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- ACADEMIC POSITIONS** **Assistant Professor, Boston University** since 2019
Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies
Graduate Faculty, Department of Political Science
Core Faculty, Global Development Policy Center
Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Economic Development
- Assistant Professor, New York University Abu Dhabi** 2013 – 2019
Political Science Program, Social Science Division
Global Network (Affiliated) Professor, Politics Department, NYU
- EDUCATION** **Stanford University**, Stanford, CA
Ph.D. in Political Science 2013
MA in Political Science
Dissertation: “The Political Economy of Gender-Equalizing Reform in Rural India”
- London School of Economics**, London, UK
Msc in Development Management, *Distinction on Thesis* 2005
- Oxford University**, Oxford, UK
MSc in Forced Migration 2004
- Mount Holyoke College**, South Hadley, MA
BA in International Relations & African Studies, *Summa Cum Laude* 2003
- BOOK** 2020. *Women, Power, and Property: The Paradox of Gender Equality Laws in India*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Studies in Gender and Politics Series.
Winner: Gregory Luebbert Prize for the best book in Comparative Politics, *American Political Science Association*, 2021.
- PUBLICATIONS** 2021. “Culture, Capital & the Gender Gap in Political Economy Preferences: Evidence from Meghalaya’s Tribes.” (with Nikhar Gaikwad) *Journal of Politics*, 83(3).
Winner: Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper Overall, *MPSA*, 2017.
Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics, *MPSA*, 2017.
Featured in: [The Monkey Cage](#) and [The Print](#).
2020. “Reform, Representation and Resistance: The Politics of Property Rights’ Enforcement.” 2020. *Journal of Politics*, 82(4): 1390-1405.
Featured in: [Grand Tamasha](#), [India Development Review](#), [Open Access Government](#).
2020. “Women’s Inheritance Rights Reform and the Preference for Sons in India” (with Sonia Bhalotra and Sanchari Roy). *Journal of Development Economics*, 146.
Featured in: [TheWire.in](#), [Business Standard](#), [IndiaSpend.com](#).

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

**UNDER
REVIEW**

"Are Quotas in Two Dimensions Better than One? Intersectional Representation and Group Relations in India" (with Aliz Tóth). *R&R at The American Political Science Review*.

"Climate Shocks and Gendered Political Transformation: How Crises Alter Women's Political Representation." *R&R at Politics & Gender*, for peer-reviewed "Critical Perspectives" series on "Gender and Political Representation in Times of Crisis."

**WORKING
PAPERS**

"When Quotas Are Not Enough: Inequalities and Political Representation in Rural India" (with Simon Chauchard and Alyssa Heinze).

-Pre-Analysis Plan registered with EGAP: "More Than Just Proxy Power: The Determinants of Decision-making Influence Among India's Local-level Representatives."

IN PROGRESS

"Women and Political Power in the Developing World" *commissioned by The Annual Review of Political Science*, Vol. 26 (May 2023).

"Covid, Climate Shocks, & Women's Political Engagement: Experimental Evidence on Crisis-induced Coordination in Bangladesh" (with Akshay Dixit).

-Pre-Analysis Plan registered with EGAP.

**BOOK
CHAPTERS**

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

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

**BOOK REVIEWS
AND POLICY**

"In India's West Bengal state, backing women's economic interests helped one party score a historic win: Policy support for financial well-being can remedy women's inequality in politics" (with Nikhar Gaikwad). [The Monkey Cage](#). 16 June, 2021.

"Why do we need inclusive institutions?" [Open Access Government](#), 20 May, 2021.

"How Recognizing Diversity Improves Equality." *Diversity, Violence & Recognition Blog*, Joint review of Samii & King (2020) *Diversity, Violence & Recognition* and Brulé (2020) *Women, Power, and Property*, 21 January, 2021. ([Link](#)).

"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." *University of California-Berkeley, South Asia Reading Group Summer Spectacular*. Summer 2020. ([Link](#)).

"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 Policy Analysis: Colombo.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2021 – Gregory Luebbert Prize for the Best Book in Comparative Politics, APSA.
2020 – Governance Fellow, Truman Foundation, Washington, DC.
2017 – Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the Best Paper Overall, MPSA.
2017 – Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics, MPSA.
2013-14 – Integration Year, New York University Department of Politics.
2010-11 – Doctoral Fellowship, National Council for Applied Economic Research.
2007-08 – Pre-doctoral Fellowship, CDDRL, Stanford University.
2003 – Marshall Scholarship.
2002 – Truman Scholarship (NY).

GRANTS

2021-22 – National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) & Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, “Economic Shocks and Gender” PI, with Akshay Dixit (\$20,000)
2021-22 – BU Global Programs & BU Foundation-India, “Do Peer Mentorship Groups Increase the Political Agency of First-time Female Politicians?” PI, with Paro Sen, Simon Chauchard, Bhumi Purohit & Alyssa Heinze (\$30,000)
2020-23 – Hewlett Foundation, for support of the Program on Women’s Empowerment (POWER) Research, HCI, GDP Center, BU (\$500,000)
2019-21 – CVoter Foundation, Corporate Social Responsibility Grant (\$35,000)
2017-2019 – Research & Empirical Analysis of Labor Migration, “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, INCITE. Declined.
2012, 2008 – Center for South Asia, Stanford University, Doctoral Research Grant
2004 – St. Cross College, Oxford University, Research Grant

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Editorial Board Member, *Signs*, Fall 2020-Present.
Executive Board Member, *Empirical Gender Research Network*, Fall 2019-Present.
Visiting Researcher, *WZB*, “*Institutions and Political Inequality*” Research Unit, led by Prof. Macartan Humphreys, Summer 2018, 2019, 2021.
Research Affiliate, *Global TIES for Children*, Spring 2015-Present.
Working Group Member, *Research & Empirical Analysis of Labor Migration*, Fall 2015 - Spring 2018.

TEACHING

Gender & Global Politics, Undergraduate Course, BU, Spring 2020, 2021
Global Development Capstone (Research Seminar), Graduate Course, BU, Summer-Fall 2021 (with Dilip Mookherjee)
Quantitative Analysis for International Affairs, Graduate Course, BU, Spr. 2020, 21
Political Economy of Gender Inequality, Graduate Course, BU, Fall 2019, 2021
Introduction to Comparative Politics, NYUAD, Spring 2019
Gender Revolutions & the State in India, Undergraduate, NYUAD, Jan. 2016, 2017

Comparative Politics of South Asia, Undergraduate Course, NYUAD, Fall 2014, 2015
Justice: Theory and Practice, Undergraduate Course, Fall 2015, 2016, Spring 2015,
2018, 2019
Politics Senior Honors Research Seminar I, II, Undergraduate Course, NYU NY
Fall 2013-Spring 2014
Graduate Teaching Instructor, The Political Economy of Development in Rural India,
Undergraduate Course (self-designed), Stanford University, Winter 2013
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Stanford University, 2009
Teaching Assistant, Theories of Civil Society, Philanthropy & Nonprofit Sector,
Stanford University, 2008
Teaching Assistant, NGOs and Development, Stanford University, 2007-08
Workshop Instructor, Evaluating Social Programs, MIT JPAL Lab, Chennai, India,
Executive Education course for Public and Private Sector Professionals, 2007

- INVITED TALKS** Comparative Politics Speaker Series, Princeton University
- **2021**
 - Comparative Politics Colloquium, Vanderbilt University
 - Research Workshop in Political Economy, Harvard University
 - Complex Governance Seminar Series, American University
 - Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 - Empirical Studies on Women, Gender & Conflict, Cornell University
 - Politics of Development, Guest Lecturer for Prof. Nair, Harvard Kennedy School
 - Workshop on Gender and Politics in India, CCI, University of California at Berkeley
 - Institutions & Political Inequality Brownbag Research Seminar, WZB, Berlin

 - **2020**
 - Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale University
 - Frontiers in Global Development Seminar Series by the Departments of Politics and
Economics & the Batten School of Public Policy, University of Virginia
 - Empirical Gender Research Network (E-GEN), Junior Faculty Workshop, BU
 - Research in Comparative Politics Seminar, Political Science & Pardee School, BU
 - Institute for Economic Development Research Seminar, Boston University
 - Political Science Seminar, Northeastern University
 - Boston-Cambridge South Asia Reading Group Seminar, Harvard University
 - Politics of Development, Guest Lecturer for Prof. Cammet, Harvard University
 - Us & Them: Group Identity & Politics, Guest Lecture, Prof. Haas, Aarhus University

 - **2019**
 - Harvard-Brown-MIT Seminar on South Asian Politics, Harvard University
 - Seminar on the Rise of Authoritarian “Strongmen” Figures, Lakshmi Mittal and
Family South Asia Institute, Harvard University
 - DC Indian Political Economy Workshop, Carnegie Endowment for Peace & SAIS
 - “Invisible Institutionalism” Book Workshop, Onati, Spain
 - New Directions in Research on Identity and Governance, Monash University-Prato

 - **2018**
 - Comparative Politics Workshop, University of California at Berkeley
 - Institutions and Political Inequality Brownbag Research Seminar, WZB
 - E-GEN Junior Faculty Workshop, Vanderbilt University
 - Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI) Seminar, University of Pennsylvania

 - **2017**
 - Comparative Politics Workshop, Columbia University
 - Child Development in India: The 1st 4000 Days, CASI, University of Pennsylvania

 - **2016**
 - Comparative Government Coffee, Georgetown University
 - Presidential Panel: Gender & Political Economy, Southern Economics Association

CONFERENCES The Role of Law in Diverse Societies, Hebrew University, 2022
Gender and Politics in South Asia: The First Annual Indian Politics Workshop,
Center on Contemporary India, University of California at Berkeley, 2021
DC Political Economy of South Asia Workshop, Johns Hopkins-SAIS & Carnegie
Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC, 2019
American Political Science Association, 2009-2021
Development Economics and Policy Conference, Heidelberg University, 2016
European Conference on South Asia Studies, 2016
Midwest Political Science Association, 2015-17, 2020
Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2011, 2013-14, 2016
Book Workshop, NYU New York, 2015
Workshop on State Capacity in India, University of California, Berkeley, 2013
Modern South Asia Workshop, Yale University, 2013
Political Economy & Public Services Conference, CMPO, Bristol University, 2013
South Asia by the Bay Graduate Student Conference, Stanford University, 2012
Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet Conference in Public Economics,
Institute of Public Economics, Université d’Aix-Marseille, 2011

ACADEMIC SERVICE Journal reviewer for the *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*.

Editorial Board Member of *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*
Executive Board Member of the Empirical Gender Research Network (E-GEN)
EGEN 2020 Annual Workshop Organizer, with BU GDP Center, HCI, POWER.
E-GEN 2020 Graduate Student Work in Progress Conference, *Discussant*, Yale.
Host & Organizer of American Political Science Association, 2019 Middle East &
North Africa Workshop: “Women & Politics: MENA Experiences,” with Aili Tripp,
Hanane Darhour, Liv Tonnessen, and Naima Benlarabi, Summer-Fall 2019.
Lecturer, “Hope House” Halfway House for Women, Menlo Park, CA, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL Consultant, Google.org Land Transparency Team, Palo Alto, CA, 2013-14
Consultant, Self Employed Women’s Association (SEWA), Ahmedabad, India, 2010
Consultant, World Bank Rural Development Group, Andhra Pradesh, India, 2010
Program Coordinator, MIT Poverty Action Lab, India, 2005-2006
External Collaborator, International Labour Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, 2000

FIELD RESEARCH Bangladesh (Planned for March 2020; on hold due to COVID-19)
India, 2+ years: June-August 2007, 2008; November 2009–March 2011; January,
October, December 2014; January, March 2015; Jan. 2016; March 2017; Jan. 2020
-North East: Meghalaya (Shillong municipality); Mizoram (Aizawl district)
-North: Uttar Pradesh (Saharanpur), Haryana (Yamuna Nagar), Delhi
-South: Andhra Pradesh (Anantapur, Khammam, Krishna, Ranga Reddy, Vishakha-
patnam, and Vizianangaram districts)
-West: Maharashtra (Solapur district)

Senegal, 1 year, September 2001 – June 2002
-Dakar (Marché HLM); Kaolack (Society of Development & Textile Fibers)

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