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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Boston University, Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies**  
Assistant Professor of Global Development Policy, August 2019 - Present  
Core Faculty, Global Development Policy Center, August 2019 - Present  
Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Economic Development, September 2019 - Present  
Graduate Faculty, Department of Political Science, December 2019 - Present

**New York University Abu Dhabi**  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Fall 2013 - August 2019

**New York University New York**  
Global Network (Affiliated) Professor, Fall 2013 - August 2019  
Integration year, Fall 2013 - Spring 2014

## EDUCATION

**Stanford University**, Department of Political Science, 2006-2013  
PhD in Political Science  
Dissertation: “The Political Economy of Gender-Equalizing Reform in Rural India”

**London School of Economics**, Development Studies Institute, UK, 2004-2005  
Msc in Development Management, *Distinction on Thesis*

**Oxford University**, Refugee Studies Centre, UK, 2003-2004  
MSc in Forced Migration

**Mount Holyoke College**, 1999-2003  
BA in International Relations & African Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Primary fields: Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Gender, South Asia  
Secondary fields: Representation, Inequality, Development, Climate Change, Migration

## PUBLICATIONS: BOOK

*Women, Power, & Property: The Paradox of Gender Equality Laws in India*. 2020. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Studies in Gender and Politics Series. ([Link](#)).

- Included in “Best of 2020 Books” by Pratab Bhanu Mehta, 18 December, 2020, *Open* ([Link](#)).
- “Rachel Brulé on Gender Quotas & Gender Inequality in India,” on *The Grand Tamasha* Podcast hosted by Milan Vaishnav, Carnegie Endowment for Peace, 25 May, 2021. ([Link](#)).
- “Why do we need inclusive institutions?” *Open Access Government*, 20 May, 2021. ([Link](#)).
- Interview by Akshi Chawla, “A Revolution in India’s Villages,” *India Development Review*, 22 January, 2021. ([Link](#)). Full interview for “Women Lead” 2020. ([Link](#)).
- Joint review with Samii & King (2020) *Diversity, Violence & Recognition*, “How Recognizing Diversity Improves Equality,” Blog post, 21 Jan, 2021. ([Link](#)).
- Webinar with BU Global Development Policy Center, moderated by Patricia Cortes, “Women, Power, Property... Progress? A Discussion with Rachel Brulé” 11 December, 2020. ([Link](#)).
- Review by Tanushree Goyal in University of California–Berkeley South Asia Reading Group, Summer Spectacular 2020. ([Link](#)).

## PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Culture, Capital & the Gender Gap in Political Economy Preferences: Evidence from Meghalaya’s Tribes” (with Nikhar Gaikwad). 2021. *Journal of Politics* 83(3).

- 2017. Winner, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)’s Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper Overall, Presented at the MPSA Annual Conference, April 2017.

- 2017. Winner, *Midwest Political Science Association's Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics*, Presented at the MPSA Annual Conference, April 2017.
- Press mention in Grand Tamasha, Open Access Government.

“Reform, Representation and Resistance: The Politics of Property Rights’ Enforcement.” 2020. *Journal of Politics* 82(4): 1390-1405.

- Press mention in Grand Tamasha, Open Access Government, India Development Review.

“Women’s Inheritance Rights Reform and the Preference for Sons in India” (with Sanchari Roy and Sonia Bhalotra). 2018. *Journal of Development Economics*.

- Press mention in TheWire.in, Business Standard, indiaspend.com.

“Accounting for Accountability: Local Government and Social Equity in India.” 2015. *Asian Survey* 55(5). Special Edition on State Capacity in India.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

“G-local Women Power: Local Female Representation & Property Rights in India.” (2021), in *Invisible Institutionalisms*. Swethaa Ballakrishnen and Sara Dezalay, Eds. London: Hart Publishing. (Link here).

“Land Rights Without Law: Property Rights Institutions, Growth, & Development in India,” in *Law and Economy in India*, T. Heller & E. Jensen, Eds. Forthcoming. *Oxford University Press India*.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Are Quotas in Two Dimensions Better than One? Intersectional Representation & Group Relations in India” (with Aliz Tóth). *Under review*.

“Climate Shocks & Gendered Political Transformation: How Crises Alter Women’s Political Representation.” Invited to submit “Critical Perspectives” article for a peer-reviewed Special Edition of *Gender & Politics*, 2022. *Under review*.

“Covid, Climate Shocks, & Women’s Economic Engagement: Experimental Evidence on Crisis-induced Coordination in Bangladesh” (with Akshay Dixit). *Pre-Analysis Plan registered with EGAP; available upon request*.

“More Than Just Proxy Power: The Determinants of Decision-making Influence Among India’s Local-level Representatives” (with Simon Chauchard and Alyssa Heinze). *Pre-Analysis Plan registered with EGAP; available upon request*.

“Women’s Inheritance Rights Reform and the Preference for Sons in India” (with Sanchari Roy and Sonia Bhalotra). 2017. *IZA Discussion Paper No. 11239*.

“Land Rights Without Law: Property Rights Institutions, Growth, & Development in India.” 2009. *CDDRL Working Paper Number 98, Stanford University*.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“The Art of Building Informal Governance: A review of Adam Michael Auerbach’s Demanding Development, The Politics of Public Goods Provision in India’s Urban Slums.” *Book review for University of California–Berkeley, South Asia Reading Group Summer Spectacular*. Summer 2020. (Link here).

“Audacious Institutions: Negotiating land tenure in pre-conflict Sri Lanka,” *Putting Land First? Exploring the Links Between Land & Poverty*. Conference Proceedings: 6th Annual Symposium on Land & Poverty in Sri Lanka. 2006. Centre for Poverty Analysis, Colombo.

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Climate Shocks: Drought & Gendered Demands for Redistribution in Rural Bangladesh” (with Akshay Dixit) (*Phone survey underway with Covid-19 protocols*).

“More Than Just Proxy Power: The Determinants of Decision-making Influence Among India’s Local-level Representatives” (with Simon Chauchard and Alyssa Heinze) (*Field experiment paused; limited administrative data collection underway with Covid-19 protocols*).

## RESEARCH UNDER DEVELOPMENT

“Do Peer Mentorship Groups Increase the Political Agency of First-time Female Politicians?” (with Bhumi Purohit, Simon Chauchard, and Alyssa Heinze)

“Measuring Gendered Public Health Preferences during Covid-19 in Boston: The Power of Public Service to Predict the Bounds of Acceptable Trade-offs” (with a team led by Jacob Bor)

## FUTURE RESEARCH

“Measuring Women’s Representation: Lessons Learned & Existing Puzzles” (with Sarah Khan)

“Networks & the Political Economy of Women’s Empowerment: Investigating the Enduring Results of Two Natural Policy Experiments in India” (with Jenn Larson and Solédad Prillaman)

“Research And Policy Innovation for Development in Challenging Contexts (RAPID): Translating Welfare Enhancing Development Interventions from Non-conflict to Conflict-affected Countries” (with Dana Burde, Cyrus Samii, and Rebecca Wolfe)

“Toward Autonomous Participation: Empowering Women in Local Government in Nepal,” (with Sarah Khan and Solédad Prillaman)

## RESEARCH DISSEMINATION

2021. **The Grand Tamasha** podcast, published on 25 May, 2021: “Rachel Brulé on Gender Quotas & Gender Inequality in India.” with Milan Vaishnav, Carnegie Endowment for Peace. Available at: <https://grand-tamasha.simplecast.com/episodes/rachel-brule-on-gender-quotas-and-gender-inequality-in-india>.

2021. **Open Access Government** article, published on 20 May, 2021: “Why do we need inclusive institutions?” Available at: <https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/gender-inclusive-institutions/110920/>.

2021. **India Development Review** Interview by Akshi Chawla published on 22 January, 2021: “A Revolution in India’s Villages.” Available at: <https://idronline.org/a-revolution-in-local-politics-women-participation>.

2021. **Diversity, Violence & Recognition** Joint review of Samii & King (2020) *Diversity, Violence & Recognition*, published on 21 January, 2021: “How Recognizing Diversity Improves Equality.” Available at: <https://www.diversity-violence-recognition.com/blog/how-recognizing-diversity-increases-social-equality>.

2020. **Women Lead** Interview published on 9 December, 2020: “How women are revolutionizing politics in India’s villages: A New book explores” in conversation with Akshi Chawla for Women MPs in India’s “Women Lead” series. Available at <https://womenlead.substack.com/p/how-women-are-revolutionizing-politics>.

2019. **The Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute, Harvard University** Interview published on 26 September, 2019: “Rachel Brulé: Political Equality and ‘Strongman Politics’ in India.” Available at: <https://mittalsouthasiainstitute.harvard.edu/2019/09/rachel-brule-political-representation-strongman-politics-india/>.

2019. **India in Transition, Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI), The University of Pennsylvania** “Reform, Representation, and Resistance: The Politics of Property Rights’ Enforcement in India.” Available at: <https://casi.sas.upenn.edu/iit/rachelbrule>.

2018. **CASI, The University of Pennsylvania** Podcast with Bilal Balloch on “The Long Arm of Resistance: Parental Care & Backlash.” Available at: <https://soundcloud.com/user-722693669/spring-2018-podcast-with-rachel-brule>.

2018. **Ideas For India** “Women’s Inheritance Rights and Son Preference in India,” (with Sonia Bhalotra and Sanchari Roy), 29 October, 2018, coverage of *Journal of Development Economics* article. Available at: <https://www.ideasforindia.in/topics/social-identity/women-s-inheritance-rights-and-son-preference-in-india.html>

2018. **The Wire** “Are Women in India Hampered by ‘Hindu Rate’ of Gender Discrimination,” by Anoop Sadanandan, 19 February, 2018, coverage of *Journal of Development Economics* article.

Available at: <https://thewire.in/gender/an-unpleasant-truth-underlies-gender-discrimination-in-india>

2018. **Business Standard** “Study Blames Indian Inheritance Law Reforms for Spike in Female Foeticide,” 23 February, 2018 by Tish Sanghera, coverage of *Journal of Development Economics* article. Available at: [https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/study-blames-indian-inheritance-law-reforms-for-spike-in-female-foeticide-119022300189\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/study-blames-indian-inheritance-law-reforms-for-spike-in-female-foeticide-119022300189_1.html)

2018. **IndiaSpend** “Reforms Of India’s Inheritance Laws Inadvertently Increased Female Foeticide And Deaths In Infancy,” 23 February, 2018 by Tish Sanghera, coverage of *Journal of Development Economics* article. Available at: <https://www.indiaspend.com/reforms-of-indias-inheritance-laws-inadvertently-increased-female-foeticide-and-deaths-in-infancy/>

2018. **NYUAD Public Affairs** “Winds of Change for Women’s Rights,” by Brian Kappler, 1 April, 2018 interview on my book with Cambridge University Press. Available at: <https://nyuad.nyu.edu/en/news/latest-news/world-and-societies/2018/april/winds-of-change-for-womens-rights-rachel-brule.html>

2018. **NYUAD Public Affairs** “Social Research in Remote India Wins International Award,” by Brian Kappler, 10 June, 2018 interview on my Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper Overall presented at the Midwest Political Science Association’s 2017 Annual Conference for my paper “Culture, Capital and the Political Economy Gender Gap: Evidence from Meghalaya’s Matrilineal Tribes” (with Nikhar Gaikwad). Available at: <https://nyuad.nyu.edu/en/news/latest-news/world-and-societies/2018/june/social-research-in-remote-india-wins-international-award.html>

2018. **Midwest Political Science Association** “Pi Sigma Alpha Award: Rachel Brulé and Nikhar Gaikwad,” Interview at MPSA 2018. Available at: <http://bit.ly/MPSA18-PiSigmaAlphaVideo>

## GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS

2021-22. **Boston University Global Programs & BU Foundation-India**, Boston, MA, USA, Seed Grant: “Do Peer Mentorship Groups Increase the Political Agency of First-time Female Politicians?” PI, with Dipjyoti Konwar (Delhi University), Paro Sen (SEWA), Simon Chauchard (Leiden University), Bhumi Purohit & Alyssa Heinze (UC Berkeley) (US \$ 30,000 as of Summer 2021).

2020-23. **The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation**, Menlo Park, CA, USA, Grant for support of the Program on Women’s Empowerment (POWER) Research, Human Capital Initiative, Global Development Policy Center, Boston University (US \$500,000, In Process).

2020. **Truman Foundation**, Washington, DC, USA, Governance Fellow.

2019-21. **CVoter Foundation**, Noida (NCR), India, Corporate Social Responsibility Grant to support survey implementation in Bangladesh (US\$35,000).

2017. **Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)’s Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper Overall**, for “Culture, Capital and the Political Economy Gender Gap: Evidence from Meghalaya’s Matrilineal Tribes,” with Nikhar Gaikwad, presented at the MPSA conference, April 2017.

2017. **Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)’s Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics**, for “Culture, Capital and the Political Economy Gender Gap: Evidence from Meghalaya’s Matrilineal Tribes,” with Nikhar Gaikwad, presented at the MPSA conference, April 2017.

2017-2019. **Research & Empirical Analysis of Labor Migration**, Grant on “Gendered Differences in the Causes and Consequences of Migration: Experimental Evidence from India and the United Arab Emirates” (with Nikhar Gaikwad). Granted by Columbia University’s Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics (INCITE). Declined.

2012, 2008. **Center for South Asia, Stanford University**, Doctoral Student Research Grant.

2010-2011. **National Council for Applied Economic Research**, Doctoral Fellowship, Delhi, India.

2007-2008. **Center for Democracy, Development & Rule of Law, Stanford University**, Pre-doctoral Fellowship.

2004. **St. Cross College, Oxford University**, Research Grant.

2003. **Marshall Scholarship**.

2002. **Truman Scholarship**.

## RESEARCH PARTNERS

**Society for the Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP)**, Hyderabad, India, *Research Partner*, 2010-2018.

**International Centre for Climate Change and Development**, Dhaka, Bangladesh, *Research Collaborator*, 2019-Present.

**CVoter Foundation**, Noida (NCR), India, *Funder & Research Collaborator*, 2019-Present.

**The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation**, Menlo Park, CA, USA, *Funder*, 2020-Present.

**The Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA)**, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, *Research Collaborator*, 2021-Present.

## RELEVANT ACTIVITIES

**Signs**, *Editorial Board Member*, Fall 2020-Present.

**Empirical Gender Research Network (E-GEN)**, *Executive Board Member*, Fall 2019-Present.

- 2020. **Empirical Gender Research Network, 2020 Annual Workshop**, *Organizer*, with the *Human Capital Initiative* and *POWER Initiative* at the *Global Development Policy Center*, *Boston University*, October 2020.
- 2020. **E-GEN Graduate Student Work in Progress Conference**, *Discussant*, *Yale University* (Virtual), Summer 2020.

**American Political Science Association**, *Professional Member*, 2013-Present.

- 2020. **American Political Science Association, 2020 Annual Meeting**, “**Women, Power & Property: Author Meets Critics**” *Panel Convener*, Fall 2020.
- 2019. **American Political Science Association, 2019 MENA Workshop**, “**Women & Politics: MENA Experiences**,” *Host & Organizer*, with *Aili Tripp*, *Hanane Darhour*, *Liv Tonnessen*, and *Naima Benlarabi*, Summer-Fall 2019.
- 2019. **American Political Science Association, 2019 Annual Meeting**, “**Unintended Consequences of Reforms for Gender Equality**,” *Panel Convener*, Fall 2019.
- 2014. **American Political Science Association, 2014 Annual Meeting**, “**Gender, Political Engagement & Public Goods Across India**,” *Panel Convener*, Fall 2014.

**Reviewer**, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Comparative Political Science*, *European Economic Review*, *International Organization*, *Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Economics & Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Politics & Gender*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.

**WZB Berlin Social Science Center**, “**Institutions and Political Inequality**” **Research Unit**, led by Prof. Macartan Humphreys, *Visiting Researcher*, Summer 2018, 2019.

**Global TIES for Children: Transforming Intervention Effectiveness and Scale**, *Research Affiliate*, Spring 2015-Present.

**Research & Empirical Analysis of Labor Migration**, *Working Group Member*, Fall 2015-Spring 2018.

**Southern Economics Association, 2016 Annual Conference in Washington, DC**, **Presidential Panel**, *Organizer & Presenter*, with *Nikhar Gaikwad*, Washington, DC, Spring 2016.

**NYU Abu Dhabi Academic Speaker Series on “Labor, Migration, and Human Rights,”**  
*Convener*, NYU Abu Dhabi, Spring 2015-Fall 2016.

**North East Workshop in Empirical Political Science,** *Discussant*, NYU New York, Fall 2013.

**Stanford Center for South Asia Research Series on “Technology, Accountability & Democracy in South Asia & Beyond,”** *Co-Organizer*, 2012-14.

- 2014. **University of Mumbai Conference with Stanford Alumni Association of India, Stanford University, and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs,** *Co-Organizer, Guest Speaker, & Presenter*.
- 2012. **Workshop at the Stanford Center for South Asia,** *Co-Organizer*.

**Google.org Land Transparency Team,** *Consultant*, Palo Alto, CA, Spring 2013-Fall 2014.

**Self Employed Women’s Association (SEWA),** *Consultant*, Ahmedabad, India, Winter 2010.

**“Hope House” Halfway House for Women,** *Lecturer*, Menlo Park, CA, Fall 2008.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2021: Vanderbilt University Comparative Politics Colloquium (“Are Quotas in Two Dimensions Better than One?”); Harvard Kennedy School, Guest Lecture for Prof. Gautam Nair, The Politics of Development (“Women, Power, and Property”); Harvard University Research Workshop in Political Economy (“Climate Shocks & Gendered Political Transformation,” with Akshay Dixit); American University Complex Governance Seminar Series (“Women, Power, and Property”); University of Wisconsin-Madison Comparative Politics Colloquium (“Women, Power, and Property”); Cornell University Empirical Studies on Women, Gender & Conflict (“Climate Shocks, Covid-19, & Gendered Political Transformation,” with Akshay Dixit); “Gender and Politics in South Asia”: First Annual Indian Politics Workshop of the Center on Contemporary India at UC Berkeley (“Is Mandating Representation In Two Dimensions Better than One? The Political Economy of Gender & Caste in Contemporary India,” with Aliz Toth); “COVID-19 & Climate Shocks: Gendered effects on political preferences & behavior,” with Akshay Dixit); American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting (“Proxy Politics” with Simon Chauchard and Alyssa Heinze)

2020: Yale University Comparative Politics Workshop (“Women, Power, and Property”); University of Virginia, Frontiers in Global Development Seminar Series by UVA Politics, UVA Economics, and the Batten School of Public Policy (“Women, Power, and Property”); Empirical Gender Research Network (E-GEN), Junior Faculty Workshop, Boston University (“Are Quotas in Two Dimensions Better than One?”); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (“Author Meets Critics” Panel Organizer; “Women, Governance and Changing Gender Norms in MENA and South Asia” Panel Contributor; “Women in Institutions” Panel Contributor); Law & Society Association Annual Meeting in Denver, CO (“G-local Women Power”); Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL (“Women’s Political Participation,” with Mahesh Karra); Boston University, Research in Comparative Politics Seminar by Political Science Department and Pardee School (“Women, Power, and Property”); Northeastern University Political Science Seminar (“Drought & Gendered Demands for Redistribution in Rural Bangladesh,” postponed due to Covid-19); Boston University, Institute for Economic Development (“Reform, Representation, and Resistance”); Harvard University South Asia Reading Group (“Representing Multi-dimensional Diversity”, postponed due to Covid-19); Boston-Cambridge South Asia Reading Group (“Is Mandating Representation in Two Dimensions Better than One?”); Aarhus University, Guest Lecture for Nicholas Haas (“Quotas & the Political Economy of Development”); Harvard University Politics of Development Seminar, Guest Speaker for Melani Cammet (“Gender & Development”)

2019: Harvard-Brown-MIT Seminar on South Asian Politics at Harvard (“Property, Power, and Women”); Harvard Seminar on Rise of Authoritarian “Strongmen” Figures, Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute at Harvard (“Modi’s Rise as Backlash to Suprisingly Successful Reforms to Improve Gender and Caste Equality”); Political Economy of South Asia Workshop, Johns Hopkins-SAIS and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C. (“Representing Multi-dimensional Diversity”); “Invisible Institutionalism” Book Workshop, Onati, Spain (“The Political Economy of Backlash: What do we know?”); “New Directions in Research on Identity and Governance,” Monash University Centre, Prato, Italy (“Representing Multi-dimensional Diversity”); American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. (“The Long Arm of Resistance: Refusal to Care for Parents”)

2018: University of California at Berkeley Comparative Politics Workshop (“Reform, Representation and Resistance: The Politics of Property Rights’ Enforcement”); APSA (“Culture, Capital and the Political Economy Gender Gap: Evidence from Meghalaya’s Matrilineal Tribes”); Institutions and Political Inequality Research Group at the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB or Berlin Social Science Center: “Women’s Representation and Resistance”); E-GEN Junior Faculty Workshop, Vanderbilt University (“Gender & Migration,” with Nikhar Gaikwad); Gender Brown Bag, New York University Abu Dhabi (“Women’s Representation & Resistance”); The Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI) at the University of Pennsylvania (“The Long Arm of Resistance: Parental Care & Backlash”)

2017: Columbia Comparative Politics Workshop (“Refracted Reform: On the Origins of Indian Laws for Gender Equality & their Perverse Consequences”); European Conference on Politics and Gender (“Refracted Reform”); Conference on “Child Development in India: The First 4000 Days,” The Center for Advanced Studies on India (CASI) at the University of Pennsylvania (“Women’s Inheritance Rights & the Preference for Sons in India”)

2016: APSA (“Representation, Reform & Resistance: The Politics of Property Rights’ Enforcement”); Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin/Madison (“Culture, Capital & the Gender Gap in Political Economy Preferences: Evidence from Meghalaya’s Tribes,” with Nikhar Gaikwad); Development Economics and Policy Conference at Heidelberg University (“Representation, Reform & Resistance”); European Conference on South Asian Studies (“Culture, Capital & the Gender Gap,” with Nikhar Gaikwad); Georgetown University, Comparative Government Coffee (“Representation, Reform & Resistance”); International Political Economy Society’s Annual Meeting (“Culture, Capital & the Gender Gap,” with Nikhar Gaikwad); Midwest Political Science Association (“Culture, Capital & the Gender Gap,” with Nikhar Gaikwad); Southern Economics Association’s Annual Conference (Presidential Panel on Gender and Political Economy, “Culture, Capital & the Gender Gap,” with Nikhar Gaikwad)

2015: Midwest Political Science Association (“Do Cultural Norms Explain the Gap in Political Preferences? Evidence from a Matrilineal Society”); APSA (“States and Gender Revolutions”); Book Conference at NYU NY (“Refracted Reform: Positive & Perverse Consequences of Indian Laws for Gender Equity”)

2014: University of Wisconsin/Madison, Annual South Asia Conference (“States and Gender Revolutions”); APSA (“Does Granting Greater Inheritance Rights to Women Limit Son-preferring Behavior? Evidence from a Natural Experiment in India?”)

2013: Bristol University, Centre for Market and Public Organization, Political Economy & Public Services Conference (“Gender Equity and Inheritance Reform: Evidence from Rural India”) University of Wisconsin/Madison, Annual South Asia Conference (“Accounting for Accountability: Local Governance & Gender Equality in Rural India”); University of California, Berkeley workshop on State Capacity in India & Yale University, Modern South Asia Workshop (“Gender Equity and Inheritance Reform”)

2012: APSA (“India Workshop”: The Perils of Opinion Surveys in India); Stanford University Center for South Asia, South Asia by the Bay Graduate Student Conference (“Negotiations in Property Rights, Gender & Identity in Rural India”; “Democratic Reform & Information Technology: Catalyst for Progress or Backlash?”); London School of Economics and The School of Oriental and African Studies (“When Reform Works: On the Legal Impact of Gender-Equalizing Property Rights Law in Rural South India”)

2011: University of Wisconsin/Madison, Annual South Asia Conference (“Gender & Finance”); APSA (“Counter-intuitive Institutional Reform”), Université d’Aix-Marseille, Institute of Public Economics, Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet Conference in Public Economics (“Gender Discrimination”), PRIO, Oslo (“When Reform Works: A Theory of Individual Legal Impact in Rural India”)

2010: APSA (“Political Participation & Clientelism in Changing Economic Circumstances”); National Council of Applied Economic Research, IDRC & Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India (“Decentralization, Rural Governance and Inclusive Growth”)

2009: APSA (“Political Engagement & Governance in Developing Democracies”); Law & Economy in India at Stanford & Center for Policy Research, Delhi, India (“Land Rights without Law”)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Course Design & Teaching at Boston University

“Gender & Global Politics” (IR 354), Undergraduate Course, Spring 2020, 2021

“Global Development Capstone” (IR 798), Graduate Seminar jointly taught with Professor Dilip Mookherjee, for MA in Global Policy & Global Development Economics, Fall 2021

“Political Economy of Gender Inequality” (IR 500), Graduate Seminar, Fall 2019

“Quantitative Analysis for International Affairs” (IR602), Graduate Required Class, Spring 2020, 21

### Course Design & Teaching at NYU Abu Dhabi

“Introduction to Comparative Politics,” Spring 2019.

“Gender Revolutions and the State in India,” (POLSC-AD 185J), January Term 2016, 2017

“Comparative Politics of South Asia,” (POLSC-AD 153), Undergraduate Seminar, Fall 2014, 2015

“Justice: Theory and Practice,” (CORES-AD 64), Fall 2015, 2016, Spring 2018, 2019

“Justice: Political Theory and Practice,” (POLSC-AD 142), Undergraduate Seminar, Spring 2015

### Course Design & Teaching at NYU

“Politics Senior Honors I, II” (POL-UA 950), Undergraduate Honors Seminar, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

### Course Design & Teaching at Stanford

“The Political Economy of Development in Rural India”, Undergraduate Seminar, Winter 2013

### Teaching Assistant at Stanford & MIT

Prof. Diaz-Cayeros, “Introduction to Comparative Politics: PS4”, Stanford 2009

Prof. Reich, “Theories of Civil Society, Philanthropy & Nonprofit Sector: PS236”, Stanford 2008

Prof. Abernathy, “NGOs and Development: PS 143”, Stanford, 2007-08

Prof. Mullainathan, “Evaluating Social Programs”, MIT’s Jameel Abdul Latif Poverty Action Lab in Chennai, India, Executive Education course for Public and Private Sector Professionals, 2007

### Guest Lecturer & Teaching Assistant at Stanford

“Islam & the West, PS149S”: Qutb, the Islamic Brotherhood & Secular Modernity in the Arab World, 2009

“Global Politics of Human Rights, PS141”: US Interrogation Procedures, Law, & Rights, 2008-09

“Law & Economy in India, LAW 342”: Indian Inheritance Law: Design, Implementation, & Impact, Accounting for Intended and Unintended Consequences, 2008

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Stanford University, Graduate School of Business & Political Science Department**, Stanford, CA, 2009-12

### **Research Assistant**

- 2012. **Prof. Saumitra Jha**, Graduate School of Business, “Veterans & Public Goods in Post-Partition India.” Data collection, initial analysis of violence-driven institutional change.
- 2009. **Prof. Beatriz Magaloni**, Political Science Department, “Governance & Corruption in Mexico.” Aided development of randomized experiments and list-based survey experiments on governance and corruption across Mexican states.

**National Council for Applied Economic Research & IDRC**, Delhi, India, 2010-11

### **Doctoral Fellow**

Analyzed the impact of inequality in land rights & political engagement on local governance.

**The World Bank, Rural Development Group**, Andhra Pradesh, India, 2010

### **Consultant**

Designed a randomized experiment on increasing gender-equalizing land inheritance reform: drafted project framework, survey content, and built local implementation partnerships.

**Stanford Center for Democracy, Development & the Rule of Law**, Stanford, 2007-2008

### **Pre-doctoral Fellow**

Wrote chapter in Law and Development in India (Forthcoming); Lecturer, Stanford Law School.

**MIT Poverty Action Lab**, India, 2005-06

### **Program Coordinator for Harvard Prof. S. Mullainathan**

Designed & implemented large-scale randomized experiments in Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu with ICICI Bank & NGOs using behavioral economics to improve access to credit and lower debt.



**International Labour Organization**, Geneva, Switzerland, Fall 2000

**External Collaborator**

Authored a Working Paper for the International Institute for Labour Studies on strategies to integrate information economy workers into the ILO's mandate and protection network.

**FIELD RESEARCH**

**BANGLADESH**, March 2020 (Planned; on hold due to COVID-19)

**Dhaka** (In partnership with the International Centre for Climate Change and Development)

**Rangpur district** (In partnership with ICCCAD)

**INDIA**, 2+ years: June-August 2007 and 2008; November 2009 – March 2011; January, October, and December 2014; January and March 2015; January 2016; March 2017; January 2020

**North East India:** Meghalaya (East Khasi Hills district, Shillong municipality); Mizoram (Aizawl municipality and district)

**North India:** Uttar Pradesh (Saharanpur district), Haryana (Yamuna Nagar district), Delhi

**South India:** Andhra Pradesh (Anantapur, Khammam, Krishna, Ranga Reddy, Vishakhapatnam, and Vizianangaram districts)

**Western India:** Maharashtra (Solapur district)

**SENEGAL**, 1 year, September 2001 – June 2002

**Dakar** (Marché HLM, Ethnography)

**Kaolack** (In partnership with the Society of Development and Textile Fibers, SODIFITEX)

**LANGUAGES**

French (Advanced/Intermediate), Hindi (Intermediate), Arabic, German & Wolof (Beginner)