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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Institute of Political Science, Leiden University. July 2019 –

Lecturer in Discipline, SIPA, Columbia University, July 2018 – June 2019.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Dartmouth College, July 2011 – June 2018.

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2011
*New York University, New York, NY.*

M.Phil. in Political Science, January 2010
*New York University, New York, NY.*

MA, Political Science and Development Studies, July 2004
*Sciences-Po, Paris, France.*

BA, Political Science and Middle-East Studies, July 2002
*Sciences-Po, Aix-en-Provence, France.*

**AWARDS/GRANTS**

Facebook Integrity & Impact Research Award (with Niloufer Siddiqui and Sumitra Badrinathan) for *"Misinformation & Vigilantism in India & Pakistan: Determinants & Solutions"*. September 2021 - $100,000.

**ERC Consolidator Grant**, 2022-2027: "*Polarizing Chats? Political Misinformation on Discussion Apps in India and Brazil*."
€ 2,000,000.

Facebook Integrity Foundational Research Award for *"Who Can Best Dispel Rumors? Two Experiments on Strategies To Correct Misinformation in Rural India"*. December 2018.
$100,000

Dartmouth Rockefeller Center Faculty Grant "*Crowdsourcing Data on Campaign Spending in India*". March 2016.
$15,000.

EGAP Metaketa initiative Grant (Project: *Using Local Networks to Increase Accountability*), July 2014.
$ 197,072. *With Neelan Sircar.*

American Political Science Association, Comparative Democratization section: Best Fieldwork Award, 2012.

New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, 2010-11.

National Science Foundation, Political Science Program, Dissertation Improvement Grant (*Rajasthan Survey on Political Inclusion and Group-Related Attitudes*), 2008-2009.

New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Pre-doctoral Summer Fellowship, 2009

New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Andrew Sautter Fellowship, 2008.

New York University, Politics Department, Summer Travel Grant, 2007 and 2008.

New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, McCracken Fellowship, 2005-2010.

## RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS:

**RESEARCH**
**INTERESTS**
Comparative Politics
Elections, Voting Behavior and Campaign Strategies
Representation
Social Media, Social Networks & Politics
Political Psychology
Political Behavior
Indian Politics
Brazilian Politics

**BOOK**
"*Why Representation Matters: The Meaning of Ethnic Quotas in Rural India*". Cambridge University Press. 2017.

**ARTICLES**
**& CHAPTERS**
"Rethinking India and the Study of Electoral Politics in the Developing World". *With Adam Auerbach, Jennifer Bussell Francesca Jensenius, Gareth Nellis, Mark Schneider, Neelanjan Sircar, Pavithra Suryanarayan, Tariq Thachil, Milan Vaishnav, Rahul Verma and Adam Ziegfeld. Perspectives in Politics (2021).*

"Srinivasan, Political Worker or Kingmaker?" Book chapter. *Forthcoming* in "Bombay Broker" (Ed. Lisa Björkman), Duke University Press (2021)

"Voter Information Campaigns and Political Accountability: Cumulative Findings From a Preregistered Meta-analysis of Coordinated Trials". With Thad Dunning, Guy Grossman, Macartan Humphreys, Susan Hyde, Craig McIntosh, Gareth Nellis and 24 co-authors. *Science Advances (2019).*

"Dilemmas and Challenges of Citizen Information Campaigns: Lessons from a Failed Experiment in India", Chapter in *The Limits of Electoral Accountability* (Eds. Thad Dunning, Guy Grossman, Macartan Humphreys, Susan D. Hyde, and Craig McIntosh) (*with Neelan Sircar*. Cambridge University Press (2019).

"Getting Rich Too Fast? Experimental Evidence on Voters' Reactions to Politicians' Wealth Accumulation in India." *With Marko Klasnja and S.P. Harish. Journal of Politics (2019).*

"What Costs So Much in Indian Elections? Intuitions From Recent Electoral Campaigns in Mumbai", chapter in *Political Finance in India* (Eds. *Milan Vaishnav and Devesh Kapur*) – 2018 – Oxford University Press.

"The Cost of Political Competition: Electoral Handouts in Mumbai Elections", *Asian Survey (2018)*.

"Unpacking Ethnic Preferences: Theory and Micro-level Evidence From North India". *Comparative Political Studies (2016)*

"Disadvantaged Groups, Reservation and Political Dynasties in India" Chapter in *Democratic Dynasties: State, Party and Family Ties in the Indian Parliament, ed. Kanchan Chandra.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. *(2016)*

"Can Descriptive Representation Change Beliefs About a Stigmatized Group? Evidence From Rural India"*, American Political Science Review (2014).*

"Using MP3 Players in Surveys: The Impact of a Low-tech Self Administration Mode on Misreporting and Bystanders' Influence", *Public Opinion Quarterly* (2013)

**BOOK REVIEW**   **"**Ideology and Identity: The Changing Party Systems of India", by Pradeep K. Chhibber and Rahul Verma. *Perspectives in Politics* (2018).

"Breaking the Social Media Prism : How to Make our Platforms Less Polarizing", by Christ Bail. *La Vie Des Idées*.

**FORTHCOMING**   "Do SC Reservations for Political Office Improve the Lives of Dalits?" *With Francesca Jensenius*. Contribution to an edited volume on "Dalit politics" edited by Sudha Pai, Shyam Babu and Rahul Verma. Forthcoming at *Cambridge University Press*.

"What Actually Circulates on Partisan WhatsApp Threads in India? Insights from an Unusual Dataset. *" With Kiran Garimella.* Forthcoming in *Journal of Quantitative Description: Social Media.*

**UNDER REVIEW**   "I Don't Think That's True, Bro!" An Experiment on Fact-checking Misinformation in India? *With Sumitra Badrinathan.*

**"**Leveraging Religion Against Covid-19: An Experiment in India". *With Sumitra Badrinathan.*

"Who *Actually* Governs? Gender Inequality and Representation in Rural India". *with Rachel Brulé and Alyssa Heinze.*

**WRITING/ DATA COLLECTION**   "Political Work: Electoral Brokerage in Mumbai Elections" (Book project). *With Hanmant Wanole*

"Proxy Politics": Representation and Political Inequality in Rural India". *with Rachel Brulé and Alyssa Heinze.*
- Book + multi-papers project based on fieldwork in over 600 villages in India.

"Who Are Political Parties' Social Media Workers? Insights from a Grassroots Survey in North India."

"Who Gets the Vote? Political Brokerage and Influence Networks in a Mumbai Ward".

"Who Believes Online Misinformation in India?" *With Sumitra Badrinathan.*

*"*Redistribution in Ranked Systems: Experimental Evidence from India". *With Pavithra Suryanarayan.*

**WORKING PAPERS**    "Courting Votes Without Party Workers: The Effect of PoliticaL Competition on Partisan Networks in Rural India", *with Neelan Sircar*.

"Is Ethnic Politics Responsible for 'Criminal Politics'? A Conjoint-Experiment in North India."

"Electoral Influencers in Rural India" *With Neelan Sircar*.

**TEACHING:**

**TEACHING**       - Comparative Politics (undergraduate and graduate level).
**INTERESTS**                - focus on developing countries.
                     - Elections and Democracy in Developing Countries
                     - Politics of Ethnicity
                     - Political Behavior
                     - Political Development
                     - Indian Politics
                     - Social Media and Politics
                     - Field Research Methods

**COURSES**       **At Dartmouth:**
**TAUGHT**        - *Politics of Ethnicity* (undergrad; 2011-17)
                     - *Ethnicity and Representation* (undergrad; 2012-15).
                     - *Politics of India* (undergrad; 2011-17)
                     - *Quantitative Political analysis* (undergrad;    2012-13).
                     - *Improving Democracy: Institutional Innovations and
Experiments in Developing Countries* (undergrad; 2015-17).
                     - *Elections in Emerging Democracies* (undergrad; 2011-17).

                     **At Columbia (SIPA):**
                     - *The Politics of Policy-Making: Developing Countries* (graduate;
2018)
                     - *Democracy in Developing Countries* (graduate; 2019).
                     - *Political Economy of India* (graduate; 2019).

                     **At Leiden University:**
                     - *Elections in Emerging Democracies* (graduate; 2019 - ).
                     - MA Thesis Seminar: *The Politics of Dev. Countries* (2020-)
                     - Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate; 2019 - )

## DISSEMINATION:

**INVITED**
**TALKS**

- *University of Amsterdam, May 2021.*
- *University of Aarhus, March 2021.*
- *University of Lisbon, March 2021.*
- *EHESS (Paris), March 2021.*
- *University of Zurich, Digital Democracy Lab, March 2021*
- *King's College*, India Institute. May 2020.
- *WZB Berlin*, Institutions and Political Inequalities Group. 2019.
- *Columbia*, SIPA, October 2019.
- Facebook Integrity Research Workshop, June 2019.
- *Harvard*, workshop on Clientelism, May 2019.
- *Princeton*, workshop on Clientelism, March 2019.
- *Carnegie* Endowment for International Peace, India workshop, 2019.
- *Ashoka University*, India, December 2018.
- *Leiden University*, Institute for Political Science, December 2018.
- *Newcastle University*, Department of Politics, December 2018.
- *King's College*, India Institute, London, June 2018.
- *U. of Bergen*, CP Department, Norway, May 2018.
- *Washington University*, St-Louis, April 2018.
- Graduate Center, *CUNY*, April 2018.
- *Institute of Advanced Studies*, Toulouse, March 2018.
- *UCL* (ESPS), March 2018.
- *Columbia SIPA*, March 2018.
- *Oxford DPIR*, February 2018.
- Carnegie Endowment for Int. Peace, October 2017.
- SAIS Johns Hopkins, October 2017.
- Political Science Department, Boston College, October 2017.
- NYU – April 2017.
- Political Economy Series, *UConn*, April 2017.
- External Speakers series, *NYU Abu Dhabi*, March 2017.
- *Keough* School and Political Science, *Notre-Dame*, Nov 2016.
- South Asian Politics series, *Harvard*, Nov 2016.
- Rethinking Indian Politics Workshop, *Carnegie*, September 2016.
- India Political Economy Workshop, *Penn*, March 2016.
- India Political Economy Workshop, *Penn*, Dec. 2015.
- Political Science Department, *Penn*, November 2014.
- Political Science Department, *Stanford*, November 2014.
- CASI, *Penn*, March 2014.
- Comparative Politics Seminar, *Princeton*, December 2013.
- Brown-India Initiative, *Brown*, 2012.

**CONFERENCES**

- American Political Science Association, *Seattle*, 2021
- Midwest Political Science Association, 2021.
- American Political Science Association, *DC*, 2019.
- American Political Science Association, *Boston*, 2018.
- American Political Science Association, *San Francisco*, 2017
- European Political Science Association, *Milan*, 2017.
- American Political Science Association, *Philadelphia*, 2016
- European Political Science Association, *Brussels*, 2016.
- Midwest Political Science Association, *Chicago*, 2016
- American Political Science Association, *San Francisco*, 2015
- European Political Science Association, *Vienna*, 2015.
- "Brokering Votes: Clientelism in Comparative Perspective",

Workshop, *Berkeley*, February 2015.
- Midwest Political Science Association, *Chicago*, 2014
- American Political Science Association, *Chicago*, 2013
- Midwest Political Science Association, *Chicago*, 2013
- Dartmouth Conference on Ethnicity and Politics, *October* 2013
- American Political Science Association, *New Orleans*, 2012
- American Political Science Association, *Seattle*, 2011
- Midwest Political Science Association, *Chicago*, 2011
- Psychology and Public Policy Conference, *Princeton* 2011
- Experiments in Governance and Politics meeting, *New York* 2010
- American Political Science Association, *Washington*, 2010
- Midwest Political Science Association, *Chicago*, 2010
- American Political Science Association, *Toronto*, 2009
- Midwest Political Science Association, *Chicago* 2009
- American Political Science Association, *Boston*, 2008
- Midwest Political Science Association, *Chicago*, 2008

**OTHER & SERVICE:**

-Member of APSA's comparative politics, comparative democratization, political economy and political psychology sections.

- Regular reviewer for:
*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Public Opinion Quarterly, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, World politics, Economics and Politics, Field Methods, International Journal of Social Research Methodology, British Journal of Political Science, Research and Politics, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics, India Review, Studies in Comparative International Development, European Journal of Cultural Studies, European Journal of International Relations, PS: Political Science & Politics, Perspectives in Politics, Journal of Quantitative Description: Social Media.*

- MPSA section chair "Politics of Developing Countries" – MPSA 2021.

- Member of "Open Science" Taskforce at Leiden University.

- Organizer of weekly "Feedback Research Sessions" at the Institute of Political Science, Leiden University.

- Organizer of the Dartmouth Conferences on Ethnicity and Politics 2011–2017.

- Co-organizer (with *Francesca Jensenius*) of APSA's first meeting of Political Scientists working on India (APSA meeting 2012).

- Organizer of Dartmouth Government Department Seminar Series 2013-2014, 2016-17.

- Co-organizer (with Natalia Bueno and Leah Rosenzweig) of the DIMIS (Digital Misinformation in the Global South) research workshop.