

DYUTI SAUNIK

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EDUCATION

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Ph.D., Foreign Affairs

2020-2026 (expected)

Subfields: Comparative Politics (major), International Affairs (minor)

Dissertation: “Should I Sign on the Dotted Line? How Bureaucrats and Politicians Share Credit for Governance in Indian Municipalities”

Committee: Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner (Chair), John Echeverri-Gent, and Carol Mershon

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

M.A., International Affairs

2017-2019

Thesis: “Perceptions of India and Japan’s Membership in the Quadrilateral: Realist Concerns or Symbolism?”

Capstone: “Australia’s Threat Perception of Chinese Maritime Military Expansion”

- With the Center for Strategic and International Studies

GPA: 3.73/4.00

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

B.A., International Affairs, *magna cum laude*

2013-2017

Thesis: “Rewarding the Disloyal: BJP Candidate Nominations in the 2014 Indian Elections”

GPA: 3.66/4.00

RESEARCH

Interests: Political Parties, Party Switching, Elections and Campaigns, Bureaucracy, and India.

Works In Progress

- “Amplifying Citizen Voices for Bureaucratic Responsiveness: Critical Issues in Accountable Governance,” (with Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner, Tanu Kumar, and Jessica Mayberry).
- “When Does Electoral Cooperation End? Theory and Evidence from India,” (with Adam Ziegfeld).
- “What Drives Variation in Subnational Party Systems? The Case of India,” (with Carol Mershon).
- “Covid at the Frontlines: Local Citizen-State Engagement and Pandemic Response,” (with Avani Kapur and Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner

2020-2022

- Interpreted and analyzed hundreds of grassroots accounts from citizen journalists and government workers through two leading NGOs in rural India to highlight gaps in trust and communication between citizens and the state during COVID-19. Results are published as an article and part of a forthcoming book chapter.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

University of Virginia

- PLCP 2420: Politics of Modernity (John Echeverri-Gent) Spring 2023
- PLIR 1010: International Relations (Peter Furia) Fall 2022

- PLCP 3110: Politics of Western Europe (Gerard Alexander)
- PLCP 3120: Politics of Developing Areas (Robert Fatton)

Spring 2022
Fall 2021

PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association

2022

COMMENTARY

2021. "State-Society Synergy at Covid's Invisible Frontlines." *Economic and Political Weekly*

Engage (with Avani Kapur, Gabrielle-Kruks Wisner, Jessica Mayberry).

2018. "Art of the Chieftaincy." Sigur Center for Asian Studies. *Asia Report* 42: 1-5.

2017. "Asia's Reckoning: China, Japan, and the Fate of US Power in the Pacific Century." Sigur Center for Asian Studies. *Asia Report* 38: 1-5.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Allied IT Consultancy LLC, Jersey City, NJ

2019-2020

Data Analyst

- Designed digital media strategies for political parties and analyzed electoral trends to recommend targeted political outreach initiatives.

SERVICE

Coordinator, Lansing Lee/Bankard Seminar in Global Politics

2021-Present

Editorial Assistant, American Journal of Political Science

2021-2022

Grader, Russian Politics (Allen Lynch)

Spring 2021

Grader, Russia in World Affairs (Allen Lynch)

Fall 2020

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Dumas Malone Graduate Research Fellowship

2023

UVA Society of Fellows Summer Research Award

2023

Junior Fellow, Society of Fellows, University of Virginia

2022-2023

UVA Politics Quandt Fund Award

2022

UVA Arts Humanities and Social Sciences Summer Research Award

2022

Elliott School of International Affairs Travel Award

2019

GW Global Initiative Graduate Fellowship

2017-2019

Elliott School of International Affairs Graduate Fellowship

2017-2019

GW Undergraduate Research Prize

2016

FIELD RESEARCH

Approximately fifteen months of field research in urban and rural India (Maharashtra).

Approximately one month of field research in Australia (New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory).

SKILLS

Technical Experience: Stata, SPSS, Microsoft Office.

Languages: Hindi (native), German (advanced), Albanian (beginner), Turkish (beginner).