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## EDUCATION

### Ph.D. Communication

Aug 2015 – 2020 (expected)

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA, USA

Advisor: Dr. Sandra González-Bailón

Dissertation: A Theory of News Reading Publics: Evidence from Online India

### M.A. Communication

Aug 2015 – May 2017

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA, USA

### M.Sc. (Hons.) Mathematics

Aug 2009 – May 2014

BITS Pilani Pilani, Rajasthan, India

### B.E. (Hons.) Computer Science

Aug 2009 – May 2014

BITS Pilani Pilani, Rajasthan, India

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Mukerjee, S., Yang, T., & González-Bailón, S. (2019) What Counts as a Weak Tie? A Comparison of Thresholding Techniques of Weighted Networks (*under review*)

Mukerjee, S., Majó-Vázquez, S., & González-Bailón, S. (2018). Networks of audience overlap in the consumption of digital news. *Journal of Communication*, 68(1), 26-50.

Mukerjee, S. (2016). Net neutrality, Facebook, and India's battle to #SaveTheInternet. *Communication and the Public*, 1(3), 356–361.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Mukerjee, S. & González-Bailón, S. (2019) Analyzing Social Media Data. Invited flagship entry for the *SAGE Research Methods Foundation Project – An Encyclopedia (forthcoming)*

Majó-Vázquez, S., Mukerjee, S., Ahmed Neyazi T., & Nielsen, R. K. (2019) Online Audience Engagement with Legacy and Digital-Born News Media in the 2019 Indian Elections. *Factsheet. Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism at the University of Oxford*

Mukerjee, S. (2012, June) An Open World. *Linux For You* (print magazine) 10(4) pp. 24-26

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Mukerjee, S., Jaidka, K., & Lelkes, Y. Echo Chambers and Affective Polarization: A Twitter Field Experiment (accepted as panel presentation at the *5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Computational Social Science*, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands)

Mukerjee, S. Networked News Reading Publics: Using Networks to Understand News Consumption in India (accepted as panel presentation at the *5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Computational Social Science*, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands)

- Mukerjee, S., & Yang, T.** A Conjoint Experimental Study on the Effects of Social Media Cues on Selective Exposure (accepted as panel presentation at the *5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Computational Social Science*, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
- Mukerjee, S.** A Theory of Networked News Reading Publics: Evidence from Online India *The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Political Networks Conference*, Duke University, NC
- Mukerjee, S., & Yang, T.** A Conjoint Experimental Study on the Effects of Social Media Cues on Selective Exposure. Poster presented at the *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Political Networks Conference*, Duke University, NC
- Yang, T., Majó-Vázquez, S., **Mukerjee, S.**, & González-Bailón, S. Niche News and Peripheral Fragmentation: A Network Percolation Approach to the Analysis of News Consumption *The 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Communication Association*, Washington DC
- Majó-Vázquez, S., Yang, T., **Mukerjee, S.**, & González-Bailón, S. Inequality in Online News Consumption across Time: A Comparison of 23 Countries. *The 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Communication Association*
- Mukerjee, S.**, Majó-Vázquez, S., & González-Bailón, S. (2018). Networks of audience overlap in the consumption of digital news. *The 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Computational Social Science*, Northwestern University, IL
- Mukerjee, S.** & González-Bailón, S. (2018). What Counts as a Weak Tie? A Comparison of the Different Thresholding Techniques for Thresholding Weighted Networks. Poster presented at the *4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Computational Social Science*, Northwestern University, IL
- Mukerjee, S.**, Majó-Vázquez, S., & González-Bailón, S. (2018). Networks of audience overlap in the consumption of digital news. *The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Political Networks Conference*, George Mason University
- Mukerjee, S.** & González-Bailón, S. Digital News Consumption in India. (2018). *The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Political Networks Conference*, George Mason University, VA
- Mukerjee, S.** & González-Bailón, S. (2018). What Counts as a Weak Tie? A Comparison of the Different Thresholding Techniques for Thresholding Weighted Networks. *The 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Communication Association*, Prague, Czech Republic
- Mukerjee, S.**, Majó-Vázquez, S., & González-Bailón, S. (2017). Are Audiences Fragmented in How They Consume News Online? *The 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Communication Association*, CA.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Mukerjee, S.**, Jaidka, L., Lelkes, Yphtach. The Effect of Echo-Chambers on Affective Polarization – A Twitter Field Experiment
- Mukerjee, S.**, & Yang, T. A Conjoint Experimental Study on the Effects of Social Media Cues on Selective Exposure
- Mukerjee, S.**, Yang, J., Kang, D., Okada, T. Networks of Partisan Social Influence: A Controlled Experiment

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Research Assistant

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

May 2019 – June 2019

Paid summer collaboration with the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism on the use of social media during the 2019 Indian election.

### Research Fellow

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Aug 2015 – present

Member of the Digital Media, Networks and Political Communication research group.  
Member of the Democracy and Information research group.

### Summer Intern

## **Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University**

Cambridge, MA

June – Aug 2012

Worked with the Digital Finance Initiative project and helped develop an index of open-ness for financial firms and platforms. Also curated and assembled all Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) of the FINCEN and put them in a public accessible repository.

## **Data Scientist**

**Abzooba Inc.**, Kolkata, India

Jun 2014 – Jul 2015

Responsible for conceptualizing, building, and deploying predictive analytics solutions for clients in the US health insurance domain.

## **Software Engineering Intern**

**Bravo Lucy As.**, Hyderabad, India

Jun 2013 – Jun 2014

Developed the server-side of an analytics product for global retail chains.

## **Summer Intern**

**Ericsson Global Services**, Kolkata, India

Jun 2013 – Jun 2014

Designed and implemented a platform for the company's internal training needs.

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA

Understanding Social Networks (undergraduate teaching fellow and lab assistant)

Spring 2017

Media Industries and Society (undergraduate teaching fellow)

Spring 2018

# **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Annenberg Graduate Student Summer Fellowship, 2015-2019

National Science Foundation Travel Scholarship, 2019

National Science Foundation Travel Scholarship, 2018

Travel Scholarship from Northwestern University, 2018

Doctoral Scholarship from the University of Pennsylvania, 2015

# **INVITED LECTURES**

## **Network Science in Media Studies**

Invited lecture for a Media Analytics Class in the Business Analytics Course at *Praxis Business School, India*.  
December 2018.

## **Analysis of Audience Overlap Networks**

Invited lecture at a graduate seminar – Research Methods for a Fragmented Media Environment at the *University of Pennsylvania*. March 2018

## **Networks in Social Science**

Invited lecture at an undergraduate seminar – The Research Experience at the *University of Pennsylvania*.  
November 2017

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

### University of Pennsylvania

*Theory:* Decoding the Social World; Social and Political Epistemology; Social Psychology of Communication; Public Opinion and Media, Privacy, Surveillance, and Media; Advertising and the Digital Age; Digital News and the Consumption of Information Online

*Methods:* Introduction to Regression and Analysis of Variance; Introduction to Non-parametric Methods and Log-Linear Models; Communication Research Methods; Data Visualization for Research; Computational Social Science; Introduction to Network Analysis; Research Methods for a Fragmented Media Environment

### BITS Pilani

Calculus; Linear Algebra; Operations Research; Probability and Statistics; Optimization; Data Structures and Algorithms; Machine Learning; Data Mining

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

**Summer Institute in Computational Social Science**, Chicago, IL

June 2019

*Northwestern University*

**Network Dynamics of Social Behavior**

April 2018

Online course on Coursera offered by *University of Pennsylvania*.

**Mediterranean School of Complex Networks**, Salina, Sicily, Italy.

September 2017

*Universitat Rovira i Virgili*

**Scale Construction**

June 2017

Annenberg Summer Institute in Methods & Statistics (ASIMS), Los Angeles, CA

*University of Southern California*

**Critical Studies of Networked Infrastructure**

June 2017

Annenberg Summer Institute in Methods & Statistics (ASIMS), Los Angeles, CA

*University of Southern California*

## SKILLSET

### Quantitative

Network analysis, statistical modeling, machine learning, online experiments, agent-based modeling

### Programming/Scripting

R, Python, Java, C++, C, JavaScript (basic)

### Other

SPSS, NetLogo, LaTeX

## POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Manuscript Reviewer for *Digital Journalism*

2019

Manuscript Reviewer for *PLOS One*

2018-2019

Manuscript Reviewer, Computational Methods Division, *International Communication Association*

2016-2019

Manuscript Reviewer, Political Communication Division, *International Communication Association*

2016-2019

Coordinator, Digital Media, Networks, and Political Communication (DiMeNet) research group at the

Annenberg School for Communication, *University of Pennsylvania*

2016-2018

Member, *Annenberg Graduate Student Symposium Committee*

2017-2018

Google Student Ambassador, Campus liaison at *BITS Pilani*

2012-2013

Coordinator, Computer Science Association, *BITS Pilani*

2011-2012

Executive Committee Member, Bengali Association, *BITS Pilani*  
Member, English Press Club, *BITS Pilani*  
Editorial team member, BITS Pilani annual English magazine

2010-2011  
2009-2013  
2009-2013

## **HOBBIES**

Watching sports, cooking, writing, playing the piano, and sketching

## REFERENCES

**Sandra González-Bailón**

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