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APPOINTMENTS

University of Virginia

Associate Professor, Department of Politics & Global Studies Program 2021 –

Director of Undergraduate Programs 2023 –

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics & Global Studies Program 2016 – 2021

Harvard University 2012 – 2013

Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International & Area Studies 2015 – 2016

Boston College 2013 – 2015

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Ph.D., Political Science (Fields: Comparative Politics & Political Economy. High distinction.) 2013

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Master in City Planning (International Development & Regional Planning) 2006

Swarthmore College

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology & Anthropology 1999

BOOKS

2018. *Claiming the State: Active Citizenship and Social Welfare in Rural India*. Cambridge University Press.

Awarded the 2018 *Joseph W. Elder Prize* by the American Institute for Indian Studies for the “best first book in the Indian social sciences.”

Reviewed/featured: India Ink, Grand Tamasha, Rocking Our Priors, Slice of MIT, India in Transition, Economic & Political Weekly, Commonwealth & Comparative Politics, Pacific Affairs, Asian Studies.

2024. *Claim-making in Comparative Perspective: Everyday Citizenship Practice and its Consequences* (with Janice Gallagher and Whitney Taylor). Cambridge Elements, Politics of Development Series, Cambridge University Press, 2024. (In production, expected publication March 2024).

JOURNAL ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

2022. "Social Brokerage: Accountability & the Social Life of Information." *Comparative Political Studies*, 55(14). Featured: MIT GOV/LAB news.
2022. "Policing in patriarchy: An experimental evaluation of reforms to improve police responsiveness to women in India" (with Sandip Sukhtankar and Akshay Mangla). *Science*, 377(6602).
Featured: *Nature*, *VoxDev*, *Hindustan Times*, *The Print*, *J-PAL*.
2021. "State–Society Synergy at COVID-19’s Invisible Front Lines” (with Dyuti Saunik, Avani Kapur, Jessica Mayberry). *Economic & Political Weekly*, 56(32).
2021. "Great Expectations, Great Grievances: The Politics of Citizens’ Complaints in India.” *Comparative Politics*, 54(1). Featured: *Governance Uncovered*.
2020. "The Geography of Citizenship Practice: How the Poor Engage the State in Rural and Urban India” (with Adam Auerbach). *Perspectives on Politics*, 18(4). Featured: *The Print* and *Ideas for India*.
2018. "The Pursuit of Social Welfare: Citizen Claim-Making in Rural India.” *World Politics*, 70(1).
Awarded the 2019 *Luebbert Article Prize* for “best article in comparative politics in past two years” by the American Political Science Association.
2011. "Seeking the Local State: Gender, Caste, and the Pursuit of Public Services in Post-Tsunami India.” *World Development*, 39(7).
2010. "Promoting Sustainability, Building Networks: A Green Entrepreneur in Mexico.” M. Shaper (Ed.), *Making Ecopreneurs: Developing Sustainable Entrepreneurship*. NY, NY: Routledge (2010).

WORKING PAPERS & DRAFT MANUSCRIPTS

- "Seeing Gender: Representation, State Capacity, and Police Reform in India” (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar). Working paper.
- "Democratizing Democracy: Citizen Claim-making and Local Government Responsiveness in Rural India” (with Tanu Kumar). Working paper.
- Pandemic Inequality: Citizens, States, and COVID-19 in India* (Ed., with Poulami Roychowdhury).
Book manuscript. Under contract, Oxford University Press.
- "COVID-19 in the Village: Citizens, States, and Hybrid Local Actors ” (with Avani Kapur and Dyuti Saunik). Draft book chapter in *Pandemic Inequality*.
- "Claim-Making: An Understudied Form of Political Participation” (with Janice Gallagher and Whitney Taylor). Research Note.

CURRENT RESEARCH

“Anatomy of Reform: Organizational Change, Persistence, and the Scaling Gender-Targeted Reform in India’s Policing Sector” (with Akshay Mangla & Sandip Sukhtankar).

“Gender Dynamics in Government Job Recruitment: Female Officers in Indian Policing” (with Arielle Bernhardt, Akshay Mangla, and Sandip Sukhtankar)”

“Voice and Response: Citizen Journalism and Local Governance” (with Tanu Kumar and Video Volunteers).

RESEARCH COLLABORATIVES

2022-25. Co-convenor. “Digital Democracy: The Uses and Misuse of Technology in Unequal Societies.” Global Program of Distinction, Center for Global Innovation and Inquiry, University of Virginia.

2022-24. Co-convenor. “Local Equity and Democracy: the Challenges of Inequality at the Grassroots.” Working Group, Democracy Initiative, University of Virginia.

AWARDS & HONORS

2024. *Financial Times* Best Academic Research with Societal Impact Award.

2022. University of Virginia, “Research Achievement Award,” College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences.

2020. University of Virginia, Alumni Board of Trustees Teaching Award.

2019. University of Virginia, Andrew Carnegie Fellowship nominee (one junior scholar nominated).

2019. American Political Science Association, Luebbert Article Prize (best paper, comparative politics).

2018. American Institute for Indian Studies, Joseph W. Elder Book Prize (best first book).

2006. MIT Department of Urban Studies & Planning, Outstanding Thesis Award.

1999. Swarthmore College, Oak Leaf Award for “Outstanding Woman Student.”

RESEARCH GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2024 –. Quantitative Collaborative (UVA), Faculty Seed Grant (with Sandip Sukhtankar), \$15,000.

2022-24. Veddis Foundation, Alliance for Scaling Policy Impact through Research and Evidence (ASPIRE) Grant (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), \$38,000.

2022-23. J-PAL Innovations in Global Governance Initiative, Scale-up Project Award (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), \$99,636.

2022-24. Center for Global Inquiry & Innovation (UVA) Global Program of Distinction, \$65,000.

2022-24. Karsh Institute for Democracy (University of Virginia) Working Group Award, \$35,000.

2022-23. Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Research Support Award (UVA), \$1500.

2019-23. GOV/LAB (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Building Evidence on Citizen Engagement and Government Accountability Research Grant, \$30,000.

2019-20. World Bank Sexual Violence Research Initiative, Research Grant (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), \$99,852.

2018-20. J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative, Full Project Grant (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), \$252,905.

2019. American Institute for Indian Studies, Senior Research Fellowship (travel & stipend, est. \$9800).

2018-19. Global Challenges Research Fund (Oxford University) Research Grant (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), \$61,597.

2018. GOV/LAB (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Pilot Research Grant, \$5000.

2018. Center for Global Inquiry & Innovation (UVA), Global Initiative Grant (with Sandip Sukhtankar), \$10,000.

2018. Quantitative Collaborative (UVA), Faculty Seed Grant, \$7000.

2018. Humanities & Social Sciences Summer Research Award (UVA), \$5000.

2018. Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Research Support Award (UVA), \$2000.

2017. Economic Development & Institutions (DFID), Pilot Grant (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), \$19,133.

2009-10. Fulbright-Nehru Program Award, U.S. Department of State, \$9720.

2009-10. National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, \$11,924.

2009-10. Boren Fellowship, National Security Education Program, \$19,400.

2009. U.S. Department of State, Critical Language Scholarship, Hindi.

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

University of Gothenburg, Governance and Local Development Conference, May 2034 (planned)

University of Pennsylvania, Center for Advanced Study of India, Workshop, May 2023 (planned)

University of Virginia, Quantitative Collaborative. February 2024.

London School of Economics, South Asia Seminar, October 2023.

National University of Singapore, May 2023.

School of Liberal Studies, UPES, Dehradun, April 2023.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, GOV/LAB. February 2023.

University of Ahmedabad, November 2022.

UC Berkeley, Identity and the State Workshop, Center on Contemporary India, May 2022.

Princeton University, Workshop on Statebuilding and State Capacity, March 2022.

UC Berkeley, Gender in South Asia Workshop, Center on Contemporary India, May 2021.

LUMS/IDS, Mahbub ul Haq Research Centre, Political Economy of Development Series, May 2021.

Heidelberg University, Department of Political Science, Book Roundtable. February 2021.

Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA), Research Webinar. January 2021.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, India Program. February 2020.

American University, Complex Governance Seminar Series. February 2020.

Centre for Policy Research, Accountability Initiative, Delhi. December 2019.

Yale University, Workshop on the State of India's Institutions. November 2019.

University of Gothenburg, Governance & Local Development Program. May 2019.

University of Virginia, Quantitative Collaborative. April 2019.

UC Berkeley/Ashoka University Workshop on Political Representation. December 2018.

University of Pennsylvania, Center for the Advanced Study of India. March 2018.

University of California, Berkeley. India Political Economy Seminar. March 2018.

University of Virginia. Interpretative Approaches to Political Economy. February 2018.

University of Pennsylvania/Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, India Political Economy Annual Workshops: June 2014, December 2015, December 2016, October 2017.

University of Virginia, Department of Politics. December 2015.

Brown University, Watson Institute, Development & Governance Seminar. November 2015.

University of Connecticut, Human Rights Institute. April 2014.

Boston College, Boisi Center. February 2014.

University of Pennsylvania, Center for the Advanced Study of India. April 2013.

Brown University, Brown-India Initiative. March 2013.

Yale University, Modern South Asia Workshop. March 2013.

Harvard University, Harvard Academy for International & Area Studies. February 2013.

American University, School for International Service. December 2012.

Columbia University, Department of Political Science. November 2012.

Boston College, Department of Political Science. November 2012.

Cornell University, Conference on Water in South Asia. April 2011.

Dartmouth College, Department of Government. November 2010.

Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Rajasthan, India. March 2010.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting: 2010, 2013, 2014, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023.

Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting: 2011, 2019.

Law and Society Association, Annual Meeting: 2019, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19).

Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin: 2013, 2016.

American Association of Geographers, Annual Meeting. April 2008.

OTHER WRITING

"Women officers must be on front lines of policing" (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), *Hindustan Times*, August 1, 2022.

"Improving police responsiveness to gender-based violence: Evidence from India" (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), *VoxDev*, November 3, 2022.

"Urgent Relief for Just Action: Evaluating Reforms to Increase Women's Access to Security and Justice, (with Akshay and Sandip Sukhtankar), *J-PAL Policy Brief*, December 2021.

"The Politics of Citizens' Complaints in Rural India." Podcast, *Governance Uncovered*, The Program on Governance and Local Development, University of Gothenburg. June 10, 2021.

"Deepening Democracy: The Role of Associational Politics." LUMS/IDS webinar, Mahbub ul Haq Research Centre, Political Economy of Development Series, May 27, 2021.

"Citizen-State Relations: Countryside and City" (with Adam Auerbach). *Ideas for India*, August 24, 2020.

"What the urban & rural poor expect from local government & why it matters" (with Adam Auerbach). Op-ed, *The Print*, March 18, 2020.

"Citizenship & Clientelism Across the Rural-Urban Divide." Podcast, *Rocking our Priors*, March 4, 2020

"How the Poor Navigate the State." Podcast, *Grand Tamasha*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, February 12, 2020.

"Claiming the State." Podcast, *Rocking our Priors*, September 5, 2019.

"Talking to the State: a Review of *Oral Democracy* by Paromitra Sanyal and Vijayendra Rao," *India Ink*, June 23, 2019.

"Citizen & State Across the Rural-Urban Divide: Claim-Making, Decentralization, and the Uneven Use of Intermediaries." Podast, *Center for the Advanced Study of India*, April 3, 2018.

"Claiming the State." Podcast, *Slice of MIT*, October 22, 2018.

"Citizens, Panchayats & State: Local Governance at the Crossroads." *India in Transition*, June 6, 2016.

"Unequal Opportunity." Op-ed, *Indian Express*, February 23, 2015.

"A Not So Distant State." Op-ed, *Indian Express*, January 8, 2014.

"How Rural India Negotiates With the State." Op-ed, *The Hindu: Business Line*, July 4, 2012.

"Citizen Action in Rural India: Claiming Services from the State." *India in Transition*, July 2, 2012.

TEACHING

University of Virginia

- “Core Seminar, Comparative Politics” (Politics, graduate seminar)
- “Grassroots Politics: Governance & Participation in Local Perspective”(Politics, undergraduate class).
- “Citizens and the State” (Politics, graduate seminar).
- “Qualitative and Mixed Methods” (Politics, graduate seminar).
- “Fieldwork: Mixed Methods & Research Design” (Politics, graduate seminar).
- “Global Development Theory I” (Global Development Studies, undergraduate class.
- “State, Society, & Development” (Global Studies, undergraduate seminar).
- “Global Development Studies Capstone” (Global Studies, undergraduate seminar).

Boston College, Department of Political Science

- “Politics of India: Democracy, Diversity, & Development” (undergraduate class).
- “Comparative Politics of International Development” (undergraduate class).
- “Citizens, States, and Society” (undergraduate seminar).

SERVICE

Service to the discipline

- 2023-24. American Political Science Association, Award Committee, Gregory Luebbert Book Award.
- 2023-24. American Institute for Indian Studies, Award Committee. Joseph W. Elder Book Prize
- 2021-22. American Political Science Association, Division Chair, Comparative Politics of Developing Countries.
- 2021. American Political Science Association, Award Committee (Chair) Luebbert Article Prize.

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, American Journal of Sociology, American Political Science Review, Asian Survey, Cambridge University Press, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Governance, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Politics, Oxford University Press, Perspectives on Politics, Politics, Groups, & Identities, Princeton University Press, Urbanisation, World Development, World Politics.

University of Virginia

- 2024. Local Equity and Democracy Colloquium Series, Co-Convener.
- 2017 —. Frontiers in Global Development Bankard Seminar, Co-Director.
- 2020. Democracy Initiative, Lab Selection Committee.
- 2020, 2021. Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Stipends Selection Committee.
- 2022. Graduate Teaching Awards Selection Committee,

Department of Politics, University of Virginia

- 2023 —. Director of Undergraduate Programs.
- 2020-2022. Lansing-Lee/Bankard Seminar in Global Politics, Co-Director.
- 2020-22. Comparative Politics Group, Co-Chair.
- 2018-2020, 2020-22. Chair’s Advisory Committee.
- 2019, 2021. Faculty Search Committee (Methods).
- 2018-2020. Gender and Diversity Committee.

Global Studies Program, University of Virginia

- 2023-24. Rising Scholars Postdoc Proposal Committee.
- 2019-20. Faculty Search Committee (Security & Justice).
- 2018-19. Curriculum Design Committee.

AFFILIATIONS

Research Advisory Board, Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies	2022 – 2023
Harvard University, South Asia Institute, Research Affiliate	2014 – 2015
Dartmouth College, Department of Government, Visiting Scholar	2009 – 2012
Madras Institute for Development Studies, Visiting Scholar	2009 – 2010

LANGUAGES

Spanish (advanced); Hindi (advanced-intermediate); Portuguese (intermediate); French (intermediate).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Oxfam America** (*Boston, MA & Tamil Nadu, India*) 2007 – 2009
Research Consultant, Disaster Risk Reduction Participatory Action Research Program.
- WaterAid Mozambique** (*Maputo, Mozambique*) 2005
Research Consultant, with MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning.
- Washington Office on Latin America** (*Washington, DC*) 2002 – 2004
Program Assistant. Rights & Development Program; Central America Program.
- Ashoka: Innovators for the Public** (*Arlington, VA*) 2001 – 2002
Consultant and Program Assistant. Environmental Innovations Initiative.
- Urban Justice Center** (*New York, NY*) 1999 – 2001
Legal Advocate. Homelessness Outreach & Prevention Project.