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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**University of Toronto.** Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure track), 2014 – current.

**Institute for Conflict Management, New Delhi.** Research Associate, 2001-2003.

**EDUCATION**

**Yale University,** Ph.D. in Political Science (2014).

*Dissertation Title:* Colonial Origins of Maoist Insurgency in India: Historical Legacies of British Indirect Rule

**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2003- 2005.** M.A. in Political Science.

**Jawaharlal Nehru University, School of International Studies, New Delhi, India, 1998-2000.**  
M.A. in International Relations. Ranked first in class.

**Hindu College, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India, 1995-1998.** B.A. (honors) in Economics.

**BOOK MANUSCRIPT (under preparation)**

This is based on my dissertation and demonstrates how different types of colonial indirect rule in India set up the long term structural conditions for Maoist insurgency using qualitative and quantitative analysis. Nested within an all India quantitative analysis that develops a new instrument for colonial choice of indirect rule to address selection issues, the book focuses on two states of Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh using new sub-district state constituency level datasets, and archival and field work data collected in insurgency zones in these states. The generalizability of the theory is tested on other cases in Asia like Taliban insurgency in Pakistan, ethnic insurgencies in Myanmar, and the Kashmir and North East secessionist conflict in India.

**PUBLICATIONS**

- “Colonial Origins of Maoist Insurgency in India: Long Term Effects of Indirect Rule—Chapter 5: Econometric analysis of spatial variation in Maoist insurgency in India”, CASI Working Paper Series No. 13-01, January 2013. <https://casi.sas.upenn.edu/content/colonial-origins-maoist-insurgency-india-long-term-effects-indirect-rule-shivaji-mukherjee>
- “Why are the Longest Insurgencies Low Violence? Politician Motivations, Sons of the Soil and Civil War Duration”. *Civil Wars*, Volume 16, Issue 2, 2014. <http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/fciv20/current#.VGKjLMkxrRs>
- “Colonial Origins of Maoist Insurgency in India: Historical Indirect Rule Institutions and Civil War.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Forthcoming. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002717727818>
- “Insurgencies in India - Origins and Causes”, in Sumit Ganguly, Manjeet Pardesi, Nicolas Blarel (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of India’s National Security*. Forthcoming in 2018.
- “Insurgency and counter insurgency in South Asia”, in Sumit Ganguly, Joseph Liow and Andrew Scobell (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Asian Security Studies, 2nd edition*. Forthcoming in 2017.

**PAPERS UNDER REVIEW / REVISE AND RESUBMIT**

- “Historical Legacies of Colonial Indirect Rule: Princely States and Maoist insurgency in Central India.” *Revise and Resubmit*.

- “Colonial Legacies, Internal Colonialism and Sons of the Soil insurgency: Maoist conflict in Chhattisgarh, India”. *Under Review*.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

- “Does Colonial Indirect Rule always lead to more development and state capacity in India? Variation in types of indirect rule in India.”
- “Pre-colonial conflict and state capacity in India” (co-authored project)
- “Subnational variation in counter insurgency against the Maoist insurgency in India.”
- “Elections and Maoist Insurgency in India.”

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Courses taught:**

#### ***University of Toronto Mississauga, undergraduate level courses.***

- POL 304 Y5Y: Politics of South Asia (year long course). Fall 2013-Spring 2014, Fall 2014-Spring 2015, Spring 2016 (taught intensively in one semester), Fall 2016-Spring 2017.
- POL 487 H5S: Insurgency, Terrorism and Violence in South Asia. Spring 2017.

#### ***University of Toronto St. George, graduate level courses.***

- POL 443/2322 H: Civil War and Political Violence. Undergraduates and MA students. Spring 2014, Spring 2015.
- POL 2505 H: Qualitative Methods (for PhD students), Spring 2016, Spring 2017. *This is a mandatory methods course for PhD students at U Toronto.*

#### ***Yale University***

- PLSC S116: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Summer Session 2012 (July 10-August 10).

Developed and taught 5 week intensive course to Yale Summer Session students, involving two 3 hour lectures per week.

## **INVITED TALKS**

- July 2016: Indiana university workshop on chapters for Oxford Handbook, presented chapter on ‘India’s Insurgencies’
- May 2016: Stanford workshop on Colonial Legacies in South Asia.
- April 28-30<sup>th</sup>, 2016: OSU workshop on comparative colonialism.
- April 14-15<sup>th</sup>, 2016: Upenn CASI workshop on Security in South Asia.
- November 2015, HiCN conference, U Toronto.
- February 26, 2015: Institute for the Study of International Development (ISID) Speaker Series, McGill.
- September 12, 2014: MIT, Brown/Harvard/MIT South Asia Seminar Series.
- February 7, 2014: Princeton Workshop on Maoist Insurgency in India, Princeton University.
- March 5-6, 2013: “Agrarian Crisis in India” conference, Cornell University. Participant and paper discussant for panel on ‘Violence as Response to Crisis’.
- November 9, 2010: Yale Law School Panel on Insurgency and Counter Insurgency in South Asia. Presentation on ‘Counter Insurgency against Naxals’

## **CONFERENCES**

- “Colonial Legacies, Internal Colonialism and Sons of the Soil insurgency: Maoist conflict in Chhattisgarh, India”. Presented at APSA 2017, South Asia Madison conference 2017, ISA 2018.
- “Colonial Origins of Maoist Insurgency in India: Historical Legacies of British Indirect Rule”. Presented at APSA 2013, 2014, 2016. MPSA 2012. Annual Conference of South Asia, Wisconsin Madison, 2013, 2014, 2015.
- “Spatial Variation in Maoist Insurgency in Chhattisgarh”. Annual Conference of South Asia, Wisconsin Madison, 2011, 2012. Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale University, 2011. APSA 2016.
- “Sub National Variation within India in counter insurgency against Maoists”. ISA 2011.

## **RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS and GRANTS**

Connaught New Scholars Grant, University of Toronto

2015

Dean's Fund Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto Mississauga	2014
George W. Leitner International and Comparative Political Economy Grant, Yale University	2010, 2012
National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant	2011-2012
John F. Enders Summer Grant, Yale University	2010
Peace Scholar dissertation grant, United States Institute for Peace (USIP)	2008
MacMillan Center dissertation grant, Yale University	2008
George W. Leitner pre-dissertation grant, Yale University	2007
Agrarian Studies pre dissertation summer grant, Yale University	2007
Graduate Student Fellowship, Yale University	2005-2012
Summer research collaboration grant, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan	2004
Summer "Play for Peace" Fellowship, International Institute, University of Michigan	2004

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / ACTIVITIES

### *University of Toronto:*

- Core faculty, Center for South Asian Studies (CSAS), Asian Institute, Munk School.
- Program organizing committee, Center for South Asian Civilizations (CSAC), University of Toronto, Mississauga – helping to plan various workshops and events in 2017-18. Organizing a workshop on **Radical Politics in South Asia** in March 2018, in which Nandini Sundar, Bela Bhatia and other scholars are being invited from India. This initiative is supported by the UTM Dean's office.
- University of Toronto St. George, Graduate department of Political Science — member of Review committee for SSHRC, Trudeau, OGS and Dissertation field work grant for PhD students; 2013-14, 2016-17, 2017-18.
- University of Toronto Mississauga, Research Council Member, for evaluating internal grant applications by UTM Faculty; 2015-16, 2017-18.
- Ph.D. Committee Member at U Toronto:
  - Charles Laratt-Smith, 6th year PhD student,
    - Topic: FARC insurgency in Colombia.
    - Committee member since 2014; chaired by Lee Ann Fujii.
  - Aden Dur e Aden, 3<sup>rd</sup> year PhD student
    - Topic: Recruitment of Western foreign fighters to ISIS
    - Committee member since summer 2017; chaired by Lee Ann Fujii
  - Nidhi Panwar, 1<sup>st</sup> year PhD student joining Fall 2017. I supported her application and proposed to provide funding for RA ship in consultation with graduate office.
    - Topic: Religious nationalism and insurgency in India
    - I expect to be a committee member, since she applied to work with me.
- Ph.D. student informal advising and mentoring – I regularly meet these students and mentor them
  - Faisal Kamal, 4<sup>th</sup> year PhD student, Topic: Democracy and Nationalism in South Asia
  - Nicolas Conserva, 4<sup>th</sup> year PhD student, Topic: Political Economy of Industry in Italy
  - Yao Wen, 4<sup>th</sup> year PhD student, Topic: China and Great Power Status.
- Undergraduate Independent Reading Supervision: Amna Khan (Elections in Pakistan), Mohammad Azhar (Political Economy of India and Pakistan).

### *Yale University (PhD phase)*

- Student Associate, Program in Order, Conflict and Violence, Yale University.
- Research Assistant, South Asian Studies Council, Yale University, 2009-2010.
- Student Convener of *South Asia Graduate Student Colloquium*, 2007 & 2009-2010, South Asian Studies Council, Yale University.

### *Discipline*

- Reviewer for *World Politics*, *American Political Science Review*, *International Security*, *Security Studies*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American political Science Association, 2011-2017

Midwest Political Science Association, 2012-2014  
International Studies Association, 2013-2014

## SKILL SET

- *Languages*: Fluent in English, Hindi, Bengali, beginner level Assamese.
- *Statistical and Computer Skills*: STATA, SPSS, MS Office. Econometrics sequence at Yale Political Science.
- *Ethnography skills*: Conducted around 110 interviews with police, human rights activists, journalists, politicians and a few Maoists in West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during dissertation field work. Taken course on 'Qualitative Methods' with Professor Elisabeth Wood.
- *Professional Training*: Participant in the Training Course on Rational Choice by Prof. James Johnson, NYU at the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan.

## REFERENCES

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