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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.”

“Who Actually Governs? Inequalities and Political Representation in Rural India” (with Simon Chauchard and Alyssa Heinze). *Under Review*.

-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).

“Proxy Politics: Representation and Political Inequality in Rural India” (with Simon Chauchard and Alyssa Heinze). *Book Manuscript*.

-Pre-Analysis Plan registered with EGAP: See above.

“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 Symp: Land & Poverty in Sri Lanka. 2006. CPA: 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

Board of Trustees, BU Repr., *American Institute of Bangladesh Studies*, Jan 2022-.
Editorial Board Member, *Signs*, Fall 2020-Present.
Executive Board Member, *Empirical Gender Research Network*, 2019-2021.
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, *Research & Empirical Analysis of Labor Migration*, 2015-2018.

TEACHING

Gender & Global Politics, Undergraduate, BU (IR 354), Spring 2020, 2021, 2022
Quantitative Analysis for International Affairs, Graduate Required Course, BU (IR602), Spring 2020, 2021, 2022
Global Development Capstone, Graduate Research Seminar, BU (EC/IR 798), Fall 2021 (with Dilip Mookherjee)
Political Economy of Gender Inequality, Seminar, BU (IR591), 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, NYUAD, Fall 2014,15
 Justice: Theory and Practice, Undergraduate, NYUAD Fall 2015-2016, 2018-19
 Politics Senior Honors Research Seminar I-II, Undergraduate, NYU NY, 2013-14
 Graduate Teaching Instructor, The Political Economy of Development in Rural India,
 Undergraduate Course (self-designed), Stanford University, Winter 2013
 TA, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Stanford University, 2009
 TA, Theories of Civil Society, Philanthropy & Nonprofit Sector, Stanford, 2008
 TA, 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** Book Adda: Veeraraghavan (2021) *Patching Development*, Center for Contemporary
 – **2022** South Asia, Watson Institute, Brown University
 Comparative Politics Speaker Series, Princeton University
 Gender & Political Economy Book Panel, SFS, Georgetown University
 International Conference on the Role of Law in Diverse Societies, Hebrew University
 Politics Colloquium, School of Politics & Global Studies, Arizona State University
 Seminar, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford
- **2021** Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 Comparative Politics Colloquium, Vanderbilt University
 Complex Governance Seminar Series, American University
 Economic & Social Justice Workshop, Center for Economic Growth, Yale University
 Empirical Studies on Women, Gender & Conflict, Cornell University
 Gender and Politics in India Workshop, CCI, University of California at Berkeley
 Institutions & Political Inequality Brownbag Research Seminar, WZB, Berlin
 Politics of Development, Guest Lecturer for Prof. Nair, Harvard Kennedy School
 Research Workshop in Political Economy, Harvard University
- **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
 Institute for Economic Development Research Seminar, Boston University
 Junior Faculty Workshop, Empirical Gender Research Network (E-GEN), BU
 Political Science Seminar, Northeastern University (Postponed due to COVID-19)
 Politics of Development, Guest Lecturer for Prof. Cammet, Harvard University
 Research in Comparative Politics Seminar, Political Science & Pardee School, BU
 Seminar, Boston-Cambridge South Asia Reading Group, Harvard University
 Us & Them: Group Identity & Politics, Guest Lecture, Prof. Haas, Aarhus University
- **2019** Harvard-Brown-MIT Seminar on South Asian Politics, Harvard University
 “Invisible Institutionalism” Book Workshop, Onati, Spain
 New Directions in Research on Identity and Governance, Monash University-Prato
 Seminar on the Rise of Authoritarian “Strongmen” Figures, Lakshmi Mittal and
 Family South Asia Institute, Harvard University
- **2018** Comparative Politics Workshop, University of California at Berkeley
 Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI) Seminar, University of Pennsylvania
 Institutions and Political Inequality Brownbag Research Seminar, WZB
 Junior Faculty Workshop, Empirical Gender Research Network, Vanderbilt University

- 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 Gender & Political Economy Book Panel, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 2022
 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
 Workshop on Economic & Social Justice, Yale University, Economics, 2021
 American Political Science Association, Annual Conference, 2009-2021
 Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2011,13-14,16, 2021
 Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Conference, 2015-17, 2020
 DC Political Economy of South Asia Workshop, Johns Hopkins-SAIS & Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC, 2019
 Development Economics and Policy Conference, Heidelberg University, 2016
 European Conference on South Asia Studies, 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 Book reviewer for the *Cambridge University Press*, *Oxford University Press*, and *University of Chicago Press*.

Journal reviewer for the *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *British Journal of Comparative Political Science*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *European Economic Review*; *International Organization*; *Journal of Comparative Politics*; *Journal of Economics & Politics*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Politics & Gender*; *Politics, Groups, & Identities*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; and *World Politics*.

Editorial Board Member of *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 2020-
 Board of Trustees Member of the *American Institute of Bangladesh Studies*, 2022-
 Luebbert Book Prize Committee, *American Political Science Association*, 2022-23
 Diversity & Inclusion Committee, *Pardee School, Boston University*, 2021-23.
 Executive Board Member, *Empirical Gender Research Network (E-GEN)*, 2019-21.
 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**

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 & West: Andhra Pradesh (Anantapur, Khammam, Krishna, Ranga Reddy, Vishakhapatnam, and Vizianangaram), Maharashtra (Solapur district)

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

LANGUAGES

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

REFERENCES

Amaney Jamal. Dean, Princeton School for Public and International Affairs. Edwards S. Sanford Professor of Politics. Professor of Politics and International Affairs. Princeton University. *ajamal "at" princeton.edu*

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