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CONTACT

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of Government, LSE, August 2024-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, LSE, June 2022-July 2024

Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Oct 2016- June 2022

Visiting Research Professor, NYU Politics Department, 2019-2020 (sabbatical year)

EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, Columbia University, Oct 2016
-Mancur Olson Award, Best Dissertation, Political Economy Section, American Political Science Association (2018)

MPhil, Political Science, Columbia University
MA, Political Science, Columbia University
MPP, The Goldman School, UC Berkeley
Msc, National University of Singapore
BBA (Hons.), National University of Singapore

AWARDS

- Philip Leverhulme Prize 2024 for early stage researchers "whose work has had international impact and whose future research career is exceptionally promising"
- Luebbert Best Article award, Honorable Mention, CP Section, APSA 2023
- Heinz I Ealau Award for best paper published in the APSR, APSA 2022
- Best Article Award, Honorable Mention, Democracy & Autocracy section, APSA 2022
- Comparative Political Studies Editorial Board best paper award, 2020
- Franklin L. Burdette/Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the best paper at APSA, 2019
- Mancur Olson Award for the best dissertation in political economy APSA, 2018
- GESIS Klingemann Prize for best paper, 2016

BOOK PROJECTS

Suryanarayan, Pavithra, "States of Loss: Social Status and Redistributive Politics in India."

-Book workshop held at Yale in November 2019

-The research was featured in [The New York Times Interpreter](#)

Suryanarayan, Pavithra, "Endogenous State Capacity: How Identity and Ideology Shape Bureaucratic Capacity "

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

12)"Attitudes Towards Globalization in Ranked Ethnic Societies" with Nikhar Gaikwad. *American Journal of Political Science* Conditional Accept.

-Winner of the 2019 Franklin L. Burdette/Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the best paper presented at the American Political Science Association in the previous year.

- The article was featured in [Le Monde](#), New York Tims Interpreter and [Live Mint](#)

- 11) "Endogenous State Capacity." *Annual Review of Political Science*. Vol. 27, 2024
- 10) "Party Institutionalization and Economic Voting: Evidence from India." with Francesca Jensenius
Journal of Politics. 84.2 (2022)
- 9) "Rethinking India and the Study of Electoral Politics in the Developing World" with Auerbach et al.
Perspectives on Politics, 20.1(2022)
- 8) "Slavery, Reconstruction, and Bureaucratic Capacity in the American South" with Steven White.
American Political Science Review, 115.2 (2021)
-Heinz I Ealau Award Best Paper published in the APSR in 2021, APSA 2022
-Luebbert Best Article award, Honorable Mention, CP Section, APSA 2023
-Best Article Award, Honorable Mention, Democracy & Autocracy section, APSA 2022
- 7) "Bureaucratic Capacity and Class Voting: Evidence from Across the World and the United States" with Kimuli Kasara.
Journal of Politics, 82.3 (2020)
- The article was featured in [The Economist](#)
- 6) "When do the Poor Vote for the Right-Wing and Why: Status Hierarchy and Vote Choice in the Indian States"
Comparative Political Studies, 52.2(2019)
-Winner of the Comparative Political Studies Editorial Board best paper award 2019
-The article was featured in [The Hindu](#) and [Live Mint](#).
- 5) "Social Status and Redistributive Politics: Evidence from India and the United States" with Steven White
Comparative Politics Newsletter, xxix:1 (2019)
- 4) "Ethnic Inequality and the Ethnification of Political Parties: Evidence from India" with John Huber.
World Politics, 68.1 (2016)
- 3) "When do the Rich Vote Less than the Poor and Why?: Explaining Turnout Inequality across the World" with Kimuli Kasara.
American Journal of Political Science, 59.3 (2015)
-Winner of 2016 GESIS Klingemann Prize for the Best CSES Scholarship.
-The article was featured in the [Monkey Cage](#) and the [Daily Dish](#).
- 2) "Fragmentation and Decline in India's State Assemblies: A Review 1967 – 2007" with Francesca Jensenius.
Asian Survey, 55.5 (2015)
- 1) "Party Organization and Party Proliferation in India" with Chhibber, Pradeep and Francesca Jensenius.
Party Politics, 20.4 (2014)

"Hollowing Out the State: Status Inequality and Fiscal Capacity in Colonial India."

"What Explains Electoral Switching in the Indian states?" with Francesca Jensenius.
Party Politics. Revise & Resubmit.

"When Losing The State Drives Opposition to Redistribution: An Experiment in India"
with Simon Chauchard

"Indentured Migration and Electoral Politics in Colonial India" with Ashish Aggarwal,
Ritam Chaurey and Xiuyu Li

"Caste, Occupation and Voting in India" with Francesca Jensenius and Neeraj Prasad

"Party-candidate linkages and Anti-incumbency in India" with Francesca Jensenius

BOOK CHAPTERS

"Identity and Historical Political Economy," with Steven White, *Oxford Handbook of
Historical Political Economy*, Oxford University Press, 2022.

"India: The Good, the Bad, and the Deadly Consequences of India's Pandemic
Response," with Saloni Bhogale, *Populists and the Pandemics*, Routledge, 2022.

BROADSTREET ESSAYS

"Identity and State Capacity," March 2022

"The Origins of State Capacity," October 2021

"Propaganda and the Rise of Identity Politics," May 2021

"State Capacity: A Useful Concept or Meaningless Pablum," April 2021

"Technological shocks and democratic politics- BFF or frenemies," February 2021

"Change the rules – a message from 19th century Europe for America's political
elites," January 2021

"A hundred year journey - Indian elections from 1920 to 2020," November 2020

"The persistence of identity," October 2020

"Colonial Institutions and Long-run Development in India," September 2020

"Hollowing out the State," August 2020

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Philip Leverhulme Prize—£100,000

British Academy Small Grants—£9500

STICERD Small Grant—£5,000, LSE

International Field Research Grant, GSAS, Columbia University, 2013-2014

Mellon Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellow, INCITE, 2013-2014 (declined)

CDTR Summer Grant, Columbia University, 2012

ISERP Fellow, Columbia University, 2011-2013

Faculty Fellowship, GSAS, Columbia University, 2009-2014

Ministry of Education Scholar, National University of Singapore, 2001-02

Singapore Airlines Scholar, National University of Singapore, 1996-2000

Dean's List, National University of Singapore, 1998-2000

TEACHING

Political Economy of Inequality, Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Spring 2019,
Spring 2017, SAIS

Political Economy of India, Fall 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2017, SAIS

Comparative Politics, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2018, Fall 2016 SAIS

TA-African Politics, Spring 2011, Columbia University

TA-Intro to American Politics, Fall 2010, Columbia University

TA-Microeconomics for Public Policy, Spring 2008, UC Berkeley

TA-Intro to Macroeconomics, Spring 2007, UC Berkeley

INVITED TALKS 2024 FORTHCOMING	<p>Department of Politics Seminar, Oxford University</p> <p>Comparative Politics Seminar, Princeton University</p> <p>Political Economy Seminar, Kings College London</p> <p>Political Science Seminar, University of Amsterdam</p> <p>Political Economy Seminar, Copenhagen Business School</p>
INVITED TALKS 2023	<p>Politics Seminar, Trinity College Dublin</p> <p>Citizen-State Interaction Workshop , University of Houston</p> <p>Occasional Political Economy Seminar Series, European University Institute</p> <p>CIVICA Study of Causal Mechanisms Workshop, Bocconi University, Milan</p> <p>Global Diversity Lab Seminar Series, MIT</p> <p>Comparative Politics Seminar, Government Department, London School of Economics</p> <p>Research Seminar, Department of Political Science, University College London</p> <p>Political Science Speaker Series, University of Essex</p>
INVITED TALKS 2022	<p>Banklash and Wealthpol Workshop, Nuffield College, Oxford University</p> <p>Political Behaviour Seminar, Government Department, London School of Economics</p> <p>IPERG Seminar, University of Barcelona</p> <p>Permanent Seminar Series, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</p> <p>Frontiers in political Science, Duke University</p> <p>Government Department Workshop, Cornell University</p> <p>State-building and Political Development Workshop, Princeton University</p> <p>Identities & Ideologies Project Speaker Series, NYU</p> <p>Comparative Politics Colloquium, Temple University</p>
2021	<p>Comparative Politics Seminar, Harvard University</p> <p>Global Politics Seminar, University of Virginia</p> <p>Political Economy Seminar, Harris School, University of Chicago</p> <p>Political Science Seminar Series, Nuffield College Oxford</p> <p>Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Maryland</p> <p>Political Science Guest Speaker Workshop, Stanford Political Science</p> <p>Anahita Speaker Series, Carnegie Endowment India</p> <p>STANCE Brown-bag lunch seminar, Lund University</p> <p>International Macro History Seminar, The Graduate Institute Geneva</p> <p>Populism and the pandemic, University of Wisconsin Madison</p> <p>Department of Government, London School of Economics</p>
2020	<p>Institutions and Political Inequality Seminar, WZB Berlin</p> <p>Global Research in International Political Economy (GRIPE)</p> <p>Comparative Politics Seminar, NYU Politics</p> <p>International Relations Seminar, NYU Politics</p> <p>Comparative Politics Seminar, Vanderbilt</p> <p>Workshop on Institutional Weakening, Columbia University</p>
2019	<p>Political Economy Seminar, NYU Politics</p> <p>Comparative Politics Seminar, MIT</p> <p>Federalism in South Asia Conference, Yale University</p> <p>Seminar in Representation and Identity Politics, University of Pittsburgh</p> <p>Second Annual PIPE Conference, University of Southern California</p> <p>Indian Political Economy Workshop, Carnegie Endowment for Peace and SAIS</p> <p>Center for Comparative and International Studies Colloquium, University of Zurich</p>

	Quality of Government Lunch Seminar Series, University of Gothenburg Political Science Department, University of Oslo
2018	Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania Historical Political Economy Conference, LSE Political Economy Workshop, Georgetown Comparative Politics Workshop, George Washington University International Affairs Research Workshop, Texas A & M Bush School of Government
2017	Brown-Harvard-MIT Seminar on South Asian Politics Department of Political Science, UC San Diego Historical Political Economy Workshop, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University Historical Political Economy Workshop, Stanford University Comparative Politics Colloquium, UC Berkeley Department of Political Science, Yale University
2016	Preferences Over Redistribution Workshop, Duke University Group-Based Inequalities Workshop, UNU-WIDER , Helsinki Indian Political Economy Workshop, Carnegie Endowment for Peace Indian Electoral Politics Workshop, Carnegie Endowment for Peace
2015	Party Organization and Party Politics Workshop, Duke University Fiscal Capacity Workshop, Peking University Politics and Political Economy Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, SAIS
2014	School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University Department of Government, London School of Economics Department of Political Science, University of Southern California Department of Political Science, Stanford University
CONFERENCE PRESENTA- TIONS	Society of Organizational and Institutional Economics, Stockholm, 2023, 2019 American Political Science Association 2011-2021 European Political Science Association 2023, 2014, 2013 Midwest Political Science Association 2014, 2013, 2012 Madison South Asia Conference 2019, 2017, 2015 Politics and History Conference, Yale, 2014 International Political Economy Society Annual Conference, MIT, 2018
ACADEMIC SERVICE	Journal reviewer for the <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>American Political Science Review</i> , <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> , <i>Democratization</i> , <i>Electoral Studies</i> , <i>Government and Opposition</i> , <i>Journal of Comparative Politics</i> , <i>Journal of Development Studies</i> , <i>Journal of Elections</i> , <i>Public Opinion</i> , and <i>Parties</i> , <i>Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics</i> , <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>Party Politics</i> , <i>Political Behavior</i> , <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> , <i>Public Choice</i> , <i>World Politics</i> Organising Committee, Historical Political Economy Workshop 2015-2022 Organising Committee, European Meeting on Pol. Econ. of South Asia (EMPESA) Organising Committee, European Workshop Empirical Political Science (EUOWEPS) Editorial board member of the <i>Journal of Historical Political Economy</i> Editor and contributor at Broadstreet, a blog on historical political economy Program Committee, Society for Institutional and Organization Economics 2020

Mancur Olson Best Dissertation Committee, Political Economy Section, APSA 2019
Section Head, Comparative Politics of Developing Countries, MPSA 2018
Best Paper on Comparative Policy Committee, Public Policy Section, APSA 2018
Book Reviewer for Cambridge University Press

PROFESSIONAL

Associate Fellow at Lokniti, CSDS, Delhi, 2008-2009
Consultant, World Bank, New Delhi, 2007-2009
Associate Director, Economist Intelligence Unit, Hong Kong, 2004-2006
News Assistant, CNBC Asia, Singapore, 2000

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