

# Tanu Kumar

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., Political Science**, University of California, Berkeley, expected 2020

Fields: Comparative Politics, Methodology and Formal Theory

Dissertation and book project: "Building civic engagement through redistribution: The political and economic effects of social welfare on households in India"

**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.

### Working Papers

"The effects of welfare programs on local civic action: evidence from affordable housing in Mumbai"

"The intergenerational effects of subsidizing homeownership: evidence from a program in Mumbai"

"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

"Preferences for Descriptive Representation: Asymmetries Between Hindus and Muslims in India" with Pradeep Chhibber and Jasjeet Sekhon

### In Progress

"IV, subgroup effects, and mediation: principal stratification methods for understanding mechanisms in experiments"

"Navigating electoral tradeoffs: Sector-wise variation in local-level government responsiveness in Mumbai"

## OTHER WRITING

"Household level effects of affordable housing: Evidence from Mumbai." *Ideas for India*, 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

### External

Alma Ostrom and Leah Hopkins Awan Civic Education Fund, APSA Centennial Center, \$2,300, 2019

Weiss Family Program Fund for Research in Development Economics, Harvard University, \$21,177, 2017

Weiss Family Program Fund for Research in Development Economics, Harvard University, \$6,900, 2016

Governance Initiative Travel/Proposal Development Grant, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, \$8,700, 2016

### Internal

John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship, 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**

2019: Bay Area Comparative Urban Politics Workshop, Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Student Conference, Stanford Development and Political Economics Graduate Student Conference, Visions in Methodology Conference, Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics at UCLA, Pre-APSA Conference on South Asian Politics at the World Bank

2018: California Workshop in Empirical Political Science

### **Annual Meetings**

Midwest Political Science Association, 2018

American Political Science Association, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Methods Tutoring Program, Coordinator, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2017-2018

Graduate Admissions Committee, Student Representative, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2017

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

## **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

Research assistant for Professor Alison Post on "Benchmarking "Smart City" Technology Adoption in California," Fall 2019-Present

University of California, Berkeley D-Lab - Research Design and Programming Consultant, Spring 2017-2019

EGAP Metaketa Initiative Natural Resources Group - Research Assistant, Fall 2017

## REFERENCES

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