

# Tanu Kumar

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., Political Science**, University of California, Berkeley, 2013-present

Fields: Methodology and Formal Theory, Comparative Politics

Dissertation: "The political and economics effects of social welfare and redistribution 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

"Welfare programs and local political participation: the effects of affordable housing in Mumbai" (under review)

"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 (under review)

"The effects of subsidized assets for sale: evidence from an affordable housing program in Mumbai"

"Attitudes towards reservations in India: Does prejudice lie beneath the rhetoric of fairness?" with Pradeep Chhibber and Rahul Verma

"Preferences for descriptive representation: asymmetries between Hindus and Muslims in India" with Pradeep Chhibber and Jasjeet Sekhon

### In Progress

"Understanding mechanisms in political science experiments: Principal stratification and mediation" with Avi Feller and Joel Middleton

## OTHER WRITING

"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

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

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2017-2018

Travers Departmental Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 2013-2014

DeAlva Stanwood Alexander First Prize (Baccalaureate Speaker), Bowdoin College, 2012

## 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 (scheduled)

2018: California Workshop in Empirical Political Science

### **Annual Meetings**

Midwest Political Science Association, 2018

American Political Science Association, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (scheduled)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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

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

## **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

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

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

May 8, 2019