

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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## **EDUCATION**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA

Ph.D. in Political Science, 1990, Daniel Lerner Prize for Best Dissertation, 1991

S.M. in Political Science, 1985

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

M.Phil. Studies, School of International Studies, 1977-78

University of Allahabad, Allahabad, India

Masters in Political Science (1977), and B.A. (1975), both in First Class

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Sol Goldman Professor of International Studies and the Social Sciences, Brown University (2011- )

Professor of Political Science, Brown University (2009- )

Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (2003-8).

Associate Professor of Political Science, with tenure, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (2001-3).

Associate Professor of Government, with tenure, University of Notre Dame (1999-2001)

Associate Professor of Political Science, Columbia University (1998-99)

McGill University, tenured offer (not accepted), 1996

Associate Professor of Government, Harvard University (1993-98)

Assistant Professor of Government, Harvard University (1989-1993)

## **VISITING AND OTHER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Visiting Fellow, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School, 2019-2020

Visiting Fellow, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, India, 2015-2021

Distinguished Visitor, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, July 2017

Raja Ramanna Visiting Professor, National Institute of Advanced Study, Bangalore, India, 2013-14  
Visiting Fellow, Center for Public Policy, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, India, 2012-  
VKRV Rao Visiting Professor, Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India, 2010-2011  
Visiting Professor, Yale-Macedonia Seminar on Conflict, Olympia, Greece, July 2010  
Visiting Professor, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, summer 2005.  
Visiting Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, UK, 2004.  
Academic Advisor, Harvard Academy of Area and International Studies, Harvard University, 1996-7.  
Visiting Fellow, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, India, Fall 1993.  
Visiting Fellow, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK, Summer 1993.

## CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECT

“Citizenship, Urban Governance and Public Service Delivery in India” (in collaboration with Patrick Heller and Siddharth Swaminathan. Funded by the Ford Foundation. 2019- )

## BOOKS

*Battles Half Won: India's Improbable Democracy*  
Penguin Viking, 2013. Paperback edition, 2014;  
Oxford University Press USA edition, *forthcoming*  
Translated in Hindi, Oxford University Press, 2018. Tamil translation *forthcoming*.

*Collective Violence in Indonesia*,  
Editor and contributor. Based in part on a special issue of the *Journal of East Asian Studies*, guest edited. Lynne Rienner, 2010.

*Midnight's Diaspora: Encounters with Salman Rushdie*  
Co-editor (with Daniel Herwitz) and contributor, University of Michigan Press, 2008; Penguin Viking, Delhi, 2009.  
Based on a collective engagement of philosophers, social scientists, literary critics and novelists with Salman Rushdie's ideas on nationalism, religion and identity, along with his response.

*India and the Politics of Developing Countries: Essays in Memory of Myron Weiner*  
Editor and contributor. Based in part on a special issue of *Asian Survey*. Sage Publications, 2004.

*Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life: Hindus and Muslims in India*  
Published in the US by Yale University Press, 2002, Second (paperback) edition, 2003. Published in India by Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2002, Second (paperback) edition, 2004, Fifth printing 2015. Published in Pakistan by Oxford University Press, Karachi, 2003. Translated in Hindi, 2005, and Bahasa Indonesia, 2010.  
Winner of the Gregory Luebbert Prize, American Political Science Association (APSA) for the best book in Comparative Politics in 2002-3; *Choice Magazine's* outstanding academic book of 2002; Kiriya Prize Notable, Non-fiction category, 2002.

*India in the Era of Economic Reforms*  
Co-edited with Jeffrey Sachs and N. Bajpai. Oxford University Press, 1999; paperback edition, 2000.

*Democracy, Development and the Countryside: Urban-Rural Struggles in India*  
Cambridge University Press, 1995; paperback edition, 1998. Winner of the Daniel Lerner Prize in its PhD dissertation form, MIT, 1990. Indian edition published by Foundation Books (Delhi) in 1996.

*Beyond Urban Bias*,  
Editor and contributor. Based on a special issue of the *Journal of Development Studies* guest edited. Frank Cass,

1993.

### **Special Issues of Journals (Guest Edited)**

*Studies in Comparative International Development*, “Populism and Nationalism”, June 2021.

*World Development*, “Ethnic Strife: A Multidisciplinary Perspective”, guest coedited with Ravi Kanbur (Cornell University) and Prem Rajaram (Central European University), February 2011

*Journal of East Asian Studies*, “Collective Violence in Indonesia”, October 2010

*Journal of Development Studies*, “Beyond Urban Bias”, July 1993.

### **ACADEMIC ARTICLES**

#### ***Forthcoming***

“The Rich Have Peers, The Poor Have Patrons”: Engaging the State in a South Indian City”, co-authored with Patrick Heller and Siddharth Swaminathan, *American Journal of Sociology*, *forthcoming* in July 2023.

“Communalism”, Oxford Handbook of Indian Politics, eds. S. Ganguly and E. Sridharan, *forthcoming* in 2023.

#### ***Published***

“How India’s Ruling Party Erodes Democracy”, *Journal of Democracy*, October 2022.

“India’s Democratic Longevity and its Troubled Trajectory”, in Scott Mainwaring and Tarek Masoud, eds, *Democracy in Hard Places*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2022.

“Merit in the Mirror of Democracy: Caste and Affirmative Action in India”, in Tarun Khanna and Michael Szonyi, eds, *Making Meritocracy: Lessons from China and India, from Antiquity to the Present*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2022.

“Populism and Nationalism: Similarities and Differences”, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, June 2021.

“Populism and Hindu Nationalism in India”, with S. Ayyangar and S. Swaminathan, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, June 2021

“What we can learn from India’s Improbable Democracy”, *Boston Review*, August 10, 2020.

“Electoral Vibrancy, Liberal Deficits”, *Journal of Democracy*, October 2019.

“The Emergence of Right-Wing Populism in India”, in Niraja Gopal Jayal, *Re-Forming India*, Penguin Viking, 2019.

“Can Citizenship Abate Class? Evidence and Reflections from a South Indian City”, (with Ebony Bertorelli, Patrick Heller and Siddharth Swaminathan), *Economic and Political Weekly*, 52 (32), August 12, 2017.

“India at 70: Growth, Inequalities and Nationalism”, *Journal of Democracy*, July 2017.

- “When Large Conflicts Subside: The Ebbs and Flow of Violence in Post-Suharto Indonesia”, with Patrick Barron and Sana Jaffrey, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, July 2016.
- "Lloyd and Susanne Rudolph: A Tribute", *Economic and Political Weekly*, March 12, 2016.
- “Asian Democracy through an Indian Prism”, *The Journal of Asian Studies*, November 2015.
- “India’s Watershed Vote: Hindu Nationalism in Power”, *Journal of Democracy*, October 2014.
- “How has Indian Federalism Done?” *Studies in Indian Politics*, June 2013.
- “Sparks and Fires: Revisiting the Role of the State in Communal Violence”, (with Joshua Gubler), in Atul Kohli and Perna Singh, eds, *Routledge Handbook of Indian Politics*, London: Routledge, 2013.
- “Caste and Entrepreneurship in India”, (with Lakshmi Iyer and Tarun Khanna), *Economic and Political Weekly*, February 9, 2013.
- “Does the State Promote Communal Violence for Electoral Reasons?”, (with Joshua Gubler), *India Review*, 11(3), August 2012.
- “Discovering ‘State-Nations’”, *Journal of Democracy*, April 2012.
- “Battles Half Won: Political Economy of India’s Growth and Economic Policy Since Independence”, (with Sadiq Ahmed), in Chetan Ghate, ed, *Oxford Handbook of Indian Economy*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- “Two Banks of the Same River? Rising North-South Economic Divergence in India”, in Partha Chatterjee and Ira Katznelson, eds, *Anxieties of Democracy: Tocquevillian Reflections on India and the United States*, Oxford University Press, 2012.
- “Ethnic Diversity and Ethnic Tensions: An Interdisciplinary Perspective” (with Ravi Kanbur and Prem Rajaram), *World Development*, February 2011.
- “Comment on Iyer”, in Y.J. Lustin and B. Plesovic, eds, *Annual World Bank Conference on Development Economics 2009, Global: People, Politics, and Globalization*, Washington: World Bank Publications, 2010.
- “Final Reflections: Looking Back, Moving Forward”, (with Patrick Barron, Sana Jaffrey and Blair Palmer), in Ashutosh Varshney, ed, *Collective Violence in Indonesia*, Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2010.
- "Three Compromised Nationalisms: Why Kashmir Has Been a Problem" in Raju Thomas, ed, *Perspectives on Kashmir*, Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1992. To be reprinted in S. Baruah, ed, *Ethnonationalism in India*, Oxford University Press, 2010.
- “Who Benefits from Conflict? Evidence from Assam”, (with Deepa Narayan and Binayak Sen), in Deepa Narayan, eds, *Moving Out of Poverty*, Washington DC: The World Bank Press, 2009.
- “Poverty and Famines: An Extension”, in K. Basu and R. Kanbur, eds, *Arguments for a Better World Essays in Honor of Amartya Sen, Vol. II: Society, Institutions and Development*, Oxford University Press, 2009.
- “Ethnocommunal Conflict, Islam and Civil Society”, in Alfred Stepan, ed, *Endangered Democracies*, The Johns Hopkins University Press. 2009.
- “Analyzing Collective Violence in Indonesia: An Introduction”, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, Winter 2008.

“Creating Datasets in Information-Poor Environments: Patterns of Collective Violence in Indonesia (1990-2003)”, a large-n study of all acts of group violence (1990-2003), with Rizal Panggabean and Mohammed Zulfan Tadjoeddin, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, Winter 2008.

“Self-Inflicted Injuries, Recuperative Possibilities: Was Pakistan Insufficiently Imagined?” in D. Herwitz and A. Varshney, eds, *Midnight's Diaspora: Critical Encounters with Salman Rushdie*, an edited volume, University of Michigan Press, 2008.

“India’s Democratic Challenge”, *Foreign Affairs*, March-April 2007.

"Mass Politics or Elite Politics? India’s Economic Reforms in Comparative Perspective”, *Journal of Policy Reform*, December 1998. Also, reprinted in Sachs, Varshney and Bajpai, eds, *India in the Era of Economic Reform* and Rahul Mukherjee, ed, *India’s Political Economy: A Reader*, Oxford University Press, 2007.

“Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict”, in Carles Boix and Susan Stokes, eds, *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*, Oxford University Press, 2007.

"Is India Becoming More Democratic?", *Journal of Asian Studies*, February 2000. Reprinted in Ishita Banerjee, ed, *Caste in History*, Oxford University Press, 2007.

“India's Identity Politics Then and Now” (with Vibha Pingle), in David Kelley and Ramkishan Rajan, eds, *Managing Globalization: Lessons from India and China*, Singapore: World Scientific Book Corporation on behalf of the Lee Kuan Yew Center for Public Policy, 2006.

“Recognizing the Methodological Trade Offs We Make”, *Qualitative Methodology*, Spring 2006.

“Antecedent Nationhood, Subsequent Statehood: Explaining the Success of Indian Federalism” (with Amit Ahuja), in Phillip Roeder and Donald Rothchild, eds, *Sustaining Peace*, Cornell University Press, 2005.

“An Electoral Theory of Communal Violence?”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, September 24, 2005.

“India and China: The New Asian Drama”, *Perspectives on Politics*, September 2005.

“Democracy and Poverty”, in Deepa Narayan, ed, *Measuring Empowerment*, Washington: The World Bank Publications, 2005.

“Ethnic Conflict and Civil Society: India and Beyond”, *World Politics*, April 2001. Runner-up, Gregory Luebbert Award for the best article in comparative politics, Comparative Politics Organized section, American Political Science Association, 2001 and 2002. Also reprinted in Matthew Evangelista, ed, *Peace Studies: Critical Concepts in Political Science*, Routledge, 2005; Steven Wilkinson, ed, *Religious Politics and Communal Violence*, Oxford University Press, 2005; and Carolyn Elliott, ed, 2003, *Civil Society and Democracy: A Reader*, Oxford University Press, 2003.

“States or Cities? Communal Violence in India”, in Rob Jenkins, ed, *Regional Reflections: State-Level Factors in Indian Politics*, Oxford University Press, 2004

“Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict and Rationality”, *Perspectives on Politics*, March 2003.

“Understanding Gujarat Violence” *Items and Issues*, (Social Science Research Council, New York), Fall 2002.

"Towards Moderate Pluralism: Democracy and India’s Political Parties", (with E. Sridharan) in Larry Diamond and Richard Gunther, eds, *Political Parties and Democracy*, the Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002.

- “Constitutional Design and Ethnic Pluralism in India”, (with David Stuligross), in Andrew Reynolds, ed, *The Architecture of Democracy*, Oxford University Press, 2002.
- "Ancient Hatreds?", *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, editors-in-chief Neil Smelser and Paul Baltes, Pergamon Press, 2001.
- “Research as a Cumulative Process of Inquiry: The Field of Ethnic Conflict”, *Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, March 2001
- “Why have Poor Democracies Not Eliminated Poverty? A Suggestion,” *Asian Survey*, September-October 2000.
- “Preface” (With Jeffrey Sachs and N. Bajpai), *India in the Era of Economic Reforms*, paperback edition, Oxford University Press, 2000.
- “Cultures and Modes of Rationality”, *APSA--CP*, Summer 1997. Translated in French and published in *Critique Internationale*, Autumn 1999.
- "The Politics and Economics of India's Reforms: An Introduction", (with Jeffrey Sachs and N. Bajpai), *India in the Era of Economic Reforms*, Oxford University Press, 1999.
- “India: Why Democracy Has Survived”, *Journal of Democracy*, July 1998.
- “India’s 12th National Elections”, *Contemporary Asia Series*, New York: Asia Society, February 1998.
- "Postmodernism, Civic Engagement, and Ethnic Conflict: A Passage to India", *Comparative Politics*, October 1997.
- “Classes, like Ethnic Groups, are Imagined Communities”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, July 12, 1997.
- "The Self-Correcting Mechanisms of Indian Democracy", *Seminar*, January 1995. Reprinted in *Harvard Asia-Pacific Review*, Fall 1996.
- "Hindu-Muslim Violence in India (1960-93): New Findings, Possible Remedies", (with Steven Wilkinson), *Special Paper Series*, the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi, May 1996.
- "Democracy in India", in Seymour Martin Lipset, ed, *The Encyclopedia of Democracy*, Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1995.
- “Mahatma Gandhi”, in S.M. Lipset, ed, *The Encyclopedia of Democracy*, Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1995.
- “Jawaharlal Nehru”, in S.M. Lipset, ed, *The Encyclopedia of Democracy*, Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1995.
- "Strategy in Industrial Development: India and South Korea", *India International Centre Quarterly*, Winter 1994.
- "Urban Bias in Perspective", *The Journal of Development Studies*, July 1993.
- "Self-Limited Empowerment: Democracy, Economic Development and Rural India", *The Journal of Development Studies*, July 1993.
- "Contested Meanings: Hindu Nationalism, India's National Identity, and the Politics of Anxiety", *Daedalus*, Summer 1993.
- "Battling the Past, Forging a Future? India Politics in Transition", *India Briefing 1993*, Boulder, CO: Westview

Press, 1993.

"Liberalism versus Nationalism in India", *Journal of Democracy*, July 1992.

"India, Pakistan and Kashmir: Antinomies of Nationalism", *Asian Survey*, November 1991.

"Ideas, Interests and Institutions in Policy Change: Transformation of India's Agricultural Strategy in the Mid-1960s", *Policy Sciences*, August 1989.

"India's Political Economy: Issues, Non-Issues and Puzzles", *Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, November 1988.

"Political Economy of Slow Industrial Growth", *Economic and Political Weekly*, September 1, 1984.

## **REPORTS**

"Violent Conflict and MDGs", (with MacCartan Humphreys), background paper for the UN Millennium Task Force, set up by Kofi Annan, on poverty alleviation in developing countries, Working Paper, August 2004.

"Ethnic Diversity and Economic Development", background paper for *Human Development Report* 2002.

"Democracy and Poverty", background paper for the *World Development Report* 2000.

## **SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

The Ford Foundation: Project on Citizenship and Urban Governance in India, 2020-2023

The Ford Foundation, Project on Citizenship and Urban Governance in India, 2018-2019

Azim Premji Foundation, Project on Politics and Society between Elections, 2016-2018.

Jana Foundation, Project on Citizenship and Urban Governance, 2013-17.

Office of the Vice President of Research, Brown University, Seed Grant, Project on Urban Inequality and Governance in India, 2011-13

Dupee Faculty Fellowship, Watson Institute of International Studies, Brown University, 2010-2012.

The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 2008-2009.

The Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2008-10.

The Trehan Foundation, for collaboration between American and Indian research institutions on Indian politics, 2006-8.

The Open Society Institute and the Ford Foundation, 2003-2008, joint grant for the project "Can Civil Society Moderate Ethnic Conflict?", a 15-city study of ethnic conflict. Cities drawn from four countries: Indonesia, Nigeria, Malaysia and Sri Lanka, jointly funded by the Ford Foundation and the Open Society.

US Department of Education, Title VI grant, for South Asian Studies program, University of Michigan, 2003-6.

The Ford Foundation (2001-4), for the establishment of a transcontinental Network of Scholars on South Asian

Politics and Political Economy (NETSAPPE). Aimed at creating a community of younger scholars from the US, India and Europe -- to revitalize the study of South Asian politics and political economy, and lead it towards a more theoretical and comparative direction.

The Kellogg Institute of International Studies, University of Notre Dame, for preliminary research on state-level economic reforms in India, 2000-1.

The Ford Foundation, for the festschrift conference for Myron Weiner, 1999.

The Ford Foundation, July 1998-July 2000, for exploratory work on "Ethnic Conflict and Civil Society: A Comparison of Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Nigeria".

The Ford Foundation, January 1995-June 1998.

The Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, 1994-95.

MacArthur Foundation Fellowship in International Peace and Security, SSRC, 1993-95.

U.S. Institute of Peace, January 1993-December 1994.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Summer 1993.

Huntington Fund, Harvard University, 1991-92, 1994, and 1996.

The Ford Foundation, 1987-88.

Institute for the Study of World Politics, 1986-87.

American Institute of Indian Studies, 1985-86.

Fulbright Fellowship, 1981-82.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Raja Ramanna Visiting Professor, National Institute of Advanced Study, Bangalore, India (2013-14)

Sol Goldman Professor of International Studies and the Social Sciences, Brown University (2011- )

VKRV Rao Visiting Professor, Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, 2010-2011

Elected Chair, Comparative Democratization Section, American Political Science Association, 2009-2011

Guggenheim Fellow, 2008-9

Carnegie Scholar, 2008-10

Gregory Luebbert Prize, American Political Science Association, co-winner, best book in comparative politics for *Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life*, August 2003.

Outstanding and Inspiring Leadership Award, Consulate General of India, Chicago, USA, for interventions in public debates, August 2003.



Choice Magazine's outstanding academic title for 2002, *Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life*, January 2003.

Kiryama Prize Notable, Non-fiction, 2002, for *Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life*, December 2002.

Gregory Luebbert Prize, runner up, for the best article in comparative politics, 2000 and 2001, ("Ethnic Conflict and Civil Society: India and Beyond", *World Politics*, April 2001), American Political Science Association, September 2002.

Daniel Lerner Prize, Best PhD dissertation in Political Science, MIT, 1990.

## TEACHING

At Brown, Michigan, Notre Dame, Columbia and Harvard. Graduate and undergraduate classes taught on Comparative Politics, Ethnic Conflict, Nationalism, Political Economy of Development, Political Economy of Asia, Politics in India, and India's Political Economy.

## GUEST LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

(Institutional sites only; Titles and dates not mentioned, but can be provided if necessary;  
Topics covering ethnic conflict, political economy of development, democracy, urban governance)

### *Outside the US*

*Europe:* Oxford University (Nuffield College and Queen Elizabeth House); London School of Economics; University of Manchester; University of Bristol; School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London; Central European University, Budapest; Olympia Seminar, Greece; Uppsala University, Sweden; Institute of Social Studies, the Hague; UN-WIDER, Helsinki; India Forum, Madrid; Club of Madrid; University of Heidelberg, and [Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung\(WZB\)](#) Germany, *forthcoming*.

*Canada:* McGill University; University of Toronto; Carleton University

*Australia:* University of New South Wales, Sydney

*East Asia:* Harvard Center for China, Shanghai; University of Chicago China Center, Beijing; Institute of Advanced Study, Hangzhou, China; Guangdong Academy of the Social Sciences, Guangzhou, China; United Nations University, Tokyo.

*Southeast Asia:* National University of Singapore; Institute of Strategic Studies, Singapore; University Saints Malaysia, Penang; Department of Education, Government of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur; Gadjah Madah University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia; United Nations Development Programme, Jakarta, Indonesia; World Bank, Jakarta; the United Nations, Bangkok, Thailand; Thimmasat University, Bangkok.

*South Asia:* International Center for Ethnic Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka; Center for Policy Alternatives, Colombo; Peraduniya University, Kandy, Sri Lanka; Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India; Delhi University, Delhi; India International Center, Delhi; Centre for Policy Research, Delhi; Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi; Observer Research Foundation, Delhi; Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies, Delhi; The Ford Foundation, Delhi; Panjab University, Chandigarh; Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore; Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore; National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore; Azim Premji University, Bangalore; Bangalore International Centre; Bangalore Literature Festival; Ambedkar Conference, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore; Jain University, Bangalore; Asia Society, India Centre, Mumbai; Tata Institute of Social

Sciences, Mumbai; Tata Literature Festival, Mumbai; The World Economic Forum, India Summits, Mumbai and Delhi; Asian Development Research Institute, Patna; Jaipur Literary Festival, Jaipur; Rajasthan State Assembly, Jaipur; University of Hyderabad and Indian School of Business, Hyderabad.

*Others:* Gaidar Forum, Moscow; World Bank, St Petersburg; World Bank Annual Conference, Cape Town, South Africa; the United Nations, Cairo, Egypt; the United Nations, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; University of Ibadan, Nigeria; Ford Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria; MacArthur Group on New Perspectives on International Security, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

### ***In the US***

Harvard University; Yale University; Center for Advanced Behavioral Studies, Stanford; Stanford University; University of Chicago; Princeton University; Columbia University; New York University; the Johns Hopkins University; University of California, Los Angeles; University of California, Berkeley; Duke University; University of Pennsylvania; University of Virginia; Georgetown University; Williams College; Wellesley College; Dartmouth College; Amherst College; Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy; School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University; University of Texas, Austin; Rice University; University of Washington, Seattle; University of Iowa; University of Connecticut; Claremont McKenna College; Northeastern University; Harvard-MIT Joint Seminar on Political Development (JOSPOD); MIT-Boston University South Asia Faculty Seminar; American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge; Asia Society, New York; Council on Foreign Relations, New York; Carnegie Corporation of New York, New York; The Open Society, New York; The World Bank, Washington DC; Department of State, Washington DC; Department of Defense, Washington DC; U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington DC; National Endowment for Democracy, Washington DC; the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington DC; Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC; Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, Chicago; US Commission on International Religious Freedom, Washington DC; the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington DC; Kissinger Associates, Washington.

### ***Conventions***

Annual Meetings of American Political Science Association (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022); Social Science and History Association (2019); Midwestern Political Science Association (2001, 2003, 2007, 2008); Association of Asian Studies (1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2006, 2008); South Asian Studies Association (2001, 2015, 2016); International Political Science Association, Quebec City, Canada, 2000; British Political Studies Association, Manchester, April 2001.

## **SERVICE TO ACADEMIC PROFESSION**

Founding Editor, Modern South Asia Series, Oxford University Press, New York, 2015-

Founding Director, Saxena Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University, 2022-

Founding Director, Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University, 2016 –

Founding Director, The India Initiative, Brown University, 2011-2016

Member, editorial board, *Perspectives of Politics* (2017- ), *Comparative Political Studies* (2013- ), *Studies in Comparative International Development* (2010-2021), *Journal of South Asian Development* (2009- ), *India Review* (2003- ), *Asian Survey* (2014-2021), *Studies in Indian Politics* (2015- ), *Indian Politics and Policy* (2017-2019),

*Political Research Quarterly* (2010-14)

Member, Woodrow Wilson Foundation Book Award, American Political Science Association, 2016

Chair (elected), 2009-2011, organized section on comparative democratization, American Political Science Association.

Chair, Ralph Bunche Award Committee, for best book on cultural pluralism, American Political Science Association (APSA), 2007-8.

Member, "Tocquevillian project" on Comparing Indian and US Democracies, headed by Ira Katznelson, American Political Science Association (APSA), 2006-

Member, Gregory Luebbert Award Committee for the best book in comparative politics, American Political Science Association, 2005.

Member, Research Council, International Forum of Democratic Studies, National Endowment of Democracy, Washington.

Chair, International Committee, American Political Science Association, 2003-5, charged with writing a report on "Internationalizing APSA: Why? How?", recommendations accepted by the APSA Council, and published in *PS*, July 2004.

Director, Center for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan, 2001-4.

Founder and Convener, NETSAPPE (2001-4), a transcontinental network of scholars on South Asian Politics and Political Economy. Aimed at creating a community of younger scholars from the US, South Asia and Europe specializing in South Asian politics and political economy, and leading the study of South Asian politics towards a more theoretical and comparative direction. Funded by the Ford Foundation.

Founder and Director, Harvard Seminar on South Asian Politics and Political Economy, 1989-97

Reviewer: Book manuscripts for Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Johns Hopkins University Presses, MIT Press and Sage Publications. Article manuscripts for *American Political Science Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *World Politics*, *International Organization*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *World Development*, *Studies in Comparative International Studies*, *Polity*, *Journal of Policy Reform*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Asian Survey*, *India Review*, *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Modern Asian Studies*, *Government and Opposition*.

Reviewer: Research proposals for the MacArthur, Ford and National Science Foundations; Social Science Research Council; American Council for Learned Societies (ACLS); Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC; National Humanities Center, Durham, NC.

Tenure Reviews for: Harvard, Yale, Princeton, MIT, Chicago, Columbia, UCLA, Oxford, Northwestern, University of California - Riverside, Cornell, Wisconsin (Madison), NYU, Minnesota, Ohio State, University of Texas -Austin, Notre Dame, New School for Social Research, George Washington, Georgetown, University of Toronto, Dartmouth, Vanderbilt, University of California - Berkeley, University of Pennsylvania, NUS (Singapore), Ashoka University (India), among others.

Advisory Board, *Daedalus*, issues on "Reconstructing Nations and States", July 1993, and "What Future for the State?", April 1995.

## **POLICY EXPERIENCE**

### **Advisory Role**

The World Bank, “Evaluation of the World Bank Group Assistance to Fragile and Conflict-Affected States”, 2012-13.

The World Bank, “Violent Conflict in Indonesia”, 2008-13.

The World Bank, Development Policy Loan to Uttar Pradesh Government, India, 2007-8.

The World Bank, Project on “Coming out of Poverty”, 2005-8 .

The World Bank, Growth and Development Commission, 2007.

The World Bank, project on “Rethinking Social Policy for Developing Countries”, 2005-7.

Government of India, “Poverty, Citizenship and Local Governments”, 2005.

United Nations Support Facility for Indonesian Reconstruction (UNSFIR), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 2001-2004.

### **Select Task Forces**

Member, Task Force on Shared Societies, The Club of Madrid, 2007-9.

Member, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan’s Task Force on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), 2003-5.

Member, Task Force on US-South Asia Relations, Council on Foreign Relations, 2001-3.

### **Testimony**

United States Commission for International Religious Freedom, Changes in India’s Citizenship Laws, March 2020.

## **OUTREACH**

### **Newspaper Columns (Selection)**

Contributing Editor and Columnist, 10-12 articles a year, *The Indian Express*, 2012- . Guest columns published in the *Financial Times*, *The Times of India*, *Hindustan Times*, *India Today*, *Outlook*, *Newsweek*, *The Print*, etc.

## **Media Appearances (Selection)**

NDTV (India), regular appearances since 2001

CNN-IBN (India), occasional appearances

NPR, several interviews since 1998

BBC, CNN, occasional appearances.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation, July 2017

*The Economist*, “Poverty and the Ballot Box”, May 12, 2005. “Democracy and Poverty”, an article published in spring 2005 by the World Bank, featured at length.

*The New Scientist* (London), “The Peace Maker”, featured interview, February 15, 2003.

*The New York Times*, “To Make the Peace, Study Peace”, feature article on my book, *Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life*, July 27, 2002.

## **LANGUAGES**

English, Hindi-Urdu, Sanskrit

## **PERSONAL**

Citizen of India. Permanent Resident of the United States.