

# 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	Governance and Local Development Fellow, University of Gothenburg 2023
	Center for Effective Global Action Affiliate, University of California, Berkeley 2022-
	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
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
Research in Progress	Book manuscript: <i>Building social mobility: how subsidized homeownership creates wealth, dignity, and voice in India</i> . Submission planned Summer 2023, workshop held in Spring 2023. Chapters available upon request.
	“The content of complaints shapes government responsiveness: theory and evidence from Mumbai.” Working paper. –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.

“When do local governments improve transparency? Bureaucratic champions for open transit data in California” w/ I. Ratan, A. Post, and M. Sheth. Working paper, available upon request.

–Paul Sabatier Award for the best paper on science, technology, and environmental politics, APSA 2022

“Voice and response: What motivates bureaucratic responsiveness to citizen voice?” w/ G. Krus-Wisner and Video Volunteers. In progress.

#### Book Chapter

Hyun, C., **Kumar, T.**, Post, A. and Ray, I. “Engineering predictable Water Supply: The humans behind the tech.” in *An Introduction to Development Engineering*, eds. Madon, T., and Gadgil, A. Springer, 2022.

#### Other Academic Writing

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.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 2022.

**Kumar, T.** Review of *Governing Locally: Institutions, Policies, and Implementation in Indian Cities* by B. Jacob and S. Jacob (2021, Cambridge University Press). *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2022.

**Kumar, T.** “Subsidizing homeownership builds wealth, changes attitudes, and generates urban civic participation.” in *Newsletter of the Organized Section in Comparative Politics of the American Political Science Association* eds. Finkel, E., A. Lawrence and A. Mertha, 2020.

**Kumar, T.** Review of *Contesting the Indian City: Global Visions and the Politics of the Local*, ed. G. Shatkin (2014, Wiley-Blackwell). *Governance*, 2016.

#### Policy Writing

“Better than cash? Smartphones for realized financial inclusion” w/ P. Roessler and K. Cole. BRAC Institute of Governance and Development, 2022.

“Why Political Scientists Should Study Smaller Cities” w/ M. Stenberg. *Urban Affairs Forum*, 2022.

“Smartphone ownership and women’s financial inclusion: Preliminary results from a randomized controlled trial in Malawi” w/ P. Roessler, P. Carroll, B. Dulani, and D. Nielson. BRAC Institute of Governance and Development, 2022.

“Household-level effects of subsidized housing: Evidence from urban India.” *VoxDev*, 2022.

“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.

“Housing is a welfare weapon. It can help people escape poverty.” *The Hindustan Times*, 2021. Syndicated in *India Housing Report*.

“How does subsidizing housing shape political behavior?” *Ideas of India* (podcast), 2020.

“Mumbai residents win govt housing lottery and spend more on kids’ education, jobs: Study.” *ThePrint*, 2019.

“Household-level effects of affordable housing: Evidence from Mumbai.” *Ideas for India*, 2019. Also translated to Hindi.

“Here’s what Gavin Newsom, Elizabeth Warren, and Microsoft should know if they want to end the affordable housing crisis.” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, 2019.

#### Honors

Paul Sabatier Award – APSA Science, Technology & Environmental Politics Section, 2023  
 Susan Clarke Young Scholar – APSA Urban & Local Politics Section, 2021  
 Best Dissertation (Honorable Mention) – APSA Urban & Local Politics Section, 2021  
 DeAlva Stanwood Alexander First Prize – Bowdoin College, 2012

#### Research Grants

##### External

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

##### Internal

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

#### Invited Presentations

##### 2023

CASI India Political Economy Workshop, University of Pennsylvania  
 Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame (rescheduled from Fall ’22)

##### 2022

Brown-Harvard-MIT Joint Seminar in South Asian Politics, Harvard University  
 Thinking Globally, Foreign Service Institute  
 Urban Workshop Series, Centre for Policy Research India  
 Housing Politics and Policy Conference, Princeton University  
 Workshop on the Political Economy of South Asia (discussant), Virtual  
 Global Politics Series, University of Virginia  
 Complex Governance Seminar, American University

##### 2021

The Politics Forum, The College of New Jersey  
Inequality and Policy Research Center, Claremont Graduate University  
Visions in Methodology, Claremont Graduate University  
Program on Governance and Local Development, University of Gothenburg  
Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science, Emory University

**2020**

Economics of Cities and Development, Johns Hopkins University  
Comparative Politics and Political Economy Seminar, UC Santa Barbara

**2019**

Comparative Urban Politics Workshop, UC Berkeley  
Experimental Political Science Graduate Student Conference, Harvard University  
Development and Political Economics Graduate Student Conference, Stanford University  
Visions in Methodology, University of Georgia  
Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics, UCLA  
Conference on South Asian Politics, World Bank

Teaching

**Claremont Graduate University**

Comparative Public Policy, Fall 2023  
International Development: Institutions, Households, & Policy, Spring 2023  
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

Mentorship

**Claremont Graduate University**

Lama Shaiekh, Dissertation committee  
Mona Shadia, Dissertation committee  
Roopreet Sohal, Dissertation committee  
Ibrahim Alsuhaibani, Dissertation committee  
Ani Apyan, Dissertation committee

Service

Peer Review: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development Grants, *Journal of Development Economics*, *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-organizer for Virtual Workshop on Urban Politics in the Global South, 2022  
Excellence in Mentoring Award Committee, APSA Public Policy Section, 2022