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Appointments	<b>Claremont Graduate University</b> Assistant Professor, Division of Politics and Economics July 2022-
	<b>William &amp; Mary</b> Postdoctoral Researcher, Global Research Institute 2020-2022
	Faculty Affiliate, Government 2020-2022
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
Articles	<b>Kumar, T.</b> , “Home-price subsidies increase local-level political participation in urban India.” <i>Journal of Politics</i> , 2022. –Coverage: <i>The Washington Post</i> , and <i>Phenomenal World</i> by the Jain Family Institute
	<b>Kumar, T.</b> , Post A., Ray, I., Otsuka, M., and Pardo-Bosch, F. “From public service access to service quality: The distributive politics of piped water in Bangalore.” <i>World Development</i> , 2022.
	<b>Kumar, T.</b> , “The housing quality, income, and human capital effects of subsidized homes in urban India.” <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , 2021. –Coverage: <i>Ideas for India</i> (English and Hindi), <i>ThePrint</i> , <i>The Hindustan Times</i> , <i>India Housing Report</i> , <i>The Times of India</i> , and <i>VoxDev</i>
	<b>Kumar, T.</b> , Post, A., and Ray, I. “Flows, leaks, and blockages in informational interventions: A field experimental study of Bangalore’s water sector.” <i>World Development</i> , 2018. –Coverage: USAID Impact blog
Book	<i>Housing as welfare: how subsidized homeownership generates social mobility through wealth, voice, and dignity in India</i> . Manuscript in preparation.
Working Papers	“Why we should study smaller cities.” (with Matthew Stenberg). Revise and resubmit.
	“How the content of complaints shapes government responsiveness: theory and evidence from Mumbai.” Submitted.

Book Chapter	Hyun, C., <b>Kumar, T.</b> , Post, A. and Ray, I. “Engineering predictable water? How to understand the humans that make tech innovations work.” In <i>An Introduction to Development Engineering</i> , eds. Madon, T., and Gadgil, A. Forthcoming, Springer.
Other Academic Writing	<p>Haas, N., Haenschen K., <b>Kumar, T.</b>, Panagopoulos, C., Peyton, K., Ravanilla, N., and Sierra-Arévalo, M. “Organizational identity and positionality in randomized control trials: considerations and advice for collaborative research teams.” <i>PS: Political Science and Politics</i>, 2022.</p> <p><b>Kumar, T.</b> Review of <i>Governing Locally: Institutions, Policies, and Implementation in Indian Cities</i> by Babu Jacob and Suraj Jacob (2021, Cambridge University Press). <i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i>, 2022.</p> <p><b>Kumar, T.</b> “Subsidizing homeownership builds wealth, changes attitudes, and generates urban civic participation.” in <i>Newsletter of the Organized Section in Comparative Politics of the American Political Science Association</i> eds. Finkel, Eugene, Adria Lawrence and Andrew Mertha, 2020.</p> <p><b>Kumar, T.</b> Review of <i>Contesting the Indian City: Global Visions and the Politics of the Local</i>, ed. Gavin Shatkin (2014, Wiley-Blackwell). <i>Governance</i>, 2016.</p>
Policy Writing	<p>“The household-level effects of subsidized housing: Evidence from urban India.” <i>VoxDev</i>, 2022.</p> <p>“Housing is a welfare weapon. It can help people escape poverty.” <i>The Hindustan Times</i>, 2021. Syndicated in <i>India Housing Report</i>.</p> <p>“How does subsidizing housing shape political behavior?” <i>Ideas of India</i> (podcast), 2020.</p> <p>“Mumbai residents win govt housing lottery and spend more on kids’ education, jobs: Study.” <i>ThePrint</i>, 2019.</p> <p>“Household-level effects of affordable housing: Evidence from Mumbai.” <i>Ideas for India</i>, 2019. Also translated to Hindi.</p> <p>“Here’s what Gavin Newsom, Elizabeth Warren, and Microsoft should know if they want to end the affordable housing crisis.” <i>The Washington Post Monkey Cage</i>, 2019.</p>
Honors	<p>Susan Clarke Young Scholar – APSA Urban and Local Politics Section, 2021</p> <p>Best Dissertation (Honorable Mention) – APSA Urban and Local Politics Section, 2021</p> <p>DeAlva Stanwood Alexander First Prize – Bowdoin College, 2012</p>
Grants	<p>Open Philanthropy, Good Ventures Fund (with Philip Roessler)– 100,000 USD, 2022</p> <p>WEE-DiFine, BRAC (with Peter Carroll, Boniface Dulani, Philip Roessler, and Daniel Nielson) – 46,337.59 USD, 2021</p> <p>GLD, University of Gothenburg (with Adam Auerbach) – 29,619 SEK, 2021</p> <p>Alma Ostrom and Leah Hopkins Awan Civic Education Fund, APSA – 2,300 USD, 2019</p> <p>Weiss Family Fund for Development Economics, Harvard University – 21,577 USD, 2017</p>

Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley – 15,000 USD, 2017  
Weiss Family Fund for Development Economics, Harvard University – 6,500 USD, 2016  
Governance Initiative, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, MIT – 8,700 USD, 2016

Teaching

**William & Mary**

Political Behavior in Developing Democracies, Fall 2021

Presentations

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**2022:** Complex Governance Seminar (American University),\* Global Politics Series (University of Virginia),\* Housing Politics and Policy Conference (Princeton University),\* Urban Workshop Series (Centre for Policy Research India)\*

**2021:** The Politics Forum (The College of New Jersey),\* Inequality and Policy Research Center (Claremont Graduate University),\* Visions in Methodology, Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science

**2020:** Economics of Cities and Development (Johns Hopkins University),\* Comparative Politics and Political Economy Seminar (UC Santa Barbara),\* Pacific Conference for Development Economics (UC Berkeley)

**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, Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics (UCLA), Conference on South Asian Politics (World Bank)

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

Service

Excellence in Mentoring Award Committee, APSA Public Policy Section, 2022

Journal referee service: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *PLOS ONE*, *PS: Political Science*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *World Politics*