**substantive:** violence, identity, intergroup relations, economic history, labor markets, and culture

**methodological:** data integration, experimental and quasi-experimental design, causal inference in networks, and natural language processing

## publications (peer-reviewed)

2. Mazumder, Soumyajit. “Autocracies and the International Sources of Cooperation.” 2017. *Journal of Peace Research* 54(3): 412–426.
1. Mazumder, Soumyajit. “Can I Stay a BIT Longer? The Effect of Bilateral Investment Treaties on Political Survival.” 2016. *The Review of International Organizations* 11(4): 477–521.

## under review

3. “The Persistent Effect of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement on Political Attitudes” (*Revised & Resubmitted at the American Journal of Political Science*)
2. “Does Public Policy Make Citizens? Causal Estimates of the Impact of Welfare State Participation on Democratic Citizenship”
1. “The Slave Order in American Political Development: Evidence from the New Deal Era”

## working papers

11. “War, Women, and the Violent Origins of Gender Equality”
10. “Becoming White: How Mass Warfare Turned Immigrants into Americans”
9. “From Immigrants to Americans: Race, Status and Assimilation during the First Great Migration” (with Vicky Fouka and Marco Tabellini)
8. “Distributive Politics, Presidential Particularism, and War” (with Jon Rogowski)

7. "The Economic Origins and Legacies of Racial Repression: Evidence from a Historical Natural Experiment in the U.S. South" (with James Feigenbaum and Cory Smith)
6. "The Economic Origins of Political Competition in the U.S. South" (with James Feigenbaum)
5. "Does Foreign Aid Work? Evidence from a Natural Experiment in International Relations" (with James Vreeland)
4. "Identification and Estimation of Causal Effects with Aggregated Regression Discontinuities with an Application to Union Certification Elections"
3. "Language and Legislation: How the Branding of Legislation Spreads throughout the Chambers" (with Mark Hill and Jaclyn Kaslovsky)
2. "How Street-Level Bureaucrats Respond to Protest" (with Ariel White)
1. "Implausibly Exogenous? Sensitivity Analysis of the Ignorability Assumption in Instrumental Variables Designs"

## ongoing projects

6. War Changes Everything: How Mass Warfare Fundamentally Shapes Who We Are (Dissertation Book Project)
5. Should I Stay or Should I Go? Why Subaltern Groups Enlist to Fight for the State (Book Project)
4. Reconstruction, Violence, and Industrial Development in the U.S. South (with Jeffry Frieden, Richard Grossman, and Saumitra Jha)
3. The Economic and Political Legacies of the Works Progress Administration (with Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos, and James Feigenbaum)
2. Politics and Society in the Age of Mass Migration
1. A Quantitative Political and Social History of the American Revolution (with Amy Uden)

## awards, grants, and fellowships

2017	<b>From Immigrants into Americans (w/ Vicky Fouka and Marco Tabellini)</b>	Russell Sage Foundation
2017-Present	<b>James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar Dissertation Fellowship</b>	Harvard Kennedy School
2017	<b>Historical Sources of Intergenerational Mobility (w/ Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos, and James Feigenbaum)</b>	Russell Sage Foundation
	\$18,450	
2017	<b>Research Grant</b>	Institute for Quantitative Social Science
	\$1,280	
2016-Present	<b>Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy Fellow</b>	Harvard Kennedy School
2015-Present	<b>Graduate Fellowship</b>	Harvard University
2015	<b>Leslie H. Jacobson Medal</b>	Georgetown School of Foreign Service
2014	<b>Lisa J. Raines Fellowship</b>	Georgetown University
	\$5,000	
2011	<b>Undergraduate Research Fellow</b>	Georgetown School of Foreign Service
	\$20,000	

## **paper presentations**

### **External**

**American Political Science Association:** 2017

**Midwest Political Science Association:** 2016, 2017

**International Society of Political Psychology:** 2017

**Politics and History Network:** 2016, 2017

**International Political Economy Society:** 2016

**Political Economy of International Organizations:** 2014, 2015, 2016

### **Internal**

**Harvard Economic History Lunch:** 2017

**Harvard University Political Economy Workshop:** 2016, 2017

**Harvard University American Politics Workshop:** 2016, 2017

**Harvard Political Economy and Culture Workshop:** 2017

## **service**

**Department:** Co-Organizer of the Harvard University American Politics Workshop (2016-2017), Co-Organizer of the Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference (2016-2017, 2017-2018)

**Reviewer:** Journal of Conflict Resolution and Review of International Organizations

## **non-academic employment**

**Palantir Technologies:** Evangelism Fellow (2015)

**National Public Radio:** Audience Insight and Research (2014)