## Surili Sheth

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RESEARCH Interests Comparative politics, political economy of development, gender, social norms, behavior, methods, ethics

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Political Science

expected May 2025

Dissertation: The Political Economy of Domestic Violence

Committee: Pradeep Chhibber (co-chair), Thad Dunning (co-chair), Cecilia Mo, Jennifer

Bussell

M.A. Political Science

2020

Thesis: When Women Come Together: The Case of Sexual Assault and Women of

Different Races in the United States

Harvard Kennedy School

2015

Masters in Public Administration/International Development (MPA/ID)

The Ohio State University

2011

B.S., Economics (Honors), Political Science (Honors), Summa Cum Laude Minor in Mathematics

Working Papers **Surili Sheth**. "The Politics of Compromise: Evidence on Women, Institutions, and Domestic Violence in India." (Presented at APSA 2024).

Arundhita Bhanjdeo, Nivedita Narain, **Surili Sheth**, and Michael Walton. "Seeing Like the State or Seeing the State? The Political Economy of Women's Self-Help Groups in Madhya Pradesh." (Presented at Gender and Politics in India, Center for Contemporary India Workshop, UC Berkeley 2021; Annual Conference on South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison 2021)

**Surili Sheth**. "Sexual Assault and Women's Interracial Solidarity in the United States."

WORK IN PROGRESS Surili Sheth. "Dissertation Project: Domestic Violence Claim-Making in India.

Dipali Anumol, Natasha Behl, Aditi Malik, and **Surili Sheth**. "Perspectives on Conducting Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Research in Comparative Politics."

**Surili Sheth** and Aarthi Muthukumar. "Seeing Like a Computer: The Ethics and Methods of Using Natural Language Processing and OCR to Find Women in Rural Gujarat."

Surili Sheth. "Case Anatomies: A Method for Tracing Domestic Violence Cases Between Formal and Informal Institutions")

POLICY REPORTS,

REVIEWS, AND MEDIA

Sofia Amaral, **Surili Sheth**, Pulkit Aggarwal, Anusha Guha, Osama Safeer, & Shirleen Manzur. 2024. "Women's Economic Empowerment in Pakistan: An Evidence Guided Toolkit for More Inclusive Policies." World Bank, South Asia Region Gender Innovation Lab (SARGIL), December 2024.

Surili Sheth. "Book Review: Performing Representation: Women Members in the Indian Parliament by Shirin M. Rai and Carole Spary and Women, Power, and Property: The Paradox of Gender Equality Laws in India by Rachel E. Brulé." *India Seminar Magazine Issue 752, She Rules!*, April 2022.

Surili Sheth. SEWA bens, stories of personal and economic transformation. Online photo essay, November 2017.

## Fellowships & Awards

Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Dissertation Fellowship (\$38,000) **2022** Dissertation Research Grant, Center on Contemporary India (CCI), UC Berkeley (\$15,000) **2022** 

APSA Minority Fellowship (\$2,000)

2019

3ie Grant for Qualitative Study on Sustainability of Self-Help Groups Under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission, with Arundhita Bhanjdeo, Nivedita Narain, and Michael Walton. (\$91,960)

2019

Center for Race and Gender (CRG) Graduate Student Research Grant, UC Berkeley (\$2,000) **2019** 

Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Institute of International Studies (IIS), UC Berkeley (\$2,000) **2019** 

Center on the Politics of Development Personal Research Fund, UC Berkeley (\$20,000) **2018-2023** 

Mossavr-Rahmani Center for Business and Government Winter Grant, Harvard Kennedy School

2015

Degree Student Program Winter Grant for Second Year Policy Analysis, Harvard Kennedy School

2015

Harvard Kennedy School International Development Grant, Harvard Kennedy School  ${f 2014}$ 

John F. Kennedy Full Tuition Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School 2013-2015

#### Teaching

South Asian Politics (PS145A: Undergraduate Course),  $Graduate\ Student\ Instructor\ for\ Pradeep\ Chhibber$  Fall 2024

Quantitative Analysis in Political Research (PS231B: PhD Course), Graduate Student Instructor for Thad Dunning Fall 2020

Gender and International Human Rights (PS123S: Undergraduate Course), Graduate Student Instructor for Helene Silverberg Spring 2020, 2021

The Varieties of Capitalism: The Political-Economic Systems of the World (PS138E: Undergraduate Course), Graduate Student Instructor for Steven Vogel Fall 2019

# RESEARCH POSITIONS

### Graduate Student Researcher, Metaketa Nigeria

2022 - 2023

Graduate student researcher on Metaketa team designing RCT: instrument development, curriculum development, and partner organization coordination for women's group trainings on political participation in Nigeria (with Cecilia Mo).

## Graduate Student Researcher, for Cecilia Mo

**Summer 2020** 

Graduate student researcher for Natural Disasters and Political Trust in Nepal (conducting literature review on the relationship between these two variables across the world) and Decision Dilemmas (setting up analysis script for online survey experiment and examining correlations in pilot survey data in Stata).

### Graduate Student Researcher, for Alison Post

Spring 2019

Graduate student researcher for City size, political attitudes, and participation (using public opinon and values data to examine links between attitudes and participation,

and population size of cities in Brazil, India, and Indonesia in R).

Research Associate, Abdul Latif Jamil Poverty Action Lab (JPAL) South Asia, for Karthik Muralidharan, Paul Niehaus and Sandeep Sukhtankar. Partner: Ministry of Rural Development, Andhra Pradesh. Funder: Omidiyar. 2011-12

## Professional & Policy Work

Short-Term Consultant (STC), World Bank South Asia Region Gender Innovation Lab (SARGIL) 2023-24

Short-Term Consultant (STC), World Bank, for Vijayendra Rao

Research Consultant, Precision Development (PxD), Gujarat, India

JuneDecember 2022

Fellow, IMAGO Global Grassroots Partners: Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA), Transform Rural International (TRI), PRADAN. 2017-18

Manager, *IDinsight India* Partners: Society for the Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP), Ministry of Rural Development, Andhra Pradesh, Niti Aayog. Funders: World Bank, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

2015-2017

Research Associate/Consultant, Busara Center for Behavioral Economics 2014 Associate, Affordable Housing Institute (AHI) 2012-13

## Workshops & Conferences

APSA, Panel: Comparative Perspectives on Intimate Violence and Gendered Peace, Philadelphia, September 5, 2024. Panelist.

Grant Awardee Symposium, Center on Contemporary India (CCI), UC Berkeley, April 20, 2023. *Presenter*.

Gender and Politics in South Asia, The First Annual Indian Politics Workshop of the Center on Contemporary India (CCI), UC Berkeley, May 6, 2021. *Presenter*. Panel on Gender and Politics, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 22, 2021. *Presenter*.

South Asia Reading Group (SARG), Online, 2021. Graduate Student Discussant for Capable Women, Incapable States, Negotiating Violence and Rights in India by Poulami Roychowdhury

**South Asia Reading Group (SARG)**, Online, 2020. Graduate Student Discussant for Women, Power and Property: The Paradox of Gender Equality Laws in India by Rachel E. Brulé

South Asia Reading Group (SARG), Online, 2019. Graduate Student Discussant for Oral Democracy: Deliberation in Indian Village Democracies by Paromita Sanyal and Vijayendra Rao

Annual SAIS-Carnegie Indian Political Economy Workshop, Theme: Gender, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, March 22-23, 2018. *Discussant*.

#### Fieldwork

Gujarat, India, (15 months) July 2019, March-April 2022, August-October 2022, January-February 2023, October 2023, March-May 2024, July-September 2024

Gujarat, India (conducted remotely), (5 months) November 2023-March 2024 Abuja, Nigeria, July-August 2022

Kerala, Madhya Pradesh & Jharkhand, India, Summer 2019

Gujarat, India August-December 2017

Delhi, India, 2016-17

Andhra Pradesh, India, 2015-16

Nairobi & Kisumu, Kenya, Summer 2014

Andhra Pradesh, India **2011-12** Bihar, India, **Summer 2011** 

Affiliations & Service

Research Associate, Center for the Politics of Development (CPD) 2018-Present
Mentor, Equity in Policy Education (EPE) 2021-2023
Mentor, Center for the Politics of Development (CPD) Fellowship 2020-21, 2022-23
Representative, Women in Political Science (WiPS), UC Berkeley 2020-2021
Graduate Student Coordinator, Department Comparative Politics Colloquium, UC

2020-2021

COMMUNITY WORK Intern. Lumanti Support Group for Shelter, Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund. Kathmandu and Okhaldunga, Nepal.

July 2015
Intern. Seva Mandir. Rajasthan, India.

March-April 2010
Volunteer Teacher's Assistant. Homeless Families Foundation, Dowd Education Center. Columbus, Ohio.

September-May, 2008-09
Volunteer. Manav Sadhna, Gandhi Ashram. Gujarat, India.

June-Aug, 2008,

Volunteer. Environmental Sanitation Institute (ESI). Gujarat, India. June-Aug 2009

SKILLS

Programming: R, STATA, Qualtrics, arcGIS, LATEX, z-Tree, MAXQDA Languages: English (native), Gujarati (native), Hindi (advanced), Spanish (intermediate)

### References

## Pradeep Chhibber (Co-Chair)

Professor and Indo-American Community Chair in India Studies, Department of Political Science

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### Thad Dunning (Co-Chair)

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### Cecilia Mo

Berkeley

2009, 2010, 2015

Judith E. Gruber Associate Professor

University of California, Berkeley Email: cecilia.h.mo@berkeley.edu

### Jennifer Bussell

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