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Academic Positions

Claremont Graduate University

Assistant Professor, Division of Politics and Economics, July 2022-

William & Mary

Postdoctoral Fellow, Global Research Institute, July 2020-2022

Faculty Affiliate, Department of Government, September 2020-2022

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2020

- Susan Clarke Young Scholar Award – APSA Urban and Local Politics Section

- Best Dissertation Award (Honorable Mention) – APSA Urban and Local Politics Section

M.A., Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2014

B.A., Government and Economics, Bowdoin College, 2012

Research

Book Project

Housing as welfare: how subsidized homes redistribute wealth, create dignity, and form local-level interest groups in urban India. Manuscript in preparation.

Peer-reviewed Articles

Kumar, T., “Home-price subsidies increase local-level political participation in urban India” Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*.

- Featured in *The Washington Post*, Ideas of India Podcast, the Jain Family Institute Newsletter, the *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter*, and the JOP Blog

Kumar, T., “The housing quality, income, and human capital effects of subsidized homes in urban India” *Journal of Development Economics* 153: 102738, 2021.

- Featured in *Ideas for India* (English and Hindi), *ThePrint*, *The Hindustan Times*, *India Housing Report*, and *The Times of India*

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” *World Development* 151: 105736, 2022.

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.

- Featured in the [USAID Impact blog](#)

Working Papers

“Organizational identity and positionality in randomized control trials: considerations and advice for collaborative research teams” with Nicholas Haas, Katherine Haenschen, Costas Panagopoulos, Kyle Peyton, Nico Ravanilla, and Michael Sierra-Arévalo (revision submitted for a special edition of *PS: Political Science and Politics*, eds. Justine Davis and Kristen Michelitch)

“How the content of claims shapes government responsiveness: theory and evidence from Mumbai”

“Why we should study small cities” (with Matthew Stenberg)

Book Chapter

Hyun, C., **Kumar, T.**, Post, A. and Ray, I. “Engineering predictable water? How to understand the humans that make tech innovations work.” In *An Introduction to Development Engineering*, eds. Madon, T., and Gadgil, A. Springer. Forthcoming.

Selected Other Writing

Trapenberg Frick, K., **Kumar, T.**, Mendonça Abreu, G., and Post, A. “[Benchmarking ‘Smart City’ adoption in California: Developing and piloting a data collection approach.](#)” University of California. 2021.

Kumar, T. [Review of *India Moving: A History of Migration* by Chinmay Tumbe \(2018, Penguin Viking\).](#) UC Berkeley Institute for South Asia Studies. July 28, 2020.

Kumar, T. [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.

Awards

Susan Clarke Young Scholar Award – APSA Urban and Local Politics Section, 2021

Best Dissertation Award (Honorable Mention) – APSA Urban and Local Politics Section, 2021

Research Grants

Women’s Economic Empowerment and Digital Finance Initiative, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (with Peter Carroll, Boniface Dulani, Philip Roessler, and Daniel Nielson) – 46,337.59 USD, 2021

Program on Governance and Local Development, University of Gothenburg (with Adam Auerbach) – 29,619 SEK, 2021

Alma Ostrom and Leah Hopkins Awan Civic Education Fund, APSA – 2,300 USD, 2019

Weiss Family Fund for Development Economics, Harvard University – 21,577 USD, 2017

Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley – 15,000 USD, 2017

Weiss Family Fund for Development Economics, Harvard University – 6,500 USD, 2016

Governance Initiative, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, MIT – 8,700 USD, 2016

Teaching

William & Mary

Political Behavior in Developing Democracies, Fall 2021

University of California, Berkeley

Quantitative Analysis in Political Research (PhD level) - GSI for Professor Joel Middleton, Fall 2018

Writing and 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

Introduction to Empirical Analysis in Political Science - GSI for Professor Laura Stoker, Fall 2014

Workshops and Invited Presentations

2021: The Politics Forum (The College of New Jersey), Inequality and Policy Research Center (Claremont Graduate University), Program on Governance and Local Development (University of Gothenburg), Visions in Methodology, Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science

2020: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (UC Berkeley), Economics of Cities and Development (Johns Hopkins University), Cities and Urban Life guest lecture (UNC Chapel Hill), Comparative Politics and Political Economy Seminar (UC Santa Barbara), Tuesday Talks (Claremont Graduate University)

2019: Comparative Urban Politics Workshop (UC Berkeley), Experimental Political Science Graduate Student Conference (Harvard), Development and Political Economics Graduate Student Conference (Stanford), Visions in Methodology, Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics (UCLA), Conference on South Asian Politics (World Bank)

2018: California Workshop in Empirical Political Science

Professional Activities

Journal referee service: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *PS: Political Science*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *World Politics*

Affiliations: Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences, American Political Science Association, American Economics Association, European Economics Association

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