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**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

2015- Associate Professor, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington  
 2015- Chair and Director, South Asian Studies Program and Center, University of Washington  
 2007-15 Assistant Professor, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington

**EDUCATION**

2007 Ph.D., Government, University of Texas, Austin  
 1995 B.A., Political Science, University of Chicago

**PUBLICATIONS****Books**

*Electrifying India: Regional political economies of development*, Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press, 2014.

*Awarded the Joseph W. Elder Prize in the Indian Social Sciences by the American Institute of Indian Studies.*

*Mapping Power: Political Economy of Electricity Distribution in India* (with Navroz K. Dubash and Ranjit Bhargavirkar); Under contract with Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2018.

**Books In Progress**

*The Political Idea of Yoga* (with Christian Lee Novetzke)

Under contract with Columbia University Press, forthcoming in 2019

*Corporations, the state, and rural development in India's new Company Villages*

Research and writing in progress for book manuscript

**Peer Reviewed Articles & Chapters**

2017 "Cutting Chai," *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 40.2: 294-96.

2014 "Structures of power: electricity in colonial India," *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 34.3: 454-475.

2014 "Natural resources, development strategies, and lower caste empowerment in India's mineral belt: Bihar and Odisha during the 1990s" (with Nimah Mazaheri), *Studies in Comparative International Development* 49.3: 343-369.

2013 "Democracy and the state in globalizing India: a case study of Odisha." *India Review*, 12.4: 245-259.

2009 "Inside out: India's global reorientation." *India Review* 8.1: 43-62.

2009 *India: Sixty Years On*, (ed. with Rahul Mukherji), Special issue, *India Review* 8.1.

2007 "The state of the States." In *The State of India's Democracy*. Edited by Larry Diamond, Sumit Ganguly, and Marc F. Plattner (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press).

2004 "Current reforms: the politics of policy change in India's electricity sector." *Pacific Affairs* 77.3: 467-491.

2002 "The political economy of India's second generation reforms." *Journal of Strategic Studies* 25.4 (Dec): 207-225. Reprinted in *India as an Emerging Power*, Edited by Sumit Ganguly. New Delhi: Oxford University Press: 207-225.

**Articles Under Review & In Progress**

- “Legal Yoga,” with Christian Lee Novetzke, in *A History of Hindu Practice*, edited by Gavin Flood, Oxford University Press, forthcoming in 2018.
- “Indigenous politics, tribal homelands, and the impact of civil society organizations” (with Nimah Mazaheri); Under contract with Cambridge University Press as of Autumn 2017 for an edited volume on subnational comparison in comparative politics.
- “State-business relations in Odisha, India”; Under contract at Oxford University Press as of 2017 for an edited volume on state-business relations in contemporary India.
- “Solar 'power': Socio-political dynamics of infrastructural development in two Western Indian states” (with Siddharth Sareen); Under review at Energy Research and Social Science as of November 2017.

**Editorials and occasional pieces**

- 2017 “Yoga and the means and ends of secularism” (with Christian Lee Novetzke); Essay for the online magazine, *The Wire* (India), June 21.
- 2016 “Some reflections on yoga as political theology” (with Christian Lee Novetzke); Essay for the online magazine, *The Wire* (India), January 28.
- 2014 “Power to the people,” Op-ed for *Indian Express*, October 27.
- 2013 “Politics and the 2001 Census of India,” Newspapers in Education series: *Exploring Asia: Political Change in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, May.
- 2012 “How Colonial Legacies Still Shape Indian governance: Power and Telecommunications in Comparison,” (with Rahul Mukherji); Commentary for *Governance*, December.
- 2012 “India’s Dark Night: The politics behind the power failure,” (with Sumit Ganguly); Op-ed for *Foreign Affairs*, August 8.

**Book reviews and review essays**

- 2015 “Electricity Markets, Competition, and Independent Regulation,” Review essay of *Powering India: A decade of policies and regulations*, ed., S. L. Rao, and *Electricity sector in India: Policy and regulation*, Alok Kumar and Sushanta K. Chatterjee for *Economic and Political Weekly* 50.15 (April 11): 29-34.
- 2011 *Everyday Nationalism: Women of the Hindu right in India* by Kalyani Devaki Menon, published online at H-Asia / H-Net, May.
- 2010 *Contemporary Debates in Indian Foreign and Security Policy* by Harsh Pant, *Review of Politics* 72: 178-180.
- 2002 *India: Emerging Power* by Stephen P. Cohen, *Current History* 101.654: 187.
- 2001 *Environment and National Security: The Case of South Asia* by Narottam Gaan. Published in *Environmental Change and Security Project*. Woodrow Wilson Center No. 7: 173-174.

**FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS****Post-graduate**

- 2015-16 Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award
- 2015-16 American Institute of Indian Studies Senior Research Fellowship (declined)
- 2014 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Area and International Studies competition, award for “Extraction, Contention, Development,” Conference and colloquium series
- 2013 Joseph W. Elder Prize in the Indian Social Sciences by the American Institute of Indian Studies, awarded to book manuscript *Electrifying India*
- 2011-12 Society of Scholars Fellowship, Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington
- 2012 Curriculum Development Grant, South Asia Center, University of Washington

- 2010-11 Distinguished Teaching Award Nominee, University of Washington  
 2010 Curriculum Development Grant, Center for Global Studies, University of Washington  
 2009 Curriculum Development Grant, South Asia Center, University of Washington  
 2009 Simpson Center for the Humanities, Co-PI, "Metropolis and Micro-politics"  
 2008 Curriculum Development Grant, Center for Global Studies, University of Washington

### ***Graduate***

- 2004-05 Bess Heflin Endowment Fellowship, Liberal Arts Dean's Office, UT Austin  
 2004 Ward Fellowship, Liberal Arts Dean's Office, UT Austin  
 2003-04 Malcolm Macdonald Graduate Fellowship, Government Department, UT Austin  
 2002-03 Priscilla M. Boughton-Stanley A. Kochanek Graduate Fellowship in Indian Studies, American Institute of Indian Studies  
 2002 Macdonald Research Fellowship, Government Department, UT Austin  
 2002 Bruton Fellowship, UT Austin, Summer  
 2000 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Marathi, Summer

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### ***Invited academic talks and workshop presentations***

- 2018 Singapore Management University, Workshop on "Land Dispossession in China and India," July 27-29 (forthcoming)  
 2018 Columbia University Seminar on South Asia, "Yoga and Political Theory," April 9 (forthcoming)  
 2018 University of New Orleans, Roundtable speaker at conference on "Electrifying the World: Toward a Global History of Light and Power," March 26-7 (forthcoming)  
 2018 Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata, Political Economy Module of Indo-German Collaboration, "Metamorphosis of the Political," January 11-12 (forthcoming)  
 2017 University of Victoria, BC, Centre for the Studies in Religion and Society seminar series, "Yoga as Politics: an Alternative History," November 23  
 2017 University of Chicago, South Asia seminar series, "The Company Village: Development and corporate social responsibility in eastern India," May 11  
 2017 National University Singapore, Workshop on "Political Theologies of Development in Asia," February 21  
 2016 Xavier's University Bhubaneswar (XUB), "Corporations, the state, and rural development in India's new *Company Villages*," November 25  
 2016 Azim Premji University, Bangalore, "Corporations, the state, and rural development in India's new *Company Villages*," November 18  
 2016 Rice University, Discussion of *Electrifying India* for "Cultures of Energy," Center for Energy and Environmental Research in the Human Sciences, Podcast episode #27: <http://culturesofenergy.com/ep-27-sunila-kale/>, August 5  
 2016 Princeton University Institute for International and Regional Studies, "Capital and the state in an extractive economy," participant in workshop on "Business and Politics in India," May 6-7  
 2016 University of Texas, Austin: "Structures of Power: Electrification in colonial India," Institute for Historical Studies, speaker series on Histories of Light and Dark, February 22  
 2015 UCLA, Workshop: Infrastructure in India, "Electrifying India: Paradigms of Power, Old and New," May 16  
 2014 Brown-Harvard-MIT Joint Seminar on South Asian Politics, Presentation on book, *Electrifying India*, Providence, Rhode Island, November 7  
 2014 University of Pennsylvania, Workshop on Indian political economy hosted by Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI), June 6-7

- 2014 Harvard University, Workshop on “Subnational Research in Comparative Politics,” Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, March 7-8
- 2013 University of South Carolina, “Federalism, governance, and the challenge of electrifying India,” Political Science Workshop, November 8
- 2013 Centre for Policy Research, Presentation on *Electrifying India*, New Delhi, Apr. 8
- 2013 Prayas Energy Group, Presentation on *Electrifying India*, Pune, India, April 29
- 2013 Xavier’s Institute of Management, Presentation on *Electrifying India*, Bhubaneswar, India, July 19
- 2012 Sichuan University, “India’s regional political economies of development: public goods and state capacity in comparative perspective,” Conference on urban and rural development in China and India, Chengdu, China, September 20-21
- 2011 Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), “The economic margins of globalizing India: Bihar, Orissa, and the politics of development,” Conference on India as a Global Power, Trondheim, Norway, October 3-4
- 2011 University of Hull, “Subnational political economies in postcolonial India,” Conference on South Asia in Transition, Hull, UK, August 25-27
- 2010 Xavier’s Institute of Management, “Notes on fieldwork,” PhD colloquium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India, June 30
- 2009 Indiana University, “State politics and the ‘resource curse’ in India,” India Studies colloquium, Bloomington, Indiana, December 4
- 2008 National University of Singapore, “The transformation of India’s global economic relations,” Conference on the Indian state: sixty years on, May 19-20
- 2006 University of Pennsylvania, “The Promise and Challenge of India’s Democracy,” Asia Day, February 16
- 2006 University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, “Politics in post-Independence India,” Wharton India Global Immersion Program, November 21
- 2003 World Resources Institute and Thailand Environment Institute, “Workshop on Electricity Governance in Asia,” Bangkok, Thailand, December 3-4
- 2003 University of Pennsylvania, Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies, “Political Economy of India, 1947 to the present,” December 8

### ***Public talks***

- 2017 Asia Business Forum, “Outlook for Asia’s Economic powerhouses under Trump’s Trade Policy,” Seattle, Washington, March 2
- 2016 Asia Business Forum, “The Indian Economy,” Bellevue, Washington, February 9
- 2015 “Modi’s India,” World Affairs Council, Olympia, Washington, November 18
- 2012 Washington Trade Alliance, Roundtable discussion on US-India trade relations, Seattle, Washington, January 10
- 2011 US-India Trade Forum, “A comparative survey of Indian states,” Washington D.C., December 1
- 2010 University Women’s Club, “India and the Global Financial Crisis,” lecture for the World Affairs Lecture Series, Seattle, Washington, April 29
- 2009 Seattle Asian Art Museum, “Trysts with Destiny: India after Independence,” talk for Saturday University lecture series: *Asia in Focus*, October 10
- 2008 Seattle World Affairs Council, “Politics, Society, and Economy in Contemporary India,” Seattle, Washington, June 18

### ***Presentations at Annual conferences and meetings***

- American Political Science Association Meetings: 2006, 2010, 2011, 2015
- Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI: 2004, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014
- Association of Asian Studies: 2015, 2018

South Asia Conference of the Pacific Northwest: 2010, 2016  
 International Maharashtra Studies Conference: 2003

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Lead Researcher for “Mapping Power,” a political economy analysis of India’s energy politics funded by Regulatory Assistance Project, 2016-17  
 Field Research in Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Odisha, India, 2002-2003; field research in Odisha, India in 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016  
 Research Associate, Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania, 2005-07  
 Researcher and Writer, Program on Governance in the Arab World (POGAR), United Nations Development Program, 2000-2001; researcher for collaborative project to document and analyze legal regimes across the Middle East and North Africa  
 Associate Researcher / Biographer, William O’Neil & Co., Inc., 2000; author of biography of M. K. Gandhi for a project on the qualities that characterize inspiring public figures

### **TEACHING**

#### ***University of Washington***

Rise of Asia JSIS 203 (undergrad lecture): Aut 2017  
 Government and Politics of South Asia JSIS 340 / POL S 340 (undergrad lecture): Spr 2008, Spr 2009, Aut 2012, Aut 2013, Win 2015  
 Interdisciplinary Study of South Asia JSIS 509 (graduate seminar): Aut 2007, Win 2009, Aut 2009, Win 2011, Win 2012, Win 2014, Win 2015  
 Capitalism: Past and Present JSIS 498 (undergrad seminar): Spr 2015, Aut 2015  
 Political Economy of Development JSIS 331 (undergrad lecture): Spr 2010, Aut 2010, Spr 2014, Spr 2015, Win 2017  
 Political Economy of Development JSIS 331 (online undergrad course): Aut 2015, Spr 2017  
 Political Economy of India JSIS 471 / POL S 471 (undergrad seminar): Aut 2009, Aut 2010  
 Contemporary India and Pakistan JSIS 206 (undergrad lecture): Win 2010, Win 2011, Win 2014  
 Political Economy of Development JSIS 590 (graduate seminar): Spr 2009

#### ***Other Teaching***

Creative Retirement Institute (CRI), Edmonds Community College, “Politics and Society in India,” Autumn 2014  
 Alliance for Global Education Summer Study Abroad Program in Pune, India; “Contemporary India,” Summer 2009  
 Fulbright Group Projects Abroad; designed and led three-week intensive study tour for secondary school teachers; University of Pennsylvania, South Asia Studies Center, Summer 2005

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

#### ***Manuscript and Proposal Reviewer***

MIT Press; National Science Foundation; Cambridge University Press; Oxford University Press; *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*; *Governance*; *Economics of Governance*; *Nations and Nationalism*; *Studies in Comparative International Development*; *Modern Asian Studies*; *India Review*; *Political Research Quarterly*

#### ***Service to Professional Organizations and Editorial Bodies***

Board of Trustees Member, American Institute of Indian Studies (elected position), 2016-19  
 Coordination Committee Member, Political Economy Module, Indo-German collaboration, “Metamorphoses of the Political,” 2016-19  
*India Review*, Reviews Editor, 2009-2015, Contributing Editor, 2004-Pres.; Assistant Editor, 1999-2002  
*The Tribal Tribune*, (India) Editorial Board Member, 2011-present

American Political Science Association, Comparative Democratization Section, Best Fieldwork Prize Committee, 2010-11

***University of Washington Departmental and University Service***

Chair and Director, South Asian Studies Center and Program, 2015-present

Comparative History of Ideas (CHID) Faculty Board Member, 2017-2020

PhD Committee, Jackson School of International Studies, 2017-2019

Graduate Program Chair, South Asian Studies, 2013-2015

Executive Committee Member, Global Studies, 2013-2014

Selections Committee Member, Luce Scholars Program, 2011, 2012, 2013

Executive Council Member, JSIS (elected position), 2009-2012

Undergraduate Admissions and Curriculum Reform Committee, Global Studies, 2010-2012

Graduate Program Committee Member, Global Studies, 2007-2010

Graduate Admissions Committee Member, International Studies, 2007-2009

Royalty Research Fund reviewer, 2009

**LANGUAGES**

Marathi, Hindi, French