

# Surili Sheth

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## Academic Positions

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### ETH Zürich

Beginning October 2025

*ETH Zürich Postdoctoral Fellow, International Relations and Data Science (IRDS) Lab*

## Education

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### University of California, Berkeley

*Ph.D., Political Science*

August 2018 – August 2025

Dissertation: *The Politics of Disclosure: Three Papers on the Dynamics of Domestic Violence Claim-Making in India*

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

August 2013 – May 2015

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

### Ohio State University

August 2007 – June 2011

*B.S., Economics (Honors), Political Science (Honors), Summa Cum Laude*

*Minor in Mathematics*

## Working Papers

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Charles Crabtree, John Holbein, Cecilia Mo, and **Surili Sheth**. "Do museums highlighting the experiences of minorities persuade visitors? Reducing biases against Asian Americans."

**Surili Sheth**. "Missing and Miscoded Women: A Conceptual Note on Studying Private Violence and Institutions."

**Surili Sheth**. "Strategic Expectations: Evidence on Women's Domestic Violence Claim-Making."

**Surili Sheth**. "The Politics of Disclosure: The Role of Women's Civic Associations in Domestic Violence Negotiations."

**Surili Sheth**. "Commonality or Difference? Experimental Evidence on Sexual Assault and the Foundations of Interracial Women's Solidarity in the United States."

**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."

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, University of Wisconsin, Madison 2021)

## Policy Reports and Other Writing

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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.*

## Research Experience

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**Graduate Student Researcher**, University of California, Berkeley Jan 2025–Aug 2025; Sep 2022–May 2023; Jun 2020–Jul 2020

*Locations: Berkeley, USA; Abuja, Nigeria; Pls: Cecilia Mo, Alison Post*

**Research Consultant**, Precision Development (PxD)

Jun 2022–Dec 2022

*Location: Gujarat, India*

**Short-Term Consultant (STC)**, World Bank, South Asia Region Gender Innovation Lab (SARGIL) Apr 2023–Sep 2024; Jan–Feb 2022

*Remote*

**Research Fellow**, IMAGO Global Grassroots

Jan–Jun 2018; Sep–Dec 2017

*Locations: Gujarat, India; Remote. Project: Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA)*

**Manager**, IDinsight India

Aug 2015–Aug 2017

*Locations: Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Delhi*

**Research Associate**, Busara Center for Behavioral Economics

Jun–Aug 2014

*Locations: Nairobi and Kisumu, Kenya; Pls: Johannes Haushofer and Jeremy Shapiro*

**Analyst**, Affordable Housing Institute

Sep 2012–Jun 2013

*Location: Boston, USA*

**Research Associate**, JPAL South Asia

Aug 2011–Aug 2012

*Locations: Andhra Pradesh and Bihar, India; Pls: Karthik Muralidharan, Paul Niehaus, Sandeep Sukhtankar; Funder: Omidyar*

## Select Grants & Awards

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Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Dissertation Fellowship (\$38,000)	2022
Dissertation Grant, Center on Contemporary India (CCI), UCB (\$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, <i>with Arundhita Bhanjdeo, Nivedita Narain, and Michael Walton</i> . (\$91,960)	2019
Center for Race and Gender (CRG) Research Grant, UCB (\$2,000)	2019
Research Grant, Institute of International Studies (IIS), UCB (\$2,000)	2019
Center on the Politics of Development Grant, UCB (\$20,000)	2018–2023
Mossavr-Rahmani Center for Business and Government Winter Grant, HKS	2015
Degree Student Program Winter Grant for Second Year Policy Analysis, HKS	2015
International Development Grant, HKS	2014
John F. Kennedy Full Tuition Fellowship, HKS	2013–2015