

# Tanu Kumar

Global Research Institute  
William & Mary  
427 Scotland Street  
Williamsburg, VA 23185

www.tanukumar.com  
tkumar[at]wm[dot]edu

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### William & Mary

Postdoctoral Fellow, Global Research Institute, July 2020-  
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Government, September 2020-

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., Political Science**, University of California, Berkeley, 2020  
**M.A., Political Science**, University of California, Berkeley, 2014  
**B.A., Government and Economics**, Bowdoin College, 2012

## RESEARCH

### Peer-reviewed Publications

**Kumar, T.**, Post, A., and Ray, I. “Flows, leaks, and blockages in informational interventions: A field experimental study of Bangalore’s water sector.” *World Development* 106: 149-160, 2018.

**Kumar, T.**, “Home-price subsidies increase local-level political participation in urban India” (Conditional acceptance, *Journal of Politics*)

### Under Review

“The human capital effects of subsidizing government constructed housing”

“From public service access to service quality: The distributive politics of piped water in Bangalore” with Alison Post, Megan Otsuka, Francesc Pardo-Bosch, and Isha Ray

### Working Papers

“Forbearance limits the political power of homeowners in India”

“When welfare decreases turnout: the effects of NREGS on state-level elections”

### Invited Pieces

“Engineering predictable water? How to understand the humans that make tech innovations work.” Hyun, C. Kumar, T., Post, A. and Ray, I. In *An Introduction to Development Engineering*, eds. Madon, T., and Gadgil, A. Springer. Forthcoming.

“The general transit feed specification makes trip-planning easier – especially during a pandemic – yet its use by California agencies is uneven.” Trapenberg Frick, K. Kumar, T., Li, R., Patil, A., and Post, A. University of California. 2020. (Policy Brief, Paper)

“Subsidizing homeownership builds wealth and motivates participation in urban politics: evidence from India.” In “Cities and Urban Politics,” eds. Finkel, E., Lawrence, A., and Mertha, A. *Newsletter of the Organized Section in Comparative Politics of the American Political Science Association*, 30(1). 2020.

## Other Writing

Review of *India Moving: A History of Migration* by Chinmay Tumbe. (2018, Penguin Viking). UC Berkeley Institute for South Asia Studies. July 28, 2020.

“Household-level effects of affordable housing: Evidence from Mumbai” *Ideas for India*. (English and Hindi, syndicated in *The Print*). September 4, 2019.

“Here’s what Gavin Newsom, Elizabeth Warren and Microsoft should know if they want to end the affordable housing crisis” *The Monkey Cage*. January 31, 2019.

Review of *Contesting the Indian City: Global Visions and the Politics of the Local*, ed. Gavin Shatkin (2014, Wiley-Blackwell). *Governance* 29 (4): 589-590, 2016.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

APSA Centennial Center, \$2,300, 2019

Weiss Family Fund for Development Economics, Harvard University, \$28,077, 2016-2017

Governance Initiative, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (MIT), \$8,700, 2016

Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley, \$15,000, 2017-2018

## TEACHING

### University of California, Berkeley

#### Graduate

Quantitative Analysis in Political Research - Graduate Student Instructor for Professor Joel Middleton, Fall 2018

#### Undergraduate

Writing and Research in South Asian Politics - Teaching Assistant for Professor Pradeep Chhibber responsible for instructing students in R programming, Spring 2016, 2019

Understanding Political Developments in India (online course) - Graduate Student Instructor for Professor Pradeep Chhibber, Summer 2017, 2018

Introduction to Empirical Analysis in Political Science - Graduate Student Instructor for Professor Laura Stoker, Fall 2014

## PRESENTATIONS

### Workshops and Invited Presentations

**2020:** Pacific Conference for Development Economics (UC Berkeley), Economics of Cities and Development (Johns Hopkins University), PLAN 101: Cities and Urban Life guest lecture (UNC Chapel Hill), Comparative Politics and Political Economy Seminar (UC Santa Barbara, scheduled), Tuesday Talks (Claremont Graduate University, scheduled)

**2019:** Comparative Urban Politics Workshop (UC Berkeley), Experimental Political Science Graduate Student Conference (Harvard), Development and Political Economics Graduate Student Conference (Stanford), Visions in Methodology Conference (University of Georgia), Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics (UCLA), Conference on South Asian Politics (World Bank)

**2018:** California Workshop in Empirical Political Science

### Annual Meetings

Midwest Political Science Association, 2018

American Political Science Association, 2016-2020

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee service: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

Affiliations: Visions in Methodology, Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, American Economics Association