

# Tanu Kumar

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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 Affiliate, University of California, Berkeley 2022-
	Governance and Local Development Fellow, University of Gothenburg 2023
	Government Department Faculty Affiliate, 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
Book	<i>Building social mobility: how subsidized homeownership creates wealth, dignity, and voice in India.</i> Under review.
Peer- reviewed 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> and Stenberg, M. “Why political scientists should study smaller cities.” <i>Urban Affairs Review</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
Working Papers	“The content of complaints shapes government responsiveness: theory and evidence from Mumbai.” –Coverage: India Housing Report
	“Politics in the urban periphery: Citizen-Led expansion and informality at the edges of India’s cities.” w/ A. Auerbach. GLD Working paper.

	<p>“When do local governments improve transparency? Bureaucratic champions for open transit data in California” w/ I. Ratan, A. Post, and M. Sheth. Available upon request.</p> <p>–Paul Sabatier Award for the best paper on science, technology, and environmental politics, APSA 2022</p>
Book Chapter	<p>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.</p>
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 B. Jacob and S. 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, 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>
Policy Writing	<p>“Why Political Scientists Should Study Smaller Cities” w/ M. Stenberg. <i>Urban Affairs Forum</i>, 2022.</p> <p>“Household-level effects of subsidized housing: Evidence from urban India.” <i>VoxDev</i>, 2022.</p> <p>“Benchmarking ‘smart city’ adoption in California: Developing and piloting a data collection approach.” w/ K. Trapenberg Frick, G. Mendonça Abreu, and A. Post. University of California. 2021.</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>Paul Sabatier Award – APSA Science, Technology &amp; Environmental Politics Section, 2023</p> <p>Susan Clarke Young Scholar – APSA Urban &amp; Local Politics Section, 2021</p> <p>Best Dissertation (Honorable Mention) – APSA Urban &amp; Local Politics Section, 2021</p> <p>DeAlva Stanwood Alexander First Prize – Bowdoin College, 2012</p>																								
Research Grants	<p><b>External</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Accountable Institutions &amp; Behavior, NSF (w/ A. Post and N. Kuipers), 2023</td><td>\$350,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Edward Artinian Fund for Publishing, APSA, 2022</td><td>\$2,400</td></tr> <tr> <td>Open Philanthropy, Good Ventures Fund (w/ P. Roessler), 2022</td><td>\$100,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>WEE-DiFine, BRAC (w/ P. Carroll, B. Dulani, P. Roessler, D. Nielson), 2021</td><td>\$46,337</td></tr> <tr> <td>GLD, University of Gothenburg (w/ A. Auerbach), 2021</td><td>29,619 kr</td></tr> <tr> <td>Alma Ostrom and Leah Hopkins Awan Civic Education Fund, APSA, 2019</td><td>\$2,300</td></tr> <tr> <td>Weiss Family Fund for Development Economics, Harvard University, 2017</td><td>\$21,577</td></tr> <tr> <td>Weiss Family Fund for Development Economics, Harvard University, 2016</td><td>\$6,900</td></tr> <tr> <td>Governance Initiative, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, MIT, 2016</td><td>\$8,700</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Internal</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Lincoln Family Foundation, Claremont Graduate University, 2023</td><td>\$5,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2017</td><td>\$15,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Letters and Sciences Summer Award, University of California, Berkeley, 2014</td><td>\$5,000</td></tr> </table>	Accountable Institutions & Behavior, NSF (w/ A. Post and N. Kuipers), 2023	\$350,000	Edward Artinian Fund for Publishing, APSA, 2022	\$2,400	Open Philanthropy, Good Ventures Fund (w/ P. Roessler), 2022	\$100,000	WEE-DiFine, BRAC (w/ P. Carroll, B. Dulani, P. Roessler, D. Nielson), 2021	\$46,337	GLD, University of Gothenburg (w/ A. Auerbach), 2021	29,619 kr	Alma Ostrom and Leah Hopkins Awan Civic Education Fund, APSA, 2019	\$2,300	Weiss Family Fund for Development Economics, Harvard University, 2017	\$21,577	Weiss Family Fund for Development Economics, Harvard University, 2016	\$6,900	Governance Initiative, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, MIT, 2016	\$8,700	Lincoln Family Foundation, Claremont Graduate University, 2023	\$5,000	Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2017	\$15,000	Letters and Sciences Summer Award, University of California, Berkeley, 2014	\$5,000
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Invited Presentations	<p><b>2024</b></p> <p>McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University</p> <p><b>2023</b></p> <p>Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame (rescheduled from Fall '22)</p> <p>CASI India Political Economy Workshop, University of Pennsylvania</p> <p>SoCal Political Economy Workshop Discussant, CalTech</p> <p><b>2022</b></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>Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science, Emory University</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>																								
Teaching	<p><b>Claremont Graduate University</b></p> <p>Comparative Public Policy, Fall 2023</p> <p>International Development: Institutions, Households, &amp; Policy, Spring 2023</p>																								

Political Behavior in Developing Democracies, Spring 2023  
Nature of Inquiry (Introduction to Data and Research Design), Fall 2022, 2023

**William & Mary**

Political Behavior in Developing Democracies, Fall 2021

**University of California, Berkeley**

Quantitative Analysis (PhD level) - GSI for Professor Joel Middleton, Fall 2018  
Research in South Asian Politics - TA for Professor Pradeep Chhibber, Spring 2016, 2019  
Political Developments in India - GSI for Professor Pradeep Chhibber, Summer 2017, 2018  
Empirical Analysis in Political Science - GSI for Professor Laura Stoker, Fall 2014

**Mentorship**

**Claremont Graduate University**

Lama Shaiekh, Dissertation committee  
Mona Shadia, Dissertation committee  
Roopreet Sohal, Dissertation committee  
Ibrahim Alsuhaibani, Dissertation committee  
Ani Apyan, Dissertation committee  
Jennifer Verdier, Dissertation committee  
Nazif Sali, Dissertation committee

**Service**

Peer Review: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*,  
BRAC Institute of Governance and Development Grants, *Journal of Development Eco-*  
*nomics*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Urban*  
*Economics*, *Local Government Studies*, Oxford University Press, *PLOS ONE*, *PS: Political*  
*Science*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *World Politics*, *Social Policy & Administration*, *Studies in*  
*Comparative International Development*

Co-founder of the Political Behavior Lab, Claremont Graduate University 2022-2023  
Co-organizer for Virtual Workshop on Urban Politics in the Global South, 2022, 2023  
Excellence in Mentoring Award Committee, APSA Public Policy Section, 2022