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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.

EMPLOYEMENT

Professor of Political Science, Brown University (2009-)
Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (2003-8).
Associate Professor of Political Science, 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

VKRV Rao Visiting Professor, Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India, 2010-2011
(a month per year).

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.

AWARDS AND HONORS

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

Guggenheim Fellowship, 2008-9

Carnegie Scholar, 2008-10

Gregory Luebbert Prize, winner, American Political Science Association, 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.

Kiriyama 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, 1989 and 1990.

BOOKS

Authored Volumes

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., Third edition, 2010. Published in Pakistan by Oxford University Press, Karachi, 2003. Translated in Hindi, 2005, and Bahasa Indonesia, 2010. Co-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; Kiriyama Prize Notable, Non-fiction category, 2002.

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.

Edited Volumes

Collective Violence in Indonesia, edited volume, Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2010.

Midnight's Diaspora: Encounters with Salman Rushdie, coeditor (with Daniel Herwitz) and contributor, 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. University of Michigan Press, 2008; Penguin Viking, Delhi, 2009.

India and the Politics of Developing Countries: Essays in Memory of Myron Weiner, editor and contributor, Sage Publications, 2004.

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

Beyond Urban Bias, editor and contributor, Frank Cass, 1993.

Special issue of *World Development* on "Ethnic Strife: A Multidisciplinary Perspective", coedited with Ravi Kanbur (Cornell) and Prem Rajaram (Central European University), February 2011.

Forthcoming

India's Democracy and Its Unfinished Quests, a book based on my published and unpublished papers, commissioned and contracted by Penguin Viking, publication expected in 2011.

ACADEMIC ARTICLES

Ethnocommunal Conflict and Nationalism

Published

"Ethnic Diversity and Ethnic Tensions: An Interdisciplinary Perspective" (with Ravi Kanbur and Prem Rajaram), *World Development*, February 2011.

"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.

"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 Tadjoeuddin, *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.

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

“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.

“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.

“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.

“Research as a Cumulative Process of Inquiry: The Field of Ethnic Conflict”, *Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, March 2001

"Postmodernism, Civic Engagement, and Ethnic Conflict: A Passage to India", *Comparative Politics*, October 1997.

"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.

"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.

"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, forthcoming.

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

Work in Progress

"Understanding Violent Conflict in Indonesia", with Patrick Barron, Sana Jaffrey and Blair Palmer, latest draft, March 2009.

"Ethnic Conflict and Social Policy", paper for the World Bank conference on "Redesigning Social Policy for the Developing and Transition Economies", December 2006, being revised for a book volume.

"Sparks and Fires: Revisiting the Role of the State in Communal Violence", (with Joshua Gubler), under revision.

Political Economy of Development

Forthcoming

"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, forthcoming in 2011.

"Two Banks of the Same River? Rising North-South Economic Divergence in India", in Partha Chatterjee and Ira Katznelson, eds, *Anxieties of Democracy: Tocquevillean Reflections on India and the United States*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Published

"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.

"Who Benefits from Conflict? Evidence from Assam", (with Deepa Narayan and Binayak Sen), in Deepa Narayan, ed, *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.

"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.

“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.

"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.

"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..

“Cultures and Modes of Rationality”, *APSA--CP*, Summer 1997. Translated in French and published in *Critique Internationale*, Autumn 1999.

“Classes, like Ethnic Groups, are Imagined Communities”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, July 12, 1997.

"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.

"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.

Democracy

Published

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

"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.

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

“India: Why Democracy Has Survived”, *Journal of Democracy*, July 1998.

“India’s 12th National Elections”, *Contemporary Asia Series*, New York: Asia Society, February 1998.

"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.

"The Self-Correcting Mechanisms of Indian Democracy", *Seminar*, January 1995. Reprinted in *Harvard Asia-Pacific Review*, Fall 1996.

Work in Progress

“Democracy and Federalism in India: Performance and Challenges”, latest version November 2009.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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, 2003-2007, 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, USD 525,000 (Ford Foundation) plus USD 645, 000 (Open Society), a total of USD 1.17 million.

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.

TEACHING

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

GUEST LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

(Institutional sites only; titles not mentioned; topics covering ethnic conflict, political economy of reform, and democracy, in India and elsewhere)

Outside the US: 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; United Nations University, Tokyo; Uppsala University, Sweden; McGill University, Canada; Carleton University, Canada; National University, and the Institute of Strategic Studies, Singapore; University Saints Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia; International Center for Ethnic Studies, Sri Lanka; Center for Policy Alternatives, Sri Lanka; University of Ibadan, Nigeria; Thimmasat University, Bangkok; Institute of Social Studies, the Hague; Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies, India; Jawaharlal Nehru University, India; India International Center, New Delhi; MacArthur Group on New Perspectives on International Security, Buenos Aires, Argentina; the United Nations, Cairo, Egypt; the United Nations, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; the United Nations, Bangkok, Thailand; United Nations, Jakarta, Indonesia.

In the US: Center for Advanced Behavioral Studies, Stanford; University of Chicago; Stanford University; Harvard University; Yale University; Princeton University; Columbia University; Brown University; the Johns Hopkins University; University of California, Los Angeles; Duke University; McGill University; University of Pennsylvania; University of Virginia; Georgetown University; Williams College; Wellesley College; Harvard-MIT Joint Seminar on Political Development (JOSPOD); MIT-Boston University South Asia Faculty Seminar; The World Bank, Washington; Department of State, Washington D.C.; Department of Defense, Washington D.C.; U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington D.C.; National Endowment for Democracy, Washington D.C.; Asia Society, New York; Council on Foreign Relations, New York; Chicago Council on Foreign Relations; and the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars.

Conventions: Presentations also at the 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); 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; International Political Science Association, Quebec City, Canada, 2000; British Political Studies Association, April 2001.

SERVICE TO THE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSION

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 Yale, Oxford, Cambridge, Johns Hopkins University and MIT Presses and Sage Publications, and article manuscripts for *American Political Science Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *World Politics*, *International Organization*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *World Development*, *Studies in Comparative International Studies*, *Journal of Policy Reform*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Asian Survey*, *India Review*, *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, and *Journal of Asian Studies*.

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

Tenure Reviews for: Harvard, Yale, Princeton, MIT, UCLA, Northwestern, UC Riverside, Cornell, Wisconsin (Madison), NYU, Minnesota, University of Texas -Austin, Ohio State, Notre Dame, New School for Social Research.

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, "Violent Conflict in Indonesia", 2008-.

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.

Selected 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.

OUTREACH

Selected Media Appearances

NDTV, India's leading English language news network, many appearances since 2001.

BBC, NPR, NDTV, Lok Sabha TV: on Mumbai terrorist attacks. November-December 2008.

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 on *Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life*, July 27, 2002.

National Public Radio, India's Hindu-Muslim Relations: *All Things Considered*, *The Brian Lehrer Show*, *Connection*, *The Todd Mundt Show*, *KQED*, *The Diane Rhem Show*, March, April and September 2002.

BBC, Interviews on Hindu-Muslim relations, *Reporting Religion*, and *World Today*, Fall 2002.

CNN, *Q&A with Zain Verjee*, September 2002 and March 2002;

PBS, special feature on Gujarat riots, July 2002; *On-Line Newshour*, Panel on Indian Elections, March 1998

Newspaper Articles

Op-ed articles, guest columns and book reviews in the *Financial Times*, *Newsweek*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Indian Express*, *Times of India*, *India Today*, *Outlook*, *Seminar*, etc.

LANGUAGES

English, Hindi-Urdu, Sanskrit

PERSONAL

Citizen of India. Permanent Resident of the United States,