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Appointments	Claremont Graduate University Assistant Professor, Division of Politics and Economics 2022-
	William & Mary 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> Submitted, workshop held in Spring 2023. Chapters available upon request.
Peer- reviewed Articles	Kumar, T. , “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
	Kumar, T. and Stenberg, M. “Why political scientists should study smaller cities.” <i>Urban Affairs Review</i> , 2022.
	Kumar, T. , 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.
	Kumar, T. , “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>
	Kumar, T. , 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., Kumar, T., 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., Kumar, T., 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>Kumar, T. 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>Kumar, T. “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>Kumar, T. 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 & Environmental Politics Section, 2023</p> <p>Susan Clarke Young Scholar – APSA Urban & Local Politics Section, 2021</p> <p>Best Dissertation (Honorable Mention) – APSA Urban & Local Politics Section, 2021</p> <p>DeAlva Stanwood Alexander First Prize – Bowdoin College, 2012</p>																								
Research Grants	<p>External</p> <table> <tr> <td>Accountable Institutions & 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>Internal</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>2024</p> <p>McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University</p> <p>2023</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>2022</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>2021</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>2020</p> <p>Economics of Cities and Development, Johns Hopkins University</p> <p>Comparative Politics and Political Economy Seminar, UC Santa Barbara</p>																								
Teaching	<p>Claremont Graduate University</p> <p>Comparative Public Policy, Fall 2023</p> <p>International Development: Institutions, Households, & 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

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