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## EDUCATION

PhD, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, USA (2019)

Dissertation: Inequality and Ethnic Politics in India

Fields: Political Economy, Research Methods

Committee: Steven A Block (Chair), Daniel W Drezner, Elizabeth Remick, H Zeynep Bulutgil

M.A., International Business and Trade, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, India (2009)

B.Tech, National Institute of Technology Rourkela, India (2007)

## EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor (Political Economy), Department of Political Science and Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research (AISSR), University of Amsterdam (2022–)

- Member, Political Economy and Transnational Governance (PETGOV)
- Affiliate—Amsterdam Centre for Conflict Studies, Amsterdam Conflict Research Network

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, ERC Project on Elections, Parties, and Violence, University of Amsterdam (2021–)

Assistant Professor, School of International Affairs, O P Jindal Global University (2019–2021)

Research Economist, Development Research Group, World Bank (2016–2018)

Research Associate, Indian School of Business (2010–2012)

Assistant Manager, India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (2009–10)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy, Violence, Inequality, Elections, Ethnic Politics, South Asia, and Polarization

## PUBLICATIONS

### PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. Bulutgil, H. Zeynep, and Neeraj Prasad. 2022. “Inequality, Elections, and Communal Riots in India.” Forthcoming in *Journal of Peace Research*. [Author order alphabetical, equal contribution implied]
2. Bulutgil, H. Zeynep, and Neeraj Prasad. 2020. “Inequality and Voting among Deprived Ethnic Groups: Evidence from India.” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 30 (2): 221–43. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2019.1624555>. [Author order alphabetical, equal contribution implied]

### WORK IN PROGRESS

3. Poisoning Your Own Well: Misinformation and Voter Polarization in West Bengal, India. (With Ursula Daxecker) [Author order alphabetical, equal contribution implied]

4. Voting for Violence: Examining Support for Partisan Violence in Uttar Pradesh, India. (With Ursula Daxecker)
5. Cross-cutting Cleavages and Electoral Volatility: Theory and Evidence from India. (With Francesca R. Jensenius and Pavithra Suryanaryan)[Author order alphabetical, equal contribution implied]
6. WhatsApping the *Theft of an Idol*: How Hostile Misinformation on Social Media Influences Social Attitudes. (With Ursula Daxecker and Hanne Fjelde)
7. Inequality and Ethnic Party Vote Share: Comparing Elite and Non-Elite Group Parties in India. (With H. Zeynep Bulutgil).
8. Book Manuscript: *Election, Violence, and Parties: Violent Conjectures from India*. (With Ursula Daxecker)

#### POLICY PAPERS / EDITOR REVIEWED / NON-ACADEMIC (PUBLISHED)

9. Demircug-Kunt, Asli; Klapper, Leora; Prasad, Neeraj. 2017. "Measuring the Effectiveness of Service Delivery: Delivery of Government Provided Goods and Services in India." *Policy Research Working Paper*; No. 8207. World Bank, Washington, DC. <http://hdl.handle.net/10986/28452>

### **TEACHING**

#### INSTRUCTOR

1. Politics in South Asia. (Undergraduate) Spring 2022, Spring 2023
2. International Political Economy. (Undergraduate) Spring 2023
3. Social Science Research Methods. (Graduate) Fall 2019, Fall 2020
4. Indian Politics, Government, and Society. (Undergraduate) Spring 2021
5. Advanced Research Methods. (PhD) Spring, 2020
6. Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis. (Undergraduate) Fall 2019, Spring 2020
7. Teaching Fellow, Graduate Institute for Teaching, Tufts University AY 2016–2017

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2022:** AFK Empirical Peace and Conflict Research Workshop (Sandbjerg Gods, Denmark); Political Violence and Democratic Backsliding WZB Research Workshop (Berlin, Germany); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Montreal, Canada-Visa Denied); Conference on Subnational Election Data (Montreal, Canada-Visa Denied); The Conflict Research Society Annual Conference (Belfast, UK); Panel Discussion on Misinformation and Polarization in Indian Elections, Centre for Policy Research (New Delhi, India-Online); European Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Prague, Czech Republic); The 21<sup>st</sup> Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (London, UK); Conflict & Change UCL Department of Political Science Research Seminar (London, UK); Political Economy & Transnational Governance Research Seminar (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); Digital Misinformation in the Global South Research Workshop (Madrid, Spain-Online); Amsterdam Conflict Research Network Seminar Series (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); Global Digital Cultures Seed Funding Workshop at Institute for Advanced Study, University of Amsterdam (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); Rethinking New Media Studies from the East and the South at Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam (Amsterdam, The Netherlands).
- 2021:** Political Economy & Transnational Governance Research Seminar (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); Election, Violence, and Parties Online Research Workshop (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Seattle, USA-Online).

- 2020:** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, USA-Online), XV International Conference on Public Policy and Management, IIM Bangalore (Bangalore, India-Online); International Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Lisbon, Portugal-Cancelled COVID-19); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, USA-Cancelled, COVID-19).
- 2019:** WAPOR-Asia 2nd Annual Conference on Digital Democracy (New Delhi, India); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, USA).
- 2018:** Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics, World Bank (Washington DC, USA); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, USA); International Studies Association Annual Convention (San Francisco, USA).
- 2017:** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, USA); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, USA); Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, USA).
- 2016:** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, USA)
- 2015:** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, USA)
- 2012:** Contracts, Procurement, & Public Private Arrangement, Pantheon-Sorbonne I (Paris, France)
- 2011:** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (New Delhi, India)

## **FUNDING, SCHOLARSHIP, GRANTS, SKILLS**

### RESEARCH GRANTS

1. Oxfam India—Program on Inequality, US\$ 3500, 2019
2. Dean’s Summer Research Grant, US\$ 3500 (Tufts University), 2017
3. Dean’s Summer Research Grant, US\$ 4000 (Tufts University), 2016
4. Fletcher Competitiveness Initiative, US\$ 12000. Academic Year 2013–2014
5. Fletcher Competitiveness Initiative, US\$ 10000. Academic Year 2012–2013
6. PhD Scholarship. 2012–2018

### TRAVEL GRANTS

1. Subnational Conference on Election Violence (Travel and Stay in Montreal). 2022
2. APSA Accessibility Grant (Virtual APSA Conference). 2020
3. Provost Graduate Travel Grant (Domestic Travel). 2018
4. Provost Graduate Travel Grant (International Travel). 2017
5. Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association. 2017
6. American Political Science Association Travel Grant. 2015
7. PhD Conference Travel Award, Fletcher School, US\$ 3000. 2015–2018

### SKILLS

- Languages Known: English, Hindi
- Software: Stata, R, Latex, Atlas.ti

- Fieldwork: Uttar Pradesh (India), West Bengal (India), New Delhi (India), Dhaka (Bangladesh)

## **SERVICE (ACADEMIC & ADMINISTRATIVE)**

### Reviewer

- *International Studies Quarterly, Asian Journal of Comparative Politics, Journal of African Economics, International Area Studies Review.*

### Doctoral Supervision

- Vy Tran (2022-2026)
- Gulshan Banas (2022-2026)

Member, School Doctoral Committee, O.P. Jindal Global University (AY 2020-2021)

Member, M.A. Dissertation Committee, O.P. Jindal Global University (AY 2019-2021)

Faculty Member, Undergraduate Admissions, O.P. Jindal Global University (AY 2019-2021)

## **REFERENCES**

H Zeynep Bulutgil, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University College London  
Ursula Daxecker, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam  
Steven A Block, Professor & Academic Dean, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University  
Daniel W Drezner, Professor, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University  
Elizabeth Remick, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Tufts University