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Appointments	<b>Claremont Graduate University</b> Assistant Professor, Division of Politics and Economics 2022-
	<b>William &amp; Mary</b> Postdoctoral Researcher, Global Research Institute 2020-2022
Affiliations	Center for Effective Global Action 2022-
	Government Department, William & Mary 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
Peer- reviewed Articles	<b>Kumar, T.</b> and Stenberg, M. “Why political scientists should study smaller cities.” <i>Urban Affairs Review</i> , 2022.
	<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
	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.
	<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	“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 Supply: The Humans Behind the Tech.” in <i>An Introduction to Development Engineering</i> , eds. Madon, T., and Gadgil, A. Springer, 2022.
Other Academic Writing	<p><b>Kumar, T.</b> Review of <i>Governing Locally: Institutions, Policies, and Implementation in Indian Cities</i> by B. Jacob and S. Jacob (2021, Cambridge University Press). <i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i>, 2022.</p> <p>Trapenberg Frick, K., <b>Kumar, T.</b>, Mendonça Abreu, G., and Post, A. “Benchmarking ‘Smart City’ adoption in California: Developing and piloting a data collection approach.” University of California. 2021.</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, E., A. Lawrence and A. 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. G. Shatkin (2014, Wiley-Blackwell). <i>Governance</i>, 2016.</p>
Research in Progress	<p>“The politics of citizen-led expansion and informality at the edges of India’s cities” with A. Auerbach. <i>Paper in preparation</i>.</p> <p>“An experimental analysis of the impact of smartphones and household property rights on the uptake of digital financial services” with P. Roessler, P. Carroll, B. Dulani, and D. Nielson. <i>Midline data collected</i>.</p> <p>“Ad-supported smartphones to bridge the digital gender gap” with P. Roessler and E. Agasha. <i>Seed funding acquired, initial piloting complete</i>.</p> <p>“Voice and response: What motivates bureaucratic responsiveness to citizen voice?” with G. Kruks-Wisner. <i>Funding acquired. Qualitative data collection and scoping in progress</i>.</p>
Policy Writing	<p>“Smartphone Ownership and Women’s Financial Inclusion: Preliminary Results from a Randomized Controlled Trial in Malawi” with P. Roessler, P. Carroll, B. Dulani, and D. Nielson. BRAC Institute of Governance and Development, 2022.</p> <p>“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	Susan Clarke Young Scholar – APSA Urban and Local Politics Section, 2021

	<p>Best Dissertation (Honorable Mention) – APSA Urban and Local Politics Section, 2021</p> <p>DeAlva Stanwood Alexander First Prize – Bowdoin College, 2012</p>
Research Grants	<p>Edward Artinian Fund for Publishing, APSA – 2,400 USD, 2022</p> <p>Open Philanthropy, Good Ventures Fund (with P. Roessler) – 100,000 USD, 2022</p> <p>WEE-DiFine, BRAC (with P. Carroll, B. Dulani, P. Roessler, D. Nielson) – 46,337 USD, 2021</p> <p>GLD, University of Gothenburg (with A. 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> <p>Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley – 15,000 USD, 2017</p> <p>Weiss Family Fund for Development Economics, Harvard University – 6,900 USD, 2016</p> <p>Governance Initiative, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, MIT – 8,700 USD, 2016</p>
Teaching	<p><b>Claremont Graduate University</b></p> <p>Nature of Inquiry (Introduction to Data and Research Design in Social Science), Fall 2022</p> <p><b>William &amp; Mary</b></p> <p>Political Behavior in Developing Democracies, Fall 2021</p>
Invited Presentations	<p><b>2023</b></p> <p>CASI India Political Economy Workshop, University of Pennsylvania</p> <p><b>2022</b></p> <p>South Asia Seminar, University of Notre Dame</p> <p>Brown-Harvard-MIT Joint Seminar in South Asian Politics, Harvard University</p> <p>Thinking Globally, Foreign Service Institute</p> <p>Urban Workshop Series, Centre for Policy Research India</p> <p>Housing Politics and Policy Conference, Princeton University</p> <p>Global Politics Series, University of Virginia</p> <p>Complex Governance Seminar, American University</p> <p><b>2021</b></p> <p>The Politics Forum, The College of New Jersey</p> <p>Inequality and Policy Research Center, Claremont Graduate University</p> <p>Program on Governance and Local Development, University of Gothenburg</p> <p><b>2020</b></p> <p>Economics of Cities and Development, Johns Hopkins University</p> <p>Comparative Politics and Political Economy Seminar, UC Santa Barbara</p>
Activities in the Discipline	<p>Peer Review: <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>, <i>American Political Science Review</i>, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development Grants, <i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i>, Oxford University Press, <i>PLOS ONE</i>, <i>PS: Political Science</i>, <i>Urban Affairs Review</i>, <i>World Politics</i>, <i>Social Policy &amp; Administration</i></p> <p>Co-organizer for Virtual Workshop on Urban Politics in the Global South, 2022</p> <p>Excellence in Mentoring Award Committee, APSA Public Policy Section, 2022</p>