

Shourya Sen

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EDUCATION	Princeton University , Princeton, NJ Ph.D., Political Science, (expected 2026) M.A., Political Science (2022, incidental degree) Exam Fields: Comparative Politics, Formal Theory & Quantitative Methods Other areas of focus: Political economy, Southeast Asia Committee: Carles Boix (chair), Leonard Wantchekon, Rory Truex, Germán Gieczewski Wesleyan University , Middletown, CT B.A. (with honors), Economics (2015) <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i> Honors Society (2015) University of Oxford, Lady Margaret Hall , Oxford, UK Visiting Student, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)	2020-2026 2011-2015 2013-2014
AGENDA	I study how authoritarian regimes emerge, persist, and shape their societies, with a focus on Southeast Asia.	
BOOK PROJECT	Action and Inheritance: Mobilizational Paths to Revolutionary Transformation. <i>In progress.</i>	
WORKING PAPERS	The Pull of the Center: The Mobilizational Roots of Transformation in Social Revolution. 2025. <i>Under review.</i> The Long-Run Postwar Integration of the Losing Side: Networks, Human Capital, Narratives. 2026. Economic Shocks, Sovereign Debt, and Authoritarian Institutions in the Third Wave. 2025.	
ARTICLES	Education for Control and Liberation in Africa and Among the Black Diaspora, with Guilherme Lambais, Dozie Okoye, and Leonard Wantchekon. 2023. <i>Comparative Education Review</i> , 67 (4): 861-883. Fishing Rights and Colonial Government: Institutional Development in the Bengal Presidency, with Richard Adelstein. 2021. <i>Cambridge Journal of Economics</i> (45): 313-331.	
BOOK CHAPTERS	The Art of Conquering Without Being Right: Agency, Education, and Learning by Doing in Cheikh Hamidou Kane's <i>Ambiguous Adventure</i> , with Paul-Aarons Ngomo and Leonard Wantchekon. 2025. In <i>Economics and Literature</i> eds. François Bourguignon, Avinash K. Dixit, Luc Leruth, and Jean-Philippe Platteau. London: Routledge.	
WORK IN PROGRESS	Who Stays in Opposition? with Somchai Phatharathananunth. 2026.	

The Long-run Effects of Revolutionary Mobilization: Evidence from the CPT. 2026.

The Political Losers Problem and Economic Transition in Resilient Autocracies, with Yuhan Zheng. 2025.

Three Networks in a Zomian Revolution (qualitative companion to “The Pull of the Center”). 2025.

Colonial Military Recruitment and Nationalist Mobilization: Evidence from Algeria and the Raj, with Hani Abdel-Warith. 2026.

AWARDS AND HONORS	Harold W. Dodds Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University	2025-2026
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitive fellowship that “recognizes exceptional students in their later years of study” across Princeton University 	
	Best paper by junior scholar, APSA Southeast Asia Related Group (SEAPRG)	2025
	Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), Fellow	Winter 2024
RESEARCH GRANTS	Data Driven Social Science (DDSS), Princeton University	2025-2026
	The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University, for pre-dissertation and dissertation fieldwork	2022-2024
	Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, for pre-dissertation and dissertation fieldwork	2022-2025
	Davenport Grant, Wesleyan University, for undergraduate thesis fieldwork	2013
PRESENTATIONS	Singapore Management University	2026 (scheduled)
	MPSA	2026 (scheduled)
	APSA	2024, 2025
	Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), Boston University	2024
	Harvard-Yale Southeast Asia Graduate Conference	2024
	Princeton University, Comparative Politics Seminar	2022-2025
TEACHING	Intro to Quantitative Social Science (undergraduate), Assistant Instructor	Fall 2024
	Comparative Politics (undergraduate), Assistant Instructor	Spring 2023
	Junior Independent Plenary (undergraduate), Assistant Instructor	Fall 2022
	American Center @ That Dam, Vientiane, Laos, Full-time Instructor	2017-2019
	Wesleyan University Writing Center, Writing Tutor	2012-2013
RESEARCH FIELDWORK	Created new survey infrastructure. Original data collection through community partnerships: surveys, genealogies, and oral histories.	
	Laos, Vientiane and rural areas in northern Laos	2022-2026 (total 8 months)
	Thailand, Bangkok and Isan	2022-2026 (total 8 months)
	Vietnam, Hanoi	2022 (3 weeks)
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Office of American Spaces, US Department of State, Hanoi, Vietnam	2019-2020
	<i>Consultant, Impact Assessment and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed and implemented surveys, conducted 40+ interviews and multiple focus groups, created impact evaluation and M&E framework for US embassy educational 	

and civic programming in Laos and Vietnam. Conducted first ever impact analysis of American Spaces.

Fulbright Program, Vientiane, Laos

2017-2019

Fulbright Fellow

- Developed syllabi for classes in English, social studies, and professional skills for university students and young professionals and taught full time at the American Center, Vientiane. Helped plan orientation and structure Fulbright program in Laos.

The Northstar Group, Inc., New York, NY

2015-2017

Investment Associate

- Researched investments and helped make portfolio allocation decisions at growing investment advisory. Developed and programmed Monte Carlo simulations to forecast portfolio performance.

LANGUAGES Lao [fluent speaking, reading], Thai [intermediate speaking, reading], Bengali [fluent speaking, intermediate reading], Hindi [fluent speaking, intermediate reading], Spanish [intermediate speaking, reading], Khmu [beginner]

SOFTWARE R, Stata, Python, MatLab, L^AT_EX

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