

# 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

## network analysis

Gephi

NetworkX

Cytoscape

## education

2015–Present **Harvard University**

Ph.D. Candidate in Government

**fields:** American Politics, Political Methodology, and Historical Political Economy  
*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, warfare, identity, 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. “A Change is Gonna’ Come: The Persistent Effect of the US Civil Rights Movement on Political Attitudes”
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

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. “War, Women, and the Violent Origins of Gender Equality”
1. “How Street-Level Bureaucrats Respond to Protest” (with Ariel White)

## ongoing projects

8. *From Bullets into Ballots: War, Women, and the Violent Origins of Gender Empowerment* (Proposed Dissertation Book Project)
7. “Rosie the Senator? The Impact of World War II on Gender Equality in the United States”
6. “Was Rosie Already a Riveter? WWI and the Rise of the Working Woman”
5. “Tracking the Diffusion of Legal Precedent in the US Supreme Court” (with Albert Rivero)
4. “The Distributive Politics of War” (with Jon Rogowski)
3. “From Immigrants to Americans: Race, Status and Assimilation during the First Great Migration” (with Vicky Fouka and Marco Tabellini)
2. A Direct Measure of Patronage
1. The Violent Construction of American Identity: How Mass Warfare Turned Immigrants into Americans

## original datasets

8. A Direct Measure of Patronage
7. The Spatial Distribution of the Ku Klux Klan, 1965
6. Administrative Data on Incarceration and Convict Leasing, 1880-1910
5. Participation in the Works Progress Administration, 1933-1943 (with Ryan Enos and Jacob Brown)  
*Supported by the Russell Sage Foundation*
4. The Frontier in American Political Development
3. Digitizing the Colonial Indian Census, 1911-1941
2. The Geography of the American Revolution (with Amy Uden)  
*Supported by the Center for American Political Studies*
1. The Geography of the American Civil War

## awards, grants, and fellowships

2017-Present	<b>James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar</b> Dissertation Fellowship	Harvard Kennedy School
2017	<b>Historical Sources of Intergenerational Mobility (w/ Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos, and James Feigenbaum)</b> \$18,450	Russell Sage Foundation
2017	<b>Research Grant</b> \$1,280	Institute for Quantitative Social Science
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> \$5,000	Georgetown University
2011	<b>Undergraduate Research Fellow</b> \$20,000	Georgetown School of Foreign Service

## paper presentations

**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  
**Harvard Economic History Lunch:** 2017  
**Harvard University Political Economy Workshop:** 2016, 2017  
**Harvard University American Politics Workshop:** 2016, 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