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APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

Pitzer College

Visiting Professor of Political Studies 8/2016 to Present

Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania

Non-Resident Scholar 9/2015 to Present

Swarthmore College

Visiting Professor of Political Science 1/2015 to 5/2016

Freedom House

South Asia Consultant_(India), Freedom in the World Survey 2014 to 2015

EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York City

PhD in Political Science 2015

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations

Committee: Robert Shapiro, Kimuli Kasara, Devesh Kapur, Andrew Nathan, Daniel Corstange

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Bachelors of Arts with Highest Honors in Political Science 2005

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Distributive Politics, Clientelism, Decentralization, Political Economy of Development, State Capacity.

BOOK PROJECT

Quotidian Democracy: The Local Roots of Accountability in Rural India

(Presented at Claremont McKenna College (9/18/2017); UC at Santa Barbara (forthcoming)).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

GSAS Summer Teaching Scholar, 2013.

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant Recipient, 2012-2013.

ICPSR Warren E. Miller Scholar, University of Michigan, Summer 2009.

ARTICLES AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Clientelism:

[Do Brokers Know Their Voters? A Test of Guessability in India](#), *Under Review*.

Does Vote Buying Work? A Test of the Informational Requirements of Clientelism in India. In Leonard Wantchekon, Jorge Gallego, and Jenny Guardado (Eds.), *Clientelism Revisited* (In Progress).

(With Milan Vaishnav and others). Rethinking Electoral Politics in India (In Progress).

Decentralization and Local Democracy:

(with Neelanjan Sircar) Does Local Democracy Serve the Poor? Identifying the Distributive Preferences of Local Leaders in India, *Under Review*.

[The Discerning Voter: Partisan Alignment and Local Distribution Under Multi-Level Governance](#), Accepted at *Party Politics*.

State Capacity in India:

(With Devesh Kapur, Milan Vaishnav, and Aditya Dasgupta). Where the Rubber Meets the Road: State Capacity and Governance Across Indian Districts (Data Collection Completed in summer 2017; Analysis In-Progress)

PRESENTATIONS

Indian Political Economy Workshop, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, October 27, 2017.

Political Economy Workshop. University of California at Santa Barbara, Fall 2017, TBA.

Faculty Seminar in International Relations. Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies, Claremont McKenna College, September 6, 2017.

India at 70: Governance and Democratic Challenges (Workshop), Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies, Claremont McKenna College, April 13-15, 2017.

Rethinking Electoral Politics in India (Workshop), Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, September 30, 2016.

Clientelism and Redistributive Politics Seminar, Department of Politics (Princeton University), April 21, 2016.

Swarthmore College Inter-Departmental Lunch Series, September 30, 2015.

South Asian Politics Workshop (Washington DC) September 24, 2015.

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, 2015, 2016, 2017.

Brokering Votes: Clientelism in Comparative Perspective (Conference), Center on the Politics of Development, University of California at Berkeley, February 2015.

Comparative Politics Seminar, Columbia University, October 2014, 2015.

Annual Conference on South Asia (Madison, Wisconsin), 2014, 2015.

INVITED COLUMNS AND BOOK REVIEWS

2015. “Pathways to Power: The Domestic Politics of South Asia, Arjun Gunaratne and Anita Weiss, Eds. *Studies in Indian Politics, Forthcoming* (New Delhi).

“Do Elected Local Leaders Prioritize the Poor?” *The Hindu Business Line*, <14 December 2015>.

“Can Benefits Be Tied to the Vote?” *The Hindu Business Line*. <13 January 2014>.

TEACHING

Pitzer College, Assistant Professor of Political Studies (Visiting)

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2016, Fall 2017.

Introduction to Public Policy, Fall 2016, Spring 2018.

Challenges for Developing Democracies, Spring 2017, Fall 2017.

Parties, Voters, and Elections in the Developing World, Spring 2017.

Local Democracy in Comparative Perspective, Spring 2018.

Ethnic Politics, Spring 2017, Spring 2018.

Swarthmore College, Assistant Professor of Political Science (Visiting)

Challenges for Developing Democracies, Spring 2015, Spring 2016

The Politics of Poverty Alleviation, Spring 2016.

Ethnic Politics, Spring 2016.

South Asian Politics, Spring 2015

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Uttar Pradesh (2004), Rajasthan (2009, 2012-13), Maharashtra (2010, 2011), Karnataka (2011)

SKILLS

Intermediate Proficiency in Hindi

Survey Design and Implementation in India

Linear and Generalized Regression with STATA and R.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Creator and Organizer of the Annual Indian Politics Workshop (2015 - Present).

Creator and Organizer of the Annual South Asia Political Science Happy Hour—a national networking event at APSA (2014-Present).

Reviewer for the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, and *Journal of Comparative Politics*.

REFERENCES

Robert Shapiro. Professor of Political Science, Columbia University. rys3@columbia.edu; 212-854-3944.

Devesh Kapur. Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania. dkapur@sas.upenn.edu; 215-898-6247.

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Leonard Wantchekon. Professor of Politics, Princeton University. wantche@princeton.edu.

Kimuli Kasara. Associate Professor of Political Science. Columbia University; kk2432@columbia.edu

Anirudh Krishna. Professor of Public Policy, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University. ak30@duke.edu; 919-613-7337.

Milan Vaishnav. Director of the South Asia Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. mvaishnav@ceip.org.

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