

# 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

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

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

## Research

*Peer-reviewed Publications*

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

- Featured in *The Washington Post*, *Ideas for India* (English and Hindi), *ThePrint*, and Ideas of India Podcast

**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

*Under Review*

“From public service access to service quality: The distributive politics of piped water in Bangalore” with Alison Post, Megan Otsuka, Francesc Pardo-Bosch, and Isha Ray (revision submitted, *World Development*)

“The human capital effects of subsidized government-constructed homes in urban India”

“Organizational identity and positionality in randomized control trials: considerations and advice for collaborative research teams” with Nicholas Haas, Katherin Haenschen, Costas Panagopoulos, Kyle Peyton, Nico Ravanilla, and Michael Sierra-Arévalo

*Invited Pieces*

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.

**Kumar, T.** “Subsidizing homeownership builds wealth and motivates participation in urban politics: evidence from India.” In “Cities and Urban Politics,” eds. Finkel, E., Lawrence, A., and Mertha, A. *Newsletter of the Organized Section in Comparative Politics of the American Political Science Association*, 30 (1). 2020.

### *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.

Trapenberg Frick, K., **Kumar, T.**, Li, R., Patil, A., and Post, A. “The general transit feed specification makes trip-planning easier – especially during a pandemic – yet its use by California agencies is uneven.” University of California. 2020. (Policy Brief, Paper)

**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.

### *Research in Progress*

“Citizenship practice in India’s middle-class unauthorized colonies” with Adam Auerbach

“The squeaky wheel gets the grease: civic complaints, government responsiveness, and change over time in urban India”

“Catalyzing Cooperative Intra-Household Mobile Technology Use and Knowledge Sharing: A Pilot Study in Malawi” with Philip Roessler, Daniel Nielson, Peter Carroll, and Boniface Dulani

“Why we should study small cities” with Matthew Stenberg

“The impact of women’s workshops on political efficacy in Sri Lanka” with Kyong Mazzaro and the International Republican Institute

“The political economy of public complaints and government responsiveness in Mumbai” with Sam Asher and Paul Novosad

## **Research Grants**

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

Alma Ostrom and Leah Hopkins Awan Civid Education Fund, APSA Centennial Center – 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:** Urban Studies guest lecture (Claremont Graduate University)

**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 Conference (University of Georgia), 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*, *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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