

# Tanu Kumar

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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

*Peer-reviewed Articles*

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

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

4. 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.” Accepted, *PS: Political Science and Politics*

3. **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.

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

Coverage: *Ideas for India* (English and Hindi), *ThePrint*, *The Hindustan Times*, *India Housing Report*, and *The Times of India*

1. **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.

Coverage: [USAID Impact blog](#)

*Book Project*

*Housing as welfare: how government-supported homeownership redistributes wealth, creates dignity, and forms local-level interest groups in urban India.* Manuscript in preparation.

### *Working Papers*

“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 Tumbé \(2018, Penguin Viking\).](#) 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.

## Honors

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

**2022:** Housing Politics and Policy Conference (Princeton University)

**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*, *PLOS ONE*, *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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